

Lezioni Di Tango Raccontate Da Una Principiante

The first edition of Percorsi quickly became one of the best-selling elementary Italian texts. The new second edition features a new design, more focus on skills-development, updated cultural information and a full version of MyItalianLab. Percorsi is an introductory program that promotes the acquisition of Italian language and culture through the integration of the “5 Cs” principles of the National Standards for Foreign Language Education. Percorsi is designed to provide beginning learners with a variety of tools to develop their communicative competence in the four major language skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—as they acquire familiarity with Italian culture. All of the features in Percorsi have been carefully thought out to support the two key aspects of the language acquisition process: language comprehension and language production. From the start, carefully structured communicative activities based on authentic materials and texts encourage students to use Italian in everyday situations. Generous use of authentic content also offers students a chance to develop reading skills while gaining cultural awareness and understanding of Italian communities and traditions throughout the world. In addition, each chapter explicitly promotes cultural exploration through illustrated presentations that are followed by activities facilitating comprehension and highlighting cultural comparisons. Students are encouraged to analyze and compare extremely varied aspects of Italian culture while making connections to their own experiences. MyItalianLab will be available for Fall 2011 courses.

Lose yourself to the magic of The Charm Bracelet. Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives. On her birthday each year, Lolly's mother gave her a charm, along with the advice that there is nothing more important than keeping family memories alive, and so Lolly's charm bracelet would be a constant reminder of that love. Now seventy and starting to forget things, Lolly knows time is running out to reconnect with a daughter and granddaughter whose lives have become too busy for Lolly or her family stories. But when Arden, Lolly's daughter, receives an unexpected phone call about her mother, she and granddaughter Lauren rush home. Over the course of their visit, Lolly reveals the story behind each charm on her bracelet, and one by one the family stories help Lolly, Arden, and Lauren reconnect in a way that brings each woman closer to finding joy, love, and faith. A compelling story of three women and a beautiful reminder of the preciousness of family, Viola Shipman's The Charm Bracelet is a keepsake you'll cherish long after the final page.

****Pre-order FREED, 'Fifty Shades Freed' as told by Christian**** E L James revisits the world of Fifty Shades with a deeper and darker take on the love story that has enthralled millions of readers around the globe. Their scorching, sensual affair ended in heartbreak and recrimination, but Christian Grey cannot get Anastasia Steele out of his mind, or his blood. Determined to win her back, he tries to suppress his darkest desires and his need for complete control, and to love Ana on her own terms. But the horrors of his childhood still haunt him, and Ana's scheming boss, Jack Hyde, clearly wants her for himself. Can Christian's confidant and therapist, Dr. Flynn, help him face down his demons? Or will the possessiveness of Elena, his seducer, and the deranged devotion of Leila, his former submissive, drag Christian down into the past? And if Christian does win Ana back, can a man so dark and damaged ever hope to keep her?

I tremori e le incertezze, le folgorazioni e le palpitazioni attraverso cui passano tutti i principianti della danza più bella del mondo, non a caso dichiarata “Patrimonio culturale dell’Umanità” dall’Unesco, sono raccontati con uno stile ironico ma appassionato attraverso 16 lezioni – a metà tra diario intimo e bozzetto sociale – che toccano tutti gli aspetti, le convenzioni e le “regole” del tango. Un universo affollato e passionale, divertito e divertente in cui s’affacciano tanti protagonisti: grandi maestri (le lezioni sono interrotte da gustose “cortine” nelle quali sono descritti alcuni dei più popolari e amati dai tangueri) e volenterosi allievi, «principianti e avanzati, principesse e prestatori d’opera, artigiani e michelangeli, principi e ranocchi, cesellatori e guastatori, caballeros e seguidore». Un libro che smentisce il luogo comune – alquanto sgradito ai tangheri – secondo cui il tango «è un pensiero triste che si balla»: semmai, il tango secondo Manginobrioches è «una danza felice che si pensa».

Studiosi scrivono di un’imprenditoria musicale napoletana che, in un territorio considerato comunemente dalla storiografia economicamente arretrato e depresso, è in grado di tessere alleanze strategiche fra produzione culturale e segmenti economico-produttivi come il commercio e il turismo, e di produrre e diffondere, in sinergia con la stampa d’informazione e con le organizzazioni dello spettacolo dal vivo, prodotti con caratteristiche adatte a incontrare un pubblico vasto, internazionale, interclassista e multiculturale. Fra i diversi motivi d’interesse legati a un’indagine multidisciplinare sulla canzone napoletana, inoltre, c’è il fatto che essa rimane un “fattore distintivo” dell’immagine locale, dal quale sarebbe lecito aspettarsi ricadute nelle strategie di differenziazione del prodotto turistico napoletano e dei prodotti napoletani sui mercati globali.

&"Incompiuto. La nascita di uno stile&" è la prima e unica indagine, frutto di dieci anni di ricerca sul campo, di un fenomeno molto discusso nel nostro paese ma non ancora completamente riconosciuto: la presenza massiccia sul territorio di edifici e infrastrutture la cui realizzazione non si è mai conclusa. La dimensione del fenomeno, l’estensione territoriale e le incredibili peculiarità architettoniche fanno dell’Incompiuto il più importante stile architettonico italiano dal dopoguerra a oggi. Questa è la tesi che sostiene, in modo provocatorio ma ineccepibile, il gruppo di lavoro che in questi anni ha raccolto migliaia di scatti, ha vagliato centinaia di segnalazioni su tutto il territorio nazionale, a partire dalla Sicilia, per poi risalire la penisola. &"Incompiuto. La nascita di uno stile&" accompagna il lettore in un moderno Grand Tour, tra le rovine contemporanee. Testi di: Alterazioni Video, Marc Augé, Marco Biraghi, Davide Giannella, Filippo Minelli, Leoluca Orlando, Antonio Ricci, Salvatore Settis, Robert Storr, Paul Virilio, Wu Ming. Fotografie di: Alterazioni Video, Gabriele Basilico.

William S. Burroughs's fiction and essays are legendary, but his influence on music's counterculture has been less well documented—until now. Examining how one of America's most controversial literary figures altered the destinies of many notable and varied musicians, William S. Burroughs and the Cult of Rock 'n' Roll reveals the transformations in music history that can be traced to Burroughs. A heroin addict and a gay man, Burroughs rose to notoriety outside the conventional literary world; his masterpiece, Naked Lunch, was banned on the grounds of obscenity, but its nonlinear structure was just as daring as its content. Casey Rae brings to life Burroughs's parallel rise to fame among daring musicians of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, when it became a rite of passage to hang out with the author or to experiment with his cut-up techniques for producing revolutionary lyrics (as the Beatles and Radiohead did). Whether they tell of him exploring the occult with David Bowie, providing Lou Reed with gritty depictions of street life, or counseling Patti Smith about coping with fame, the stories of Burroughs's backstage impact will transform the way you see America's cultural revolution—and the way you hear its music.

One of Italy's best-known writers takes a Grand Tour through her cities, history, and literature in search of the true character of this contradictory nation. There is Michelangelo, but also the mafia. Pavarotti, but also Berlusconi. The debonair Milanese, but also the infamous captain of the Costa Concordia cruise ship. This is Italy, admired and reviled, a country that has guarded her secrets and confounded outsiders. Now, when this "Italian paradox" is more evident than ever, cultural authority Corrado Augias poses the puzzling questions: how did it get this way? How can this peninsula be simultaneously the home of geniuses and criminals, the cradle of beauty and the butt of jokes? An instant #1 bestseller in Italy, Augias's latest sets out to rediscover the story-different from the history-of this country. Beginning with how Italy is seen from the outside and from the inside, he weaves a geo-historical narrative, passing through principal cities and rereading the classics and the biographies of the people that have, for better or worse, made Italians who they are. From the gloomy atmosphere of Cagliostro's Palermo to the elegant court of Maria Luigia in Parma, from the ghetto of Venice to the heroic Neapolitan uprising against the Nazis, Augias sheds light on the Italian character, explaining it to outsiders and to Italians themselves. The result is a "novel of a nation," whose protagonists are both the figures we know from history and literature and characters long hidden between the cracks of historical

narrative and memory.

Le zanzare sono tutte puttane è una divertentissima raccolta di sfoghi contro una serie di assurdità che tutti noi subiamo nella vita di ogni giorno e che a volte, inconsapevolmente, infliggiamo a chi ci sta vicino.

In this book, we discover the code of honor of the 'portenos' dancers of the Tango Milonguero, who have remained 'uncontaminated' by the tourism surrounding the Tango, the major part of whom are more or less 70-80 years old. Their behavior reflects concepts that were already spoken of in ancient China! Let's discover them together by following in the footsteps of the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tse, and of los Viejos Milongueros. You will surely be astonished by what you discover!

A San Francisco Chronicle and Kirkus Best Book of the Year A gorgeously unique, fully illustrated exploration into the phenomenology of reading—how we visualize images from reading works of literature, from one of our very best book jacket designers, himself a passionate reader. What do we see when we read? Did Tolstoy really describe Anna Karenina? Did Melville ever really tell us what, exactly, Ishmael looked like? The collection of fragmented images on a page—a graceful ear there, a stray curl, a hat positioned just so—and other clues and signifiers helps us to create an image of a character. But in fact our sense that we know a character intimately has little to do with our ability to concretely picture our beloved—or reviled—literary figures. In this remarkable work of nonfiction, Knopf's Associate Art Director Peter Mendelsund combines his profession, as an award-winning designer; his first career, as a classically trained pianist; and his first love, literature—he considers himself first and foremost as a reader—into what is sure to be one of the most provocative and unusual investigations into how we understand the act of reading.

Poisonville is a noir thriller par excellence—there's murder, moral ambiguity, and a protagonist less than heroic. In this #1 bestselling noir novel, however, the killer is not an individual but an entire system. The heavily industrialized northeast, Italy's richest region, is undergoing dramatic change. It once drove the nation's economic boom, a regional superpower, affluent and arrogant, a land that abided only its own rules. But then the factory owners began moving their operations east, across the border to former Soviet countries where labor was cheap and regulatory bodies absent. With the factories, the jobs, and the riches gone, new elements began insinuating themselves into the old system, and the Brahmin families of the northeast began employing increasingly violent methods to protect their status and their wealth. Once renowned for its economic might, the region is now infested by organized crime, trafficking of every commodity, including human, ranks of media personalities and politicians on the payrolls of rich families and mobsters, and an ongoing environmental catastrophe. Welcome to Poisonville! Here, the young lawyer Francesco, heir to the region's second richest family, will have to decide between business as usual or a violent rupture with the ways of the past. The wrong choice could cost him his life.

During the dark years of military dictatorship, Tango had fallen into oblivion all over the world, even in Argentina. The "Tango Argentino" tango show was the show that led to the worldwide revival of interest in Tango. He made his debut in Paris, then conquered Broadway and, later, the whole world. Antón describes in the book some of the artists who participated in the show: Juan Carlos Copes, Miguel Ángel Zotto, and Milena Plebs, Gloria and Rodolfo Dinzel, Gloria and Eduardo, Virulazo, and Elvira. Every committed tanguero/a should know the history of the revival of Tango: this book is for them! In the book, we come face to face with the myths of dancers, musicians, and singers. It tells us some gossip about the fights and jealousies behind the scenes. It tells us also about the creation of clothes, now icons of any tango show. It is final: only by knowing the beginning of this new era, we can better understand its current global success. Tango is a universal language! The Tango phenomenon today is a reality for the whole world involving people from all walks of life in three continents: Asia, America and Africa. The author has asked herself the reason for this 'retrieval' of the Tango, in particular the dance. Why are people from all over the world going to the 'milongas'? A question that leads her into an interior journey, an experience of awareness, in search of the essence, the "spirit of Tango that expresses the impulses of a universal soul", talking about sudden afflictions, an underlying melancholy, of loss and nostalgia but with also an intimate capacity for regeneration. A music that has the power to overcome pain in order to accept the loss, the force to appreciate life in order to push forward in search of adapting to new values, new dimensions. By means of contemporary psychology the author interprets the rites and myths of the Tango, unveiling the emotional process which, developing into an intimate and profound condition, takes us back to the sacredness of an encounter, the physical contact, an embrace, a condition which is today foreign to modern man, crushed by individualism. With the frenetic routine of everyday life, what is there to be discovered through Tango? Something genuine, interior, profound, a moment of peace, an answer, even if only fleeting and mainly unwitting, to the feeling of emptiness. The Tango brings to the surface that profound communication that has today been buried by smothering wounds. In this world of crises, the choosing of Tango by an uprooted humanity without points of reference represents the revenge of the spirit, the struggle of the soul reclaiming what has been torn away. The Tango, with its whole 'being', is like an accusation of contemporary history, highlighting the fact that Man should not remain entrapped in a life without meaning, suffocated by the shapeless mass of nothingness.

Il fenomeno Tango e oggi una realtà che s'impone al villaggio globale coinvolgendo tutti i ceti sociali nei tre continenti d'Asia, d'America e d'Europa. L'autrice si chiede il perché di questo "recupero" del Tango, soprattutto ballato. Perché la gente di tutto il mondo si riversa nelle milonghe? Una domanda che conduce ad un viaggio interiore, un'esperienza di conoscenza, alla ricerca di quell'essenza, di quello "spirito" del Tango, che esprime i moti dell'"anima universale" che parlano di improvvise lacerazioni, di strisciante malinconia, di perdite, di mancanza e che contiene, altresì, intima capacità di rigenerazione. Una musica che riesce a far superare il dolore, a far accettare la perdita, a far capire la vita e spinge a cercare un adattamento a nuovi valori, a nuove misure."

A handbook on the technique of floor-barre conceived by Alex d'Orsay and written by the creator. A work on the floor especially conceived for dance teachers and professional dancers which can also be used by amateurs interested in improving any technique, be it classical, modern or contemporary dance. The aims of this method are: a perfect alignment, an improvement of the turnout, a postural awareness, the strengthening of all the core and the back muscles. The work on the floor by Alex d'Orsay is structured as a dance class where all exercises constitute an effective instrument to improve the natural relationship between movement, music and rhythm. Manuale sulla tecnica di Sbarra a Terra creata da Alex d'Orsay, scritto da lei stessa. Un lavoro a terra dedicato sì ai danzatori professionisti ed agli Insegnanti di Danza, ma anche a tutti coloro che da amatori ne studiano una tecnica, classica, moderna o contemporanea che sia. I principali obiettivi che si pone questo metodo sono: una postura correttamente allineata, l'allungamento della muscolatura, il potenziamento dell' en dehors, lo sviluppo della percezione fisica dei movimenti, della concentrazione e della memoria muscolare del movimento, il rinforzo della muscolatura addominale e di quella di tutto il tronco, il rinforzo dei legamenti e l'alleggerimento dei muscoli sovraccaricati. Inoltre nella Sbarra a Terra di Alex d'Orsay, concepita strutturalmente come una lezione di danza, tutti gli esercizi costituiscono un'efficace strumento di conoscenza della relazione tra musica, ritmo e movimento.

An unusual New York City police officer, Gabriel Price, lost in an oppressive urban world dominated by the all-consuming, invasive wonders of modern technology, is swept up by music, dance and the beauty of Sareh Kazemi, an Iranian Tango-dancer that will lure him all the way to Tehran. To win her love, Gabriel will be forced to take on censorship and repression in Iran, where the Tango is forbidden.

More than any other European city, Baroque Naples was dominated by convents. Behind their imposing facades and highly decorated churches, the convents of Naples housed the daughters of the city's most exclusive families, women who, despite their cloistered existence, were formidable players in the city's power structure. *Invisible City* vividly portrays the religious world of seventeenth-century Naples, a city of familial and internecine rivalries, of religious devotion and intense urban politics, of towering structures built to house the virgin daughters of the aristocracy. Helen Hills demonstrates how the architecture of the convents and the nuns' bodies they housed existed both in parallel and in opposition to one another. She discusses these women as subjects of enclosure, as religious women, and as art patrons, but also as powerful agents whose influence extended beyond the convent walls. Though often ensconced in convents owing to their families' economic circumstances, many of these young women were able to extend their influence as a result of the role convents played both in urban life and in art patronage. The convents were rich and powerful organizations, riven with feuds and prey to the ambitions of viceregal and elite groups, which their thick walls could not exclude. Even today, Neapolitan convents figure prominently in the city's fabric. In analyzing the architecture of these august institutions, Helen Hills skillfully reads conventual architecture as a metaphor for the body of the aristocratic virgin nun, mapping out the dialectic between flesh and stone.

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In this playful yet informative manifesto, a leading plant neurobiologist presents the eight fundamental pillars on which the life of plants—and by extension, humans—rests. Even if they behave as though they were, humans are not the masters of the Earth, but only one of its most irksome residents. From the moment of their arrival, about three hundred thousand years ago—nothing when compared to the history of life on our planet—humans have succeeded in changing the conditions of the planet so drastically as to make it a dangerous place for their own survival. The causes of this reckless behavior are in part inherent in their predatory nature, but they also depend on our total incomprehension of the rules that govern a community of living beings. We behave like children who wreak havoc, unaware of the significance of the things they are playing with. In *The Nation of Plants*, the most important, widespread, and powerful nation on Earth finally gets to speak. Like attentive parents, plants, after making it possible for us to live, have come to our aid once again, giving us their rules: the first Universal Declaration of Rights of Living Beings written by the plants. A short charter based on the general principles that regulate the common life of plants, it establishes norms applicable to all living beings. Compared to our constitutions, which place humans at the center of the entire juridical reality, in conformity with an anthropocentrism that reduces to things all that is not human, plants offer us a revolution.

(Book). A fitting tribute to the troubled genius who revolutionized electric bass playing and bridged the gaps between jazz, R&B, rock and funk. From his early days in R&B club bands through his international stardom with fusion group Weather Report and on to his solo career and tragic death at age 35, this book portrays the life and music of Jaco Pastorius, the self-proclaimed "world's greatest bass player." This special anniversary edition features new interviews with Jaco's childhood friends, prominent bass players of Jaco's era and afterward, and girlfriend Teresa Nagell, who was with Jaco in the last few years of his life. Some incidents from the first edition have been further researched and expanded to become full chapters. Exclusive to this edition, the CD features newly revealed music tracks from Jaco's early years along with spoken testimonials from Jaco's friends and colleagues. The book also contains new, never-before-seen photos acquired from the Pastorius estate.

Un ideale viaggio attraverso le vie e gli angoli di Roma, un itinerario in undici tappe, undici racconti che sono altrettanti snodi dell'anima. Perché a ogni civico, a ogni incrocio, a ogni casa che fa da sfondo alle storie raccontate in questo libro corrisponde una svolta cruciale nell'esistenza dei personaggi, una fermata e una ripartenza di vite e sentimenti, una tana dove si nascondono disordine e follia, o si ristabilisce la quiete. C'è una casa per due amanti clandestini. Una casa da vendere per una figlia a cui è appena morta la madre, la casa di un delitto intorno alla quale un ispettore di polizia si aggira furiosamente in cerca di risposte, e quella di un pugile solo e sconfitto dalla vita che ogni sera, alla stessa ora, spia la ragazzina della finestra di fronte. E ancora, la fine di un amore alle prime luci dell'alba, un corso per orgasmi tenuto da una stravagante cinese, il risveglio dopo la prima notte con uno sconosciuto e una vecchia signora alla ricerca di un luogo in cui conservare i suoi ricordi impolverati. Ogni volta qualcosa – un mistero, un incontro, un lutto – lascia traccia di sé trasformando i profili di queste case, i colori dei portoni, i percorsi lastricati delle strade. Alla sua seconda opera, Federica De Paolis mette in scena una topografia di Roma che diventa mappa di emozioni, un'esplorazione dei luoghi e del mistero delle anime che ci vivono e sognano di andare via.

Our species is misnamed. Though *sapiens* defines human beings as "wise" what humans do especially well is to prospect the future. We are *homo prospectus*. In this book, Martin E. P. Seligman, Peter Railton, Roy F. Baumeister, and Chandra Sripada argue it is anticipating and evaluating future possibilities for the guidance of thought and action that is the cornerstone of human success. Much of the history of psychology has been dominated by a framework in which people's behavior is driven by past history (memory) and present circumstances (perception and motivation). *Homo Prospectus* reassesses this idea, pushing focus to the future front and center and opening discussion of a new field of Psychology and Neuroscience. The authors delve into four modes in which prospecting operates: the implicit mind, deliberate thought, mind-wandering, and collective (social) imagination. They then explore prospecting's role in some of life's most enduring questions: Why do people think about the future? Do we have free will? What is the nature of intuition, and how might it function in ethics? How does emotion function in human psychology? Is there a common causal process in different psychopathologies? Does our creativity change with age? In this remarkable convergence of research in philosophy, statistics, decision theory, psychology, and neuroscience, *Homo Prospectus* shows how human prospecting fundamentally reshapes our understanding of key cognitive processes, thereby improving individual and social functioning. It aims to galvanize interest in this new science from scholars in psychology, neuroscience, and philosophy, as well as an educated public curious about what makes humanity what it is.

Constantinople, 1599. Paul Pindar, a secretary to the English ambassador, thinks he has lost his love, Celia, in a shipwreck. Now, two years later, clues begin to emerge that she may be hidden among the ranks of the slaves in the Sultan's harem. But how can he be sure? And can they be reunited? With a secret rebellion rising within the Sultan's palace, danger surrounds the lovers. A lush, ancient tale of treacherous secrets, forbidden love, and murder in the

Ottoman palace, The Aviary Gate is exotic historical fiction at its very best.

Arrangement for Woodwind Quartet (intermediate) by Francesco Leone . Set of parts (5): Flute, Oboe, Bb Clarinet and Bassoon, included Bb Bass Clarinet instead Bassoon (score available separately). "La cumparsita" (little street procession, a grammatical diminutive of la comparsa) is a tango written in 1916 by the Uruguayan musician Gerardo Matos Rodríguez, with lyrics by Pascual Contursi and Enrique Pedro Maroni. It is among the most famous and recognizable tangos of all time. Appearances in films: Gene Kelly dances to "La cumparsita" in the film *Anchors Aweigh* (1945). The song was included in a ballroom scene of the film *Sunset Boulevard* (1950), in which Gloria Swanson and William Holden danced the tango. In the 2006 dance movie *Take the Lead*, Jenna Dewan, Dante Basco and Elijah Kelley danced to a remixed version. In the 1959 film *Some Like It Hot*, "La cumparsita" is played by a blindfolded Cuban band during a scene in which Jack Lemmon dressed in drag dances with overstated flair in the arms of Joe E. Brown who thinks Lemmon is a woman ("Daphne – you're leading again"). During the filming in 1958, actor George Raft taught the other two men to dance the tango for this scene.

The ancient art of meditation and asceticism based on a combination of sequential positions (Asana) and spiritual reflection tied listen to your own breathing and to a greater awareness of their existence in the "here and now" as body and soul, officially joined in schools, leading to the development of new pedagogical and educational projects that help children, teens as well as adults. In July 2007, thanks to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education and the National Confederation of Yoga, the ancient art of meditation and asceticism based on a combination of sequential positions (Asana) and spiritual reflection tied listen to your own breathing and to a greater awareness of their existence in the "here and now" as body and soul, officially joined in schools, leading to the development of new pedagogical and educational projects that help children, teens as well as adults to find themselves through yoga. Need a much more compelling as it is becoming more virtual space in which they act and live our kids (not just their ... alas), a company reaching out to the image flowing, uncontrolled sedimentation of the moments that we are not aware of living, a company that pays little attention to children as children, but as recipients of consumer goods whose advertising bombards their mothers.

A small group of Jews weave a web of intrigue and fantasy around a book reviewer's contention that he is the son of Borus Schultz, the legendary Polish writer killed by the Nazis before his magnum opus, THE MESSIAH, could be brought to light.

In December 1913, the New York World newspaper published the first crossword in history. It appeared in their Sunday supplement, Fun. A century later, this absorbing puzzle continues to attract (and infuriate) millions of devotees every day. But the world's most popular and seemingly mundane pastime has a surprising history, filled with intrigue and adventure. Paolo Bacilieri's "FUN" transports us from turn-of-the-century New York to present-day Milan, taking in stories of ingenious puzzle makers, ardent solvers, and intellectual luminaries. Part detective story, part docudrama, and interlaced with a fiction of Bacilieri's own imagining, "FUN" questions the crossword's harmless status. Sure, it's fun but could it also be a form of resistance, of cryptic communication, of espionage?"

This volume contains a selection of the proceedings of a conference on European problems of identity titled Europe and its Others, which was held in St Andrews in July 2007. It looks at some of the histories and stories that connect the European margins to an imagined or imaginary centre of this complex continent as seen mostly from within, and with self-reflective insights from literary, socio-historical and cinematic perspectives. By following the marginal route created by the essays, the volume juxtaposes, as in a mosaic, a range of artistic discourses produced in many European languages. Each of these discourses highlights a different perception of belonging or not belonging to Europe; and each of these discourses brings to the fore in its respective society a fresh perspective on new European territories seen not as 'the other' but rather as contiguous tiles in a mosaic of idiosyncrasies. Lying one next to the other, these territories engage in dialogue poetically - harmoniously or dissonantly - in an attempt to create through their juxtaposition an enigmatic poetic discourse of the margins.

In a tiny, ancient Italian hill town, where the land gives little and money and food are scarce, Don Francesco Falcone is a man to be reckoned with: rich, powerful, restless, intransigent. When he meets another force of nature, Concetta, a penniless but fiercely indestructible farmworker, the stage is set for the creation of an exceptional family: generations of strong, complicated boys and, especially, girls. The battles between them are many as they live through historical upheaval and private passions. Their stories are told by Gioia, the last of the line, a woman of our times who fights tirelessly against convention. She is the product of a family of memorable women who know how to survive, and also how to make something fantastical and rich out of their lives: with their hands they create delicate and complex embroideries, while their minds embroider endless, elaborate stories. In this sweeping, unforgettable novel, Mariolina Venezia portrays five generations of the Falcone family. Through their complicated, funny, tragic, and astonishing stories, Venezia also recounts a century and a half of Italy's tumultuous history. *Been Here a Thousand Years* is a testament to the Falcone family, and also to the vibrant, irrational, irresistible country that produced it.

A French reader for intermediate students *La Fugue de Bach* (Lango and Bouotégé) is a mystery reader designed to motivate students to read in French. The story takes place in Geneva, where a prima ballerina has been found murdered before one of the most important performances of her life. This reader is softcover, 6" x 9", and 128 pages in length.

"Think *The Sopranos* meets *Goodfellas*—without the Americanized gloss . . . [A] not-for-the-faint-hearted novel by an Italian master" (Reading Matters). In *The Colombian Mule*, the author called "the reigning king of Mediterranean noir" (The Boston Phoenix) and "the best living Italian crime writer" (Il Manifesto) brings to riveting life the story of Arias Cuevas, who sets in motion a chain of bloody events when police catch him trying to carry a shipment of La Tía's cocaine into Italy. The intended recipient of the coke appears to have been art smuggler Nazzareno Corradi. But Corradi has been set up. He hires a PI known as "the Alligator" to get him out of the mess he's in. Meanwhile, La Tía, a notoriously ruthless figure in the Colombian drug trade, is determined to move her operation to Italy, where cocaine has become all the rage among the professional classes. There's only one thing standing in her way: the Alligator. The Alligator, an ex-con-turned-investigator, and his two companions, former underworld heavy Beniamino Rossini and Max the Memory, are among Massimo Carlotto's most vivid noir creations. Together,

the three men will wade deep into a criminal world of few scruples, testing their own strict and specific moral code along the way. "The morally ambiguous tone makes this an intriguing read, and the suspense is well maintained." —Manchester Evening News "A fascinating glimpse into Italian culture and justice system. It's sparely written and though quite short, there's a lot of action . . . dark and gritty." —Euro Crime "[A] brilliant book." —The Friendly Shelf

From the World's No. 1 Storyteller, *The Witches* is a children's classic that has captured young reader's imaginations for generations. This is not a fairy tale. This is about real witches. Grandmamma loves to tell about witches. Real witches are the most dangerous of all living creatures on earth. There's nothing they hate so much as children, and they work all kinds of terrifying spells to get rid of them. Her grandson listens closely to Grandmamma's stories—but nothing can prepare him for the day he comes face-to-face with The Grand High Witch herself! Now a major motion picture!

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