

La Cotogna Di Istanbul Ballata Per Tre Uomini E Una Donna Da Leggere Soltanto Ad Alta Voce

These 17 short stories represent the best of Brodkey's work over three decades.

Clarice Bean, aspiring actress and author, unsuccessfully tries to avoid getting into trouble as she attempts to help a friend in need by following the rules of the fictional, "exceptionordinarily" spy, Ruby Redfort.

When Pat rents a room in Edinburgh, she acquires some interesting neighbors--including a pushy Stockbridge mother and her talented, sax-playing, five-year-old son. Her job at an art gallery hardly keeps her busy until she suspects one painting in the collection may be an undiscovered work by a Scottish master.

“Vorrei passar con te la notte buia’ diceva il suo sussurro mentre fuori urlava Tramontana nelle gole”“Questa non è una semplice ristampa. La storia che leggete è tutta nuova. Per cento e cento notti l’ho rivista, vivendo una magnifica follia che mi ha portato a scavare più dentro gli abissi senza fondo della lingua. Tanto ho levato, moltissimo ho aggiunto, e pochi, vi assicuro, sono i versi che son rimasti intatti, in conclusione, rispetto all’edizione originale. Ed è il destino dei racconti orali, da leggere, si intende, ad alta voce: mutare con il tempo, conservando solamente la trama degli inizi. Il libro che qui avete tra le mani, come il fiume che passa sotto i ponti, è ‘condannato’ a mutare, restando fedele al suo percorso originale.”

*** Winner of the 2012 Costa First Novel Award *** *** Winner of the 2013 Harold U. Ribalow Prize, the 2013 Sam Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature, the 2012 Costa First Novel Award, and the 2012 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction *** A smart and slyly funny tale of love, temptation, confusion, and commitment; a triumphant and beautifully executed recasting of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. Newly engaged and unthinkingly self-satisfied, twenty-eight-year-old Adam Newman is the prize catch of Temple Fortune, a small, tight-knit Jewish suburb of London. He has been dating Rachel Gilbert since they were both sixteen and now, to the relief and happiness of the entire Gilbert family, they are finally to marry. To Adam, Rachel embodies the highest values of Temple Fortune; she is innocent, conventional, and entirely secure in her community--a place in which everyone still knows the whereabouts of their nursery school classmates. Marrying Rachel will cement Adam's role in a warm, inclusive family he loves. But as the vast machinery of the wedding gathers momentum, Adam feels the first faint touches of claustrophobia, and when Rachel's younger cousin Ellie Schneider moves home from New York, she unsettles Adam more than he'd care to admit. Ellie--beautiful, vulnerable, and fiercely independent--offers a liberation that he hadn't known existed: a freedom from the loving interference and frustrating parochialism of North West London. Adam finds himself questioning everything, suddenly torn between security and exhilaration, tradition and independence. What might he be missing by staying close to home?

A literary thriller of heroin rings and headless bodies uncovers social ills and corruption in modern day Portugal, whileas in all of Tabucchi's workblurring genre boundaries. Antonio Tabucchi, Italy's premier writer and a best-selling author throughout Europe, draws together Manolo the gypsy, Firmino, a young tabloid journalist with a weakness for Lukacs and Vittorini, and Don Fernando, an overweight lawyer with a professed resemblance to the actor Charles Laughton, to solve a murder that leads far up and down Portugal's social ladder. As the investigation leads deeper into Portugal's power structure, the novel defies expectations, departing from the formulaic twists of a suspense story to consider the moral weight of power and its abuse.

A semiautobiographical coming-of-age story, framed by the harrowing 1975 Circeo massacre Edoardo Albinati's *The Catholic School*, the winner of Italy's most prestigious award, The Strega Prize, is a powerful investigation of the heart and soul of contemporary Italy. Three well-off young men—former students at Rome's prestigious all-boys Catholic high school San Leone Magno—brutally tortured, raped, and murdered two young women in 1975. The event, which came to be known as the Circeo massacre, shocked and captivated the country, exposing the violence and dark underbelly of the upper middle class at a moment when the traditional structures of family and religion were seen as under threat. It is this environment, the halls of San Leone Magno in the late 1960s and the 1970s, that Edoardo Albinati takes as his subject. His experience at the school, reflections on his adolescence, and thoughts on the forces that produced contemporary Italy are painstakingly and thoughtfully rendered, producing a remarkable blend of memoir, coming-of-age novel, and true-crime story. Along with indelible portraits of his teachers and fellow classmates—the charming Arbus, the literature teacher Cosmos, and his only Fascist friend, Max—Albinati also gives us his nuanced reflections on the legacy of abuse, the Italian bourgeoisie, and the relationship between sex, violence, and masculinity.

An award-winning writer travels the eastern front of Europe, where the push/pull between old empires and new possibilities has never been more evident. Paolo Rumiz traces the path that has twice cut Europe in two—first by the Iron Curtain and then by the artificial scaffolding of the EU—moving through vibrant cities and abandoned villages, some places still gloomy under the ghost of these imposing borders, some that have sought to erase all memory of it and jump with both feet into the West (if only the West would have them). In *The Fault Line*, he is a sublime and lively guide through these unfamiliar landscapes, piecing together an atlas that has been erased by modern states, delighting in the discovery of communities that were once engulfed by geopolitics then all but forgotten, until now. The farther south he goes, the more he feels he is traveling not along some abandoned Eastern frontier, but right in the middle of things: Mitteleuropa wasn't to be found in Viennese cafés but much farther east, beyond even Budapest and Warsaw. As in Ukraine, these remain places in flux, where the political and cultural values of the East and West have stared each other down for centuries. Rumiz gives a human face not just to what the Cold War left behind but to the ancient ties of empire and ethnicity that are still at the root of modern politics in flash-point areas such as this.

“Il bene prevale numericamente sul male, ma non sa fiutare il pericolo”“Ci fu un attimo di silenzio e si sentirono solo le cicale. Poi dalla gola di Drago uscì un lungo grido isterico: ‘Ma come cazzo fa un cristiano a proteggere gli infedeli?’. L'uomo in mimetica si mise a battere il calcio del mitra sul terreno. Fermo sull'uscio, Gojko guardava muto, con le mutande abbassate. Dentro, qualcuno piangeva, probabilmente donne. Quando partì la raffica e il vecchio si accasciò di traverso sulla stuoia con la scritta Dobrodošli, 'benvenuti', l'espressione di disarmato stupore gli si era già fissata, definitivamente, sulla bocca e sugli occhi. [...] Drago e il vecchio Gojko divennero per me l'immagine stessa del dualismo chiave di quella guerra: la spavalda astuzia del male e l'inerme cecità del bene. Da allora, tutto ciò che avevo visto in Bosnia si illuminò di significato nuovo e semplice.”

A mother recounts her life story to her long-lost daughter in this sweeping historical novel about a community torn between Italian fascism and German Nazism. In the small village of Curon in

South Tyrol, seventeen-year-old Trina longs for a different life. She dedicates herself to becoming a teacher, but the year that she qualifies—1923—Mussolini's regime abolishes the use of German as a teaching language in the annexed Austrian territory. Defying their ruthless program of forced Italianization, Trina works for a clandestine network of schools in the valley, always with the risk of capture. In spite of this new climate of fear and uncertainty, she finds love and some measure of stability with Erich, an orphaned young man and her father's helper. Now married and a mother, Trina's life is again thrown into uncertainty when Hitler's Germany announces the "Great Option" in 1939, and communities in South Tyrol are invited to join the Reich and leave Italy. The town splits, and ever-increasing rifts form among its people. Those who choose to stay, like Trina and her family, are seen as traitors and spies; they can no longer leave the house without suffering abuse. Then one day Trina comes home and finds that her daughter is missing... Inspired by the striking image of the belltower rising from Lake Resia, all that remains today of the village of Curon, Marco Balzano has written a poignant novel that beautifully interweaves great moments in history with the lives of everyday people.

One late-winter morning, a young man is cycling downhill to primary school when he encounters a peculiar man - as big as a mountain and as filthy as a garbage dump. After a brief conversation this earthy apparition endows him with a gift: an internal clock that allows him to see into the future and exist in the present at the same time. The young man becomes Timeskipper, seeing and foreseeing the epochal events of his era, from postwar reconstruction to the birth of television. These events are tenderly offset by his own personal experiences - love, jobs and adventures.

Una breve ma non banale storia di uno dei territori più sconosciuti d'Europa: la Bosnia Erzegovina, terra perennemente sospesa tra multiculturalità e conflitto, che spesso purtroppo ricordiamo solo per la recente guerra del 1992-95. L'autore si sforza di ripercorrere le principali tappe della formazione e maturazione dell'identità bosniaca, dal medioevo alla Jugoslavia di Tito, fino al tremendo, traumatico disfacimento di quella stessa identità negli anni Novanta del XX secolo.

A candid and surprising memoir of the early life of one of England's most acclaimed and enduring post-WWII writers. Born in 1928 into a poverty-stricken family in working-class Nottingham, bestselling British novelist Alan Sillitoe's childhood was marked by his father's unpredictable and violent rage, as well as a near-certain condemnation to a life of labor on an assembly line. His family relocated frequently to avoid rent collectors, trading in one bug-infested hovel for another. Though intelligent and curious, the young author-to-be failed his grammar school entrance exams, and it seemed he was destined for work in a factory. The onset of Sillitoe's teenage years, however, coincided with the advance of Hitler into Russia, and the war offered a chance for the boy to seek out a different fate. At the age of fourteen, Sillitoe used a fake ID to enroll in the Air Training Corps and went on to join the Ministry of Aircraft Production as an air traffic control assistant. He dreamed of becoming a pilot, but the war ended just after he qualified for training and he was instead shipped off to the Malayan jungle during the Communist insurgency as a radio operator for the Royal Air Force (RAF). After two years of living from one wireless watch to the next—taking in bearings and atmospheric readings through the radio, and exploring dangerous and primal landscapes by foot—Sillitoe finally returned to a prospectless postwar England and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. But this curse soon became a blessing: In the RAF hospital, Sillitoe began to read—everything from Kant to Descartes to Bernard Shaw—and he decided to become a writer. Already a veteran on an RAF disability pension at the age of twenty-one, Sillitoe began writing full-time, neither his physical challenges nor his numerous rejections from publishers deterring him in the least. He joined the Nottingham Writers' Club, and his short stories began to achieve some minor local success. Soon after, a chance meeting with the American poet Ruth Fainlight led to full-blown love, and the two set off for France eager to live in a bucolic setting where they could dedicate all of their time to writing. Circumstance and favorable exchange rates then led the couple to Spain where Sillitoe continued his literary pursuits, met many artists and writers, had run-ins with gypsies, and even underwent police interrogations. Four unpublished novels later—and after nearly a decade of honing his craft—Sillitoe finally found staggering success in his working-class novel *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* and his collection of short stories *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner*. Written with Sillitoe's signature simplicity, this in-depth autobiography not only gives insight into the formative years and mental maturation of one of Britain's most influential writers, but also tells a great story of an underprivileged man who, with perseverance, made the most of his particular fate.

Simon and Flora Beaufort have three perfect children and a comfortable, happy life in London. When Flora takes the children for a month-long vacation in France, Simon stays home to work on his latest film project...what could go wrong? *A Pure Clear Light* examines a marriage at the moment it goes haplessly off-track: Simon succumbs to the temptation of his cool, blonde accountant and Flora heeds the cry of her reawakened faith. Ultimately, though, neither Simon nor Flora can escape the revelation that lies beyond excuses and remorse and candour, at the heart of the phenomenon called love. In St John's hands, what is commonplace is transformed and transcendent. Madeleine St John was born in Sydney in 1941. Her father, Edward, was a barrister and Liberal politician. Her mother, Sylvette, committed suicide in 1954, when Madeleine was twelve. Her death, she later said, 'obviously changed everything'. St John studied Arts at Sydney University, where her contemporaries included Bruce Beresford, Germaine Greer, Clive James and Robert Hughes. In 1965 she married Chris Tillam, a fellow student, and they moved to the United States where they first attended Stanford and later Cambridge. From Cambridge, St John relocated to London in 1968 with the hope that Chris would follow. The couple did not reunite and the marriage ended. St John settled in Notting Hill. She worked at a series of odd jobs, and then, in 1993, published her first novel, *The Women in Black*, the only book she set in Australia. When her third novel, *The Essence of the Thing* (1997), was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, she became the first Australian woman to receive this honour. St John died in 2006. She had been so incensed after seeing errors in a French edition of one of her novels that she stipulated in her will that there were to be no more translations of her work. 'A Pure Clear Light is funny, cruel and finely written, exploring the place and time where marriages and affairs come undone...pitch perfect.' *Sunday Times* 'St John is one of those astonishing masters of dialogue such as Harold Pinter or Helen Garner, though faster than either, so that the effort of her speech is like great tennis or ballet...It's a book about the search for truth and St John has an all but flawless ear for it.' *Australian* 'Witty, clear-eyed and provocatively perceptive, Madeleine St John deserves a lasting readership.' *Canberra Times* 'Both funny and affecting...her gift for capturing conversation takes us deep into the hearts of both characters.' *West Australian*

A riveting drama of marital therapy Gretchen and Steve have been married for a long time. Living in San Francisco, recently separated, with two children and demanding jobs, they've started going to a marriage counselor. Unfolding over the course of ten months and taking place entirely in the marriage counselor's office, John Jay Osborn's *Listen to*

the Marriage is the story of a fractured couple in a moment of crisis, and of the person who tries to get them to see each other again. A searing look at the obstacles we put in our own way, as well as the forces that drive us apart (and those that bring us together), Listen to the Marriage is a poignant exploration of marriage—heartbreaking and tender. Vincenzo Malinconico is a wildly unsuccessful lawyer who spends most of his time at the office trying to look busy. His wife has left him. His teenage children worry him to death. And he suffers from a chronic inability to control his sentence structure. When he is asked to fill in as the public defender for alleged Mafioso Mimmo Io Burzone, Malinconico seizes the opportunity to turn his life around. Without dwelling too long on what it might mean to be employed by the mob, he rushes to re-learn the Italian criminal code, all the while attempting to resist any further advances from his employers. Malinconico's life becomes a comical battle to finish what he has started without falling further into the clutches of the mafia. I Hadn't Understood is one of the subtlest and most cunning accounts of the mafia's influence on everyday life in recent decades. And it is certainly the most entertaining. Written with a neurotic's love of detail and wry humor, I Hadn't Understood is an engaging story of family, fatherhood, and the perils of navigating the Italian legal system.

At the end of what is (she cannot help observing) an extraordinary life, Elisabeth Rother has decided to write her memoirs. She brushes aside her narrow escape with her Jewish husband from the Nazis, and the perilous voyage to the New World of New Jersey. The subject that really consumes her is the waywardness of her impossible daughter, Renate, and her granddaughter, Irene. Renate performs autopsies on the bodies of politicians whom death has harvested in the nighttime arms of their mistresses. Worse, she sleeps on unironed sheets. Irene drops out of school to roam the world, refuses to correct her nose with plastic surgery, and shows alarming signs of enjoying sex. What is to be done with such women? A curiously touching love letter to the difficult but sustaining love of mothers and daughters, The Empress of Weehawken is a masterpiece of comedy with an unexpected lilt of redemption at its close.

Before she was a Mammy, before she had Chisellers, and before they made her a Granny, Agnes Browne was Agnes Reddin, a young girl-or a Young Wan- growing up in the Jarro in Dublin. Brendan O'Carroll takes readers back to the heart of working-class Dublin, this time in the 1940s. Together with her soon to be lifelong best friend Marion Delany, young Agnes manages to survive the indignities and demands of Catholic school, the unwanted births of siblings, days spent in the factories and markets, and nights in the dance hall as rock-and-roll invades Dublin. But on the eve of her wedding night, the Jarro is alive with gossip—will Agnes be turned away at the altar? For the whole parish knows Agnes's not-so-well-kept secret. And with a mother falling further into dementia, and a younger sister turning to a life of crime, it's up to Agnes alone to keep her splintering family together, while trying to create one of her own. Filled with O'Carroll's trademark wicked wit and loving, larger-than-life characters, The Young Wan shows the hardscrabble beginnings of the ultimate Irish mother and family.

A successful Italian doctor's idyllic life is shattered by shameful accusations in a novel by the Campiello Prize-winning author of The Worst Intentions. In a sprawling villa on the outskirts of Rome, the internationally revered pediatric oncologist Leo Pontecorvo and his family have gathered for dinner. For these exemplary members of Italy's upper middle-class, the scene is perfect in every way—until a horrifying accusation airs on the evening news concerning Leo Pontecorvo himself. From this point on, nothing will ever be the same. An allegation of embezzling would be bad enough, but to the horror of his family, Leo is also said to have seduced his son's twelve-year-old girlfriend. The spotlight now turned on Leo reveals every mistake, regret, and contradiction of his lifetime. The details of his private and professional life are debated by both friends and foes, ravenous reporters and punctilious prosecutors. Unable to face the suspicious gazes of his wife and children, Leo descends into the basement of his palatial home—a self-imposed exile in which he attempts to piece together the shattered remains of his life.

In this exquisitely written journal-turned-journey of self-discovery, international bestselling author Paolo Cognetti examines our universal desire for connection through a voyage in the Himalayas. Why climb a mountain without ever reaching the summit? In 2017, Paolo Cognetti returned to Nepal, not to conquer the mountains but to journey through the high valleys of the Dolpo with a copy of Peter Matthiessen's The Snow Leopard in hand. Drawing on memories of his childhood in the Alps, Cognetti explored the roots of life in the mountains, truly getting to know the communities and the nature that forged this resilient, almost mythical region. Accompanying him was Remigio, a childhood friend who had never left the mountains of Italy, and Nicola, a painter he had recently met. Joined by a stalwart team of local sherpas, the trio started out in the remote Dolpo region of Nepal. From there, a journey of self-discovery shaped by illness, human connection, and empathy was born. Without Ever Reaching the Summit features line illustrations drawn by the author.

India, 1920. Captain Wyndham and Sergeant Banerjee of the Calcutta Police Force investigate the dramatic assassination of a Maharajah's son, in the sequel to A Rising Man. The fabulously wealthy kingdom of Sambalpore is home to tigers, elephants, diamond mines, and the beautiful Palace of the Sun. But when the heir to the throne is assassinated in the presence of Captain Sam Wyndham and Sergeant 'Surrender-Not' Banerjee, they discover a kingdom riven with suppressed conflict. Prince Adhir was a modernizer whose attitudes—and romantic relationships—may have upset the more religious elements of his country, while his brother—now in line to the throne—appears to be a feckless playboy. As Wyndham and Banerjee desperately try to unravel the mystery behind the assassination, they become entangled in a dangerous world where those in power live by their own rules—and those who cross their paths pay with their lives. They must find a murderer, before the murderer finds them . . .

When he is diagnosed with cancer, in the silence of the hospital room broken only by the swish of cars outside, Italian writer Tiziano Terzani realizes that his whole life has been

one long ride on a merry-go-round where he has always journeyed without a ticket. Now, for the first time, the ticket collector has come to demand his dues. At first, Terzani turns to Western medicine for a cure, but a question soon begins to haunt him: is cancer, as the doctors say, an enemy that needs to be destroyed, or is it a friend one can talk to? Travelling had always been a way of life for him, so he decides to make another trip, in search of a solution - to India. This final ride turns out to be very different though. And more difficult. Because every step, every choice - often between reason and faith, between science and magic - is inextricably linked to his own survival. As he crisscrosses the country from an ashram in Coimbatore to a hut in Almora, the external journey in search of a cure transforms into an inner journey and a return to the divine roots of man. Then, one day, as he looks at the sun rising over the mountains, he stumbles upon the one truth that has eluded him: death is as desirable and eternal as life itself. A bestseller in Europe, this is a book about modern medicine and alternative cures, and the quest to understand the true meaning of mortality.

Pim is a baby aardvark - or at least he thinks he is. But what does that mean? When he finds out that he cannot climb trees or dig deep burrows, he feels a little disappointed. But, as time goes by, he realises that being an aardvark isn't so bad after all.

"La lettura di questo libro non credo possa salvare delle vite. Ma, se questo libro avrà costretto almeno un lettore ad una personale riflessione sulla realtà che lo circonda , il fine dell'A. sarà stato raggiunto!"

The illegitimate son of a fortune teller, Ezio Comparoni (1920-52) never knew his father, rarely left his home town, and admitted no one to his home. His deliberate obscurity was compounded by his use of many pseudonyms, including Silvio d'Arzo, under which he wrote the remarkable novella and three stories collected in *The House of Others*. The novella *The House of Others* is among the rare perfect works of twentieth century fiction. In a desolate mountain village an old woman visits the parish priest, ostensibly to ask about dissolving a marriage. Gradually, as she probes for information on "special cases"--cases in which what is obviously wrong can also be irrefutably right--it becomes clear her true question is whether or not she might take her own life. The question is metaphysical, involving not only the woman's life but the priest's; and to it he has no answer.

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Two dudes walk into a bookstore... Tristan knows he's got issues. His latest ex-girlfriend knows it too. He can't blame her for dumping him-even though she gets her brother to do it for her. Since he can't stop staring at said brother's package, he figures it's about time to put a label on those issues. He likes guys. He heads to a local bookstore with what he's sure is a foolproof plan to find someone to show him what he's been missing. But who should crash his little adventure? Officer Michael Truax, who gave him a really expensive ticket back in high school for skateboarding without a helmet. Michael has been trying to catch Tristan for years...to give him a second ticket. Suddenly faced with "Sparky," all grown up and looking to get laid, Michael's protective instinct kicks in-and presents him with an opportunity that's hard to resist. After all, the kid must know what he's getting into, so why not? But when a man with a plan connects with a man with a hunger, the result is nothing short of explosive. This book has been previously published.

Warning: Contains high-octane hair, a clawfoot bathtub, and a story that will make you believe in love at first sight. Okay, second sight, but who's counting?

Originally published in 1963, and today considered a landmark in twentieth century Italian literature, Luigi Meneghello's *Deliver Us* is the memoir, not of an extraordinary childhood, but of the very ordinary one the author shared with most of his generation, when Italy was a rural country under the twin authorities of Church and Fascism. His boyhood begins in 1922, the year of Mussolini's March on Rome, and ends when Meneghello, 21, goes up into the hills to join the partisans. Called a romanzo—a story, although not a novel, as that term usually suggests—the book is a genre all of its own that mixes personal and collective memory, amateur ethnography, and reflections on language.

Meneghello's sharp insights and narrative skill come together in an original meditation on how words, people, places, and things shape thought itself. Only loosely chronological, *Deliver Us* proceeds by themes—childhood games, Fascist symbols, religious precepts, and the rites of poverty, of death, of eros, and of love. Meneghello's ironic musings and profoundly honest recollections make an utterly unsentimental human comedy of that was the whole world to his dawning consciousness.

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises are recommendations to international business for conduct in such areas as labour, environment, and the fight against corruption. The focus of this edition is the environment.

Due decenni fa finiva la guerra in Bosnia, lasciando cumuli di macerie e tanti, troppi morti. Questo reportage racconta la pace che ha fatto seguito a quella tragedia. Una pace imperfetta, fatta di prevaricazione e di giustizia negata, di dolore e di speranze strappate via dal disastro di una quotidianità spesso fatta di umiliazioni e privazioni. Ma narra anche la vicenda di tante persone e la storia di un innamoramento, quello dell'autore per la Bosnia, e di un profondo desiderio di capire non solo le ragioni del conflitto, ma anche la forza enorme che permette al popolo bosniaco di non scomparire sotto i colpi del destino. "Marco Travaglini ha scritto un taccuino di viaggio pieno di partecipazione emotiva, attento a cogliere i luoghi, i personaggi, le storie individuali e collettive; ma ha anche scritto un libro pieno di spunti per riflettere sul presente, per comprendere che ogni crisi ha le sue specificità e, insieme, i suoi denominatori comuni. Un bel modo per fare 'storia del passato' facendo contemporaneamente 'educazione al presente'". (Gianni Oliva) Questo libro costituisce "una narrazione unitaria in grado di raccordare il tempo di guerra con il presente, gettando semi di speranza e rinsaldando frammenti di memoria". (Donatella Sasso)

Palermo, Sicily, 1978. The Christian Democrat leader Aldo Moro has just been kidnapped in Rome by members of the notorious Red Brigades. Two months after his disappearance on 9th May, Moro is found dead in the boot of a car. A trio of eleven-year-old schoolboys, Nimbo, Raggio, and Volo, avidly follow the news of the abduction as their admiration for the brigatisti grows. When the boys themselves resolve to abduct a classmate and incarcerate him in a makeshift 'people's prison', the darkness within their world, and the world of the novel, becomes all-pervasive. A vivid and hellish description of Sicily in the late seventies, *Time on my Hands* is an unforgettable novel from a significant new voice in Italian fiction.

From the critically acclaimed author of the novel *The Good Brother* and memoir *My Father the Pornographer*, *Out of the Woods* is Chris Offutt's fiercely original short story collection the *New York Times* calls "a magical book". Arriving seven years after Offutt's debut collection *Kentucky Straight*, *Out of the Woods* returns a masterly writer to the form which garnered him not only critical praise but many prestigious awards. Offutt, who "draws landscape and constructs dialogue with the eyes and ears of a native son" (*The Miami Herald*), is on strong home turf here, capturing those who have left the Kentucky hills and long to return. These nine stories of gravediggers and drifters, gamblers and truck drivers a long way from home, are tales so full of hard edges they can't help but tell some hard truths.

Captain Corelli's Mandolin meets *The Marrying of Chani Kaufman* in this cinematic novel about the birth of Israel and the true story of the marriages of convenience that were arranged to smuggle Jewish women out of Nazi-occupied Europe. On the eve of World War II, a ship bearing twenty young men sets sail from the Palestine Territory toward Europe. Eagerly awaiting them on the other side are twenty young women, whom the men have never met. They have been set up in arranged marriages to enable Jewish women to escape Nazi Germany and enter Palestine without being turned back by the British. But when Yaacov Markovitch, a thoroughly unremarkable man, finds himself married to Bella Zeigerman, the most beautiful woman he has ever set eyes upon, things start to get complicated. Yaacov's fake marriage is the beginning of a lifelong obsession, as he vows to make his beautiful bride, Bella, love him, despite her determination to break free. Their changing fortunes take them through war, upheaval, terrible secrets, tragedy, joy, and loss. Vital, funny, and tender, *One Night*, Markovitch brilliantly fuses personal lives and epic history in an unforgettable story of endless, hopeless longing and the desperate search for love.

After the best-seller *The End is My Beginning*, co-authored with his father Tixiano Terzani, the long-awaited Folco Terzani's comeback with a spiritual fable of nature, men and God.

The popular guide-over 80,000 copies sold of the first edition-now revised and enhanced with an audio CD of guided meditations According to *Time* magazine, over 15 million Americans now practice meditation regularly. It's a great way to reduce stress, increase energy, and enjoy better health. This fun and easy guide has long been a favorite with meditation newcomers. And now it's even better. For this new edition, author Stephan Bodian has added an audio CD with more than 70 minutes of guided meditations that are keyed to topics in the book, from tuning in to one's body, transforming suffering, and replacing negative patterns to grounding oneself, consulting the guru within, and finding a peaceful place. The book also discusses the latest research on the health benefits of meditation, along with new advice on how to get the most out of meditation in today's fast-paced world. Stephan Bodian (Fairfax, CA and Sedona, AZ) is a licensed psychotherapist and the former editor-in-chief of *Yoga Journal*. He has written for *Fitness*, *Alternative Medicine*, *Cooking Light*, and *Tricycle* and is the coauthor of *Buddhism For Dummies* (0-7645-5359-3).

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