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What is School?

AUTHOR **Luca Tortolini**
ILLUSTRATOR **Marco Somà**

Benches to rest the elbows, sharpeners and thoughts to exchange, teachers who teach history but also to make mistakes, girls and boys of all kinds.

A sum of differences. An open place even when it is indoors, where ideas and words are born to imagine a new world.

A passionate and grateful portrait that will resonate today more than ever in the hearts of those who experience school.

HIGHLIGHT
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La scuola è un edificio con le pareti dove si appendono i cartelloni,
con i banchi dove si appoggiano i gomiti,
e le sedie dove si appoggiano i sederi.

La scuola è uno spazio aperto anche quando è al chiuso.
Cambia sempre perché ogni giorno c'è qualcosa di nuovo.



Dentro la scuola ci sono le bambine e i bambini.
Dentro le bambine e i bambini c'è tutto.
Lo paura, la gioia e anche la tristezza. La rabbia e anche l'amore.
Ci sono tutti i sentimenti.
Ci puoi trovare anche pezzi di terra. Pezzi di palloncino.
Pezzi di spiaggia e di mare.
Nelle bambine e nei bambini c'è tutto il mondo.

MARCO SOMÀ

Andersen Award 2019 as best
illustrator, several times selected
at the illustrators exhibition of the
Bologna Children's Book Fair and at
various international competitions.

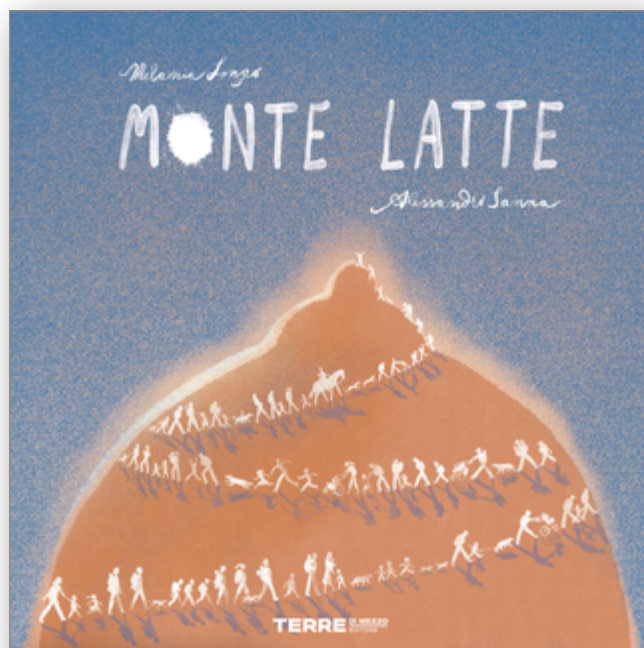


LUCA TORTOLINI

Writer, screenwriter
and writing teacher.
He has published with Kite,
Il Castoro, Orecchio Acerbo,
Bao edizioni, Eli Publishing and
several foreign publishing houses.



Tutte le bambine e i bambini che vanno ora a scuola cresceranno.
Diventeranno dottore, ingegneri, parrucchieri o artisti.
Qualcuno pasticciere. Qualcuno maestro.
Saranno donne bellissime. Uomini con i capelli strani. Direttrici generali.



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Let's discover a particular mountain, with familiar traits, where something extraordinary happens every day. Extraordinary is the relationship between a mother and a newborn baby: the expectations, the first glances... The story of a bond that can transform the world and, even before, that changes the two protagonists: the mother and the child. Through falls and ascents, they will learn the joy of being themselves and to trust each other.

With the intense illustrations by Alessandro Sanna, first Italian Children's Laureate chosen by the Association of Independent Children's Bookstores (Alir).

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Mount Milk

AUTHOR **Melania Longo**
ILLUSTRATOR **Alessandro Sanna**

MELANIA LONGO

Art historian, she is an expert in museum educational services and collaborates with Andersen magazine. She is also one of the curators of the Picturebook Fest in Lecce.

ALESSANDRO SANNA

He is one of the main Italian illustrators. He collaborates with the most important magazines, including *The New Yorker*, and with dozens of writers and publishers. His books are translated and published in Germany, Spain, Japan, the United States and other countries.

I lie down by your side
and become a child again
I am just born twice.



Inside me I feel new origins.
they hold us together like roots.





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All the Strength of a Flower

AUTHOR **Silvio Boselli**

A funny character wanders around an arid and desolate world. He arrives in front of a very high wall that cuts that battered land like a wound.

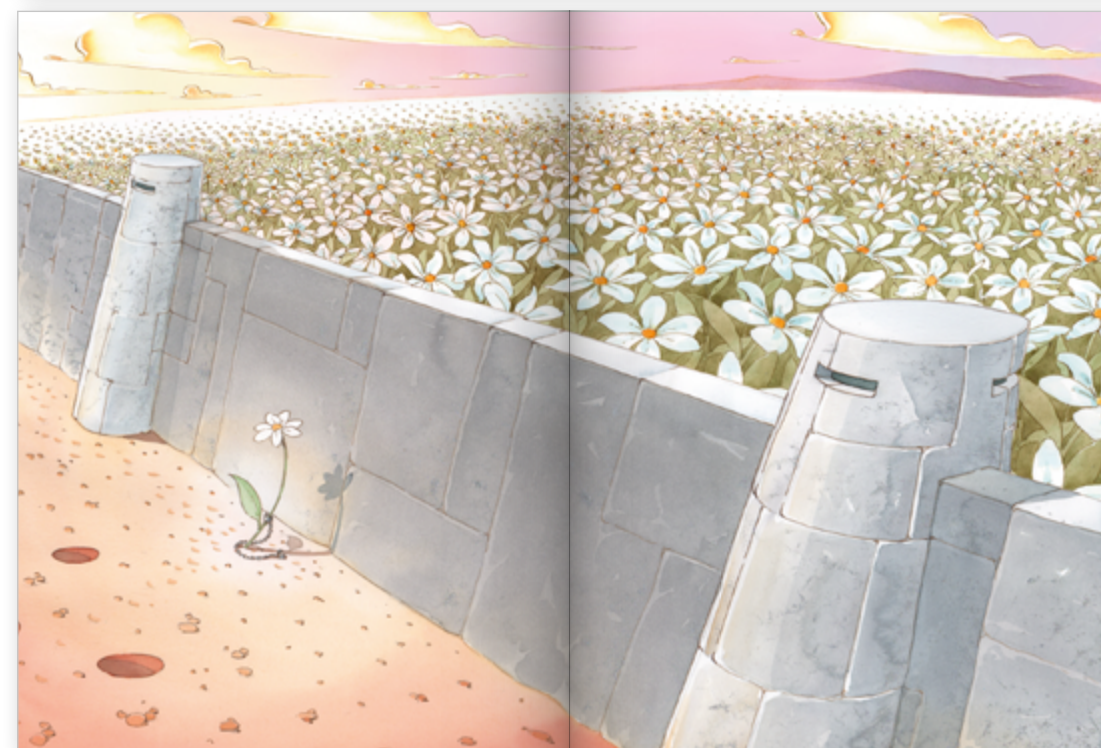
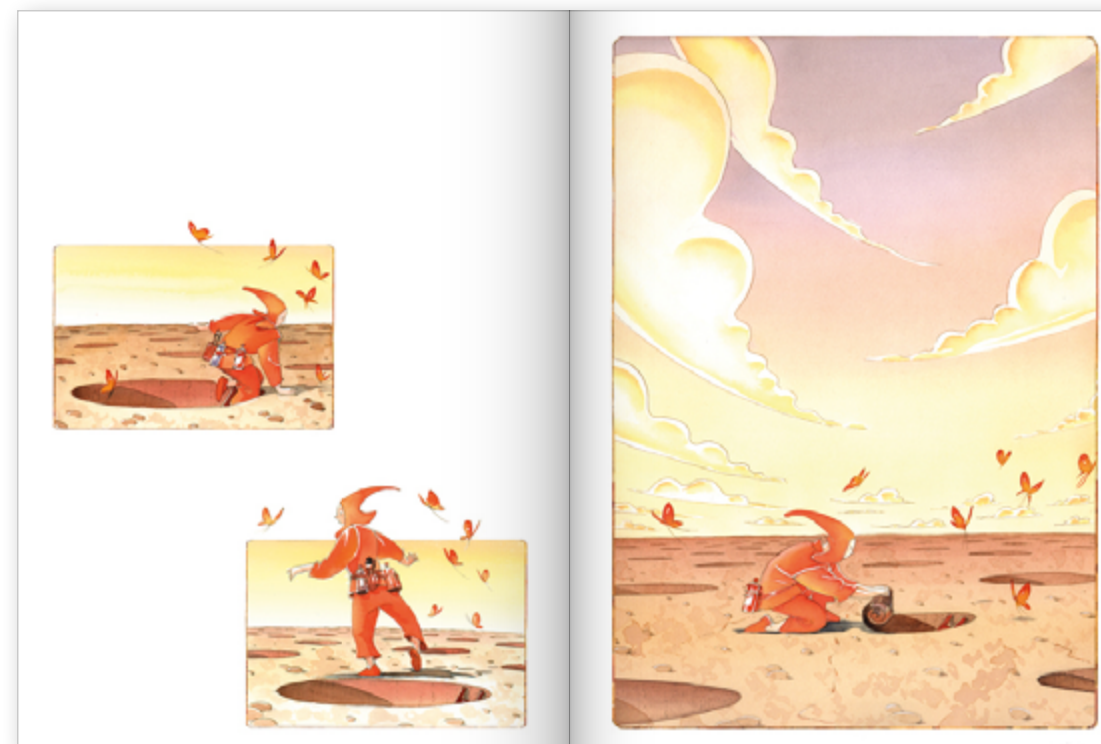
Armed with his spray can, he draws a flower on it, but is quickly stopped by a loyal policeman. The funny little man, however, does not lose heart. Because hope is just around the corner. Indeed, beyond the wall.

A poetic and dreamy book without words on the revolutionary force of kindness.

Perfect for telling even the little ones the importance of going beyond barriers that divides us from others.

SILVIO BOSELLI

Silvio Boselli illustrated books for the main Italian publishers. His stories have been published in numerous periodicals for children. He holds creative workshops and teaches Watercolor and Publishing at the high school of applied art of the Castello Sforzesco in Milan.





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After a long swim in search of uncharted seas, Little Fish is convinced that he has finally discovered a place where no one has ever gone before. Too bad not to have a flag to plant, to let everyone know that that place belongs only to him.

"Need a flag? Here it is!" says the turtle, which appears from around the corner. And then here is the squid, the crab, the clam, the jellyfish... With great disappointment, Little Fish realizes that actually that space belongs to everyone! But he also discovers that many can play much more fun games.

A story that makes you think about our desire to possess and the pleasure and benefits of sharing.

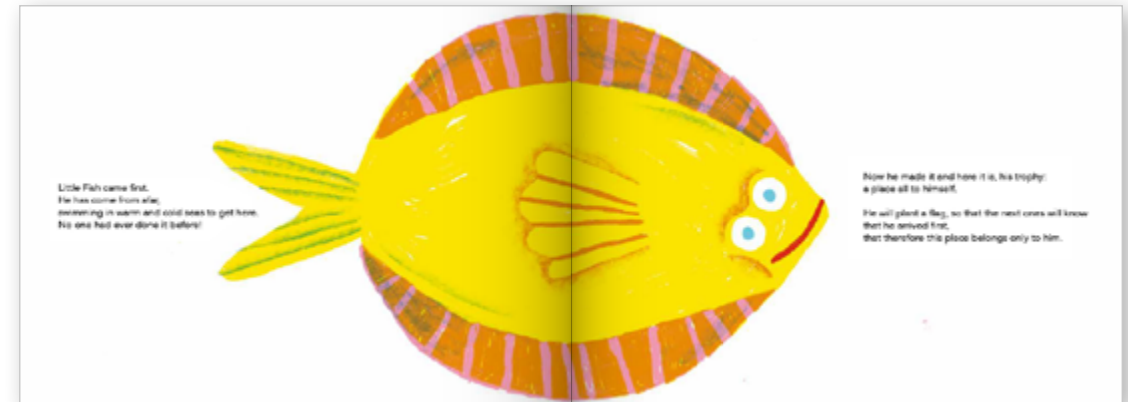
Little Fish Came First

AUTHOR **Angelo Mozzillo**
ILLUSTRATOR **Alice Piaggio**

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ALICE PIAGGIO collaborates with Italian and foreign magazines and publishers. She won the 2019 *Illustri Award* (Magazine category) and published, among others, *I miti delle stelle* (Mondadori).

ANGELO MOZZILLO is the author of multimedia installations, narrative reportages, screenplays, theatre performances. Among his books, *Io sono una foglia* (Bacchilega).





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VALERIA DOCAMPO
was born in Argentina
and currently lives
in France. She is one
of the most prominent
illustrators in recent years.

AGNÈS DE LESTRADE
is one of the best-known
French children's authors.
So far she has published
about 20 picture books.

Inventory of The Suspended Days

Happy Ideas for Hard Times

AUTHOR **Agnès de Lestrade**

ILLUSTRATOR **Valeria Docampo**

There are days that you don't feel like going anywhere. There are days you can't physically go anywhere. You feel locked, trapped. But sometimes there are enough happy little thoughts to smile and hope: for example, trying to breed a snail, to celebrate the birthday with your neighbor, or to plan the next vacation dreaming on the map.

A sweet picture book born during the pandemic, but suitable for all stages of life. Last but not least: the authors and the publisher will donate a part of the proceeds to a solidarity project.

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The Little Prince

AUTHOR **Agnès de Lestrade**

ILLUSTRATOR **Valeria Docampo**

The timeless story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry retold by beloved children's author Agnès de Lestrade, with gorgeous illustrations by Valeria Docampo. Meet the Little Prince, with his questions about love, friendship and the meaning of life, in a unique picture book true to the original but reinvented by the successful pair behind the bestseller *La grande fabrique de mots* (The Great Word Factory), sold in over 20 countries.

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AGNÈS DE LESTRADE is one of the best-known French children's authors. So far she has published about 20 picture books.

VALERIA DOCAMPO was born in Argentina and currently lives in France. She is one of the most prominent illustrators in recent years.





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One More, Dad!

AUTHOR **Mariapaola Pesce**
ILLUSTRATOR **Irene Penazzi**

A dad who is always by your side, through all the moments of your life: the most everyday ones (play, brush your teeth, bedtime cuddles), and the most significant ones (first love, first disappointment, first moving house, first child...). Until, with time, roles exchange, and now he is the one who needs you.

An intense text, with fresh and joyful illustrations, which speaks to the heart of every child and every dad.

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MARIAPAOLA PESCE

is an author with a long experience in the world of children's publishing. She published, among others, *Case nel mondo (Electa Kids)* and *La collana della nonna (Il Castoro)*.

IRENE PENAZZI

has received awards in comic and illustration nationwide and international contests. With *Terre di mezzo Editore* she published *Nel mio giardino il mondo*.



The previous picture book by Irene Penazzi was selected for the Ibbby Honor List 2020.





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Pebble

AUTHOR **Sara Trofa**

ILLUSTRATOR **Simona Mulazzani**

It happens to everyone to feel sometimes melancholy, to have a little pain or a concern that does not leave you alone. The characters of this book are dealing with this situation: the rabbit is sad, and the other two try to make him feel better, with a gentle question, a push in swing, a tickle assault... And show us that the best antidote to small sorrows is affection and the joy that true friends can give us.

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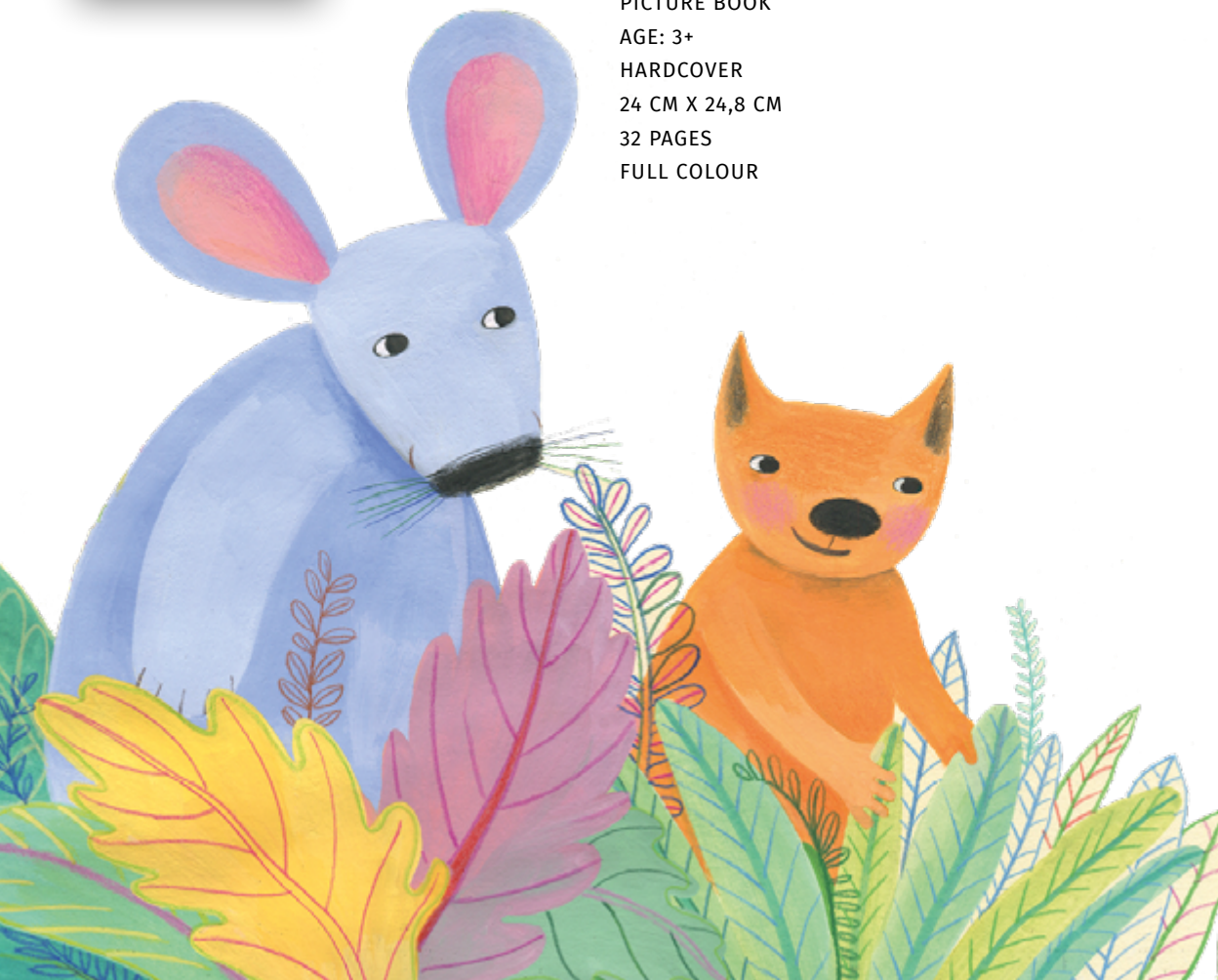
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32 PAGES

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SARA TROFA

Sara Trofa teaches Italian to foreigners, has been a bookseller and has held writing workshops. She is the author of two other books released in Germany and France. This is her debut in Italy.

SIMONA MULAZZANI

Simona Mulazzani has illustrated a hundred of books with the major Italian and foreign publishers, including The right place (Barefoot Books) and The big book of slumber (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers).



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My Dog

AUTHOR **Letizia Iannaccone**
ILLUSTRATOR **Sonia Maria Luce Possentini**

*My dog does not talk,
but I understand him anyway.*

*Sometimes he thinks he is like me
and I think I am like him.*

*We were born on the same day,
we live in the same house.*

A hymn to the friendship between a child and his dog: a relationship of trust, complicity, unconditional love which lasts a lifetime, and beyond.

The text, incisive and poetic, is framed by tender illustrations to touch all animal lovers' hearts.

PICTURE BOOK

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HARDCOVER

28 CM X 23 CM

36 PAGES

FULL COLOUR



Io e il mio cane ci conosciamo da sempre.



SONIA MARIA LUCE POSSENTINI

is an illustrator published in Italy and abroad by Fatatrac, La Margherita Edizioni, Kite Edizioni, Mine-Edition, Grimm Press, Giunti, Mondadori and Sonzogno. She obtained numerous prizes and awards, including the Andersen Prize for best illustrator (2017), the Gianni Rodari prize (2015), the Silver Award of the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles (2011). He teaches at the International School of Comics in Reggio Emilia and at the Master in Children Illustration of the University of Padua.

LETIZIA IANNAACONE

is an author and illustrator. She lives in Genoa and her books are published by Mondadori Ragazzi, Edizioni EL, Giunti, La nuova frontiera Junior, Seuil jeunesse. He teaches at the International Comics School of Genoa.





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20 CM X 20 CM

32 PAGES

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When Animals Had No Tails

AUTHOR **Anselmo Roveda**

ILLUSTRATOR **Elisabetta Civardi**

A long time ago, animals had no tail. But it was a big problem: the dog could not wag his tail to the master, the fox could not make himself beautiful, the horse could not chase flies away...

So one day the lion gathered his subjects and distributed tails to everyone. The first ones received the best tails, the last ones...

ANSELMO ROVEDA

is a journalist and author from Genoa. He is the editorial coordinator of the monthly journal Andersen. Among his books, Nino e la mafia (Coccole Books) and Le avventure dei pirati di Capitan Salgari (EDT-Giralangolo).

ELISABETTA CIVARDI

she lives and works in Genoa where she was artistically trained between comics, illustrated books and contemporary painting. She also realizes artistic workshops for children from 2 to 16 years old.



A traditional story reinterpreted in a modern and fun way about the importance of what can sometimes seem just a detail.





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Carlotta & the Electric Uncle

A Rock'n'roll Adventure

AUTHOR **Federico Appel**

Carlotta certainly does not imagine the terrible puzzle that's about to upset her summer! Uncle Arturo, the most dazed musician that exists, takes her on a road trip on a tractor and under the banner of music. The mission? Find all the pieces of the guitar by Big Mama Wolf, the greatest artist of all times. Few clues, characters definitely out of the ordinary, but above all ... the "electric" uncle will he have told the whole truth?

Guitars, drums, tractors, loves: they are all there the ingredients for an unpredictable story, full of laughs and rock'n'roll!

Federico Appel illustrated, among many others, *Muschio* (Il Castoro), winner of the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi Award in category 6+



★ RULLO DI TAMBURI!

Quando suoniamo alla porta di Felix, ci apre un signore piccolo piccolo che ci guarda da dietro un paio di occhiali piuttosto spessi. Mi sembra difficile immaginarlo a picchiare sui tamburi di una batteria muovendo le braccia come un polpo.

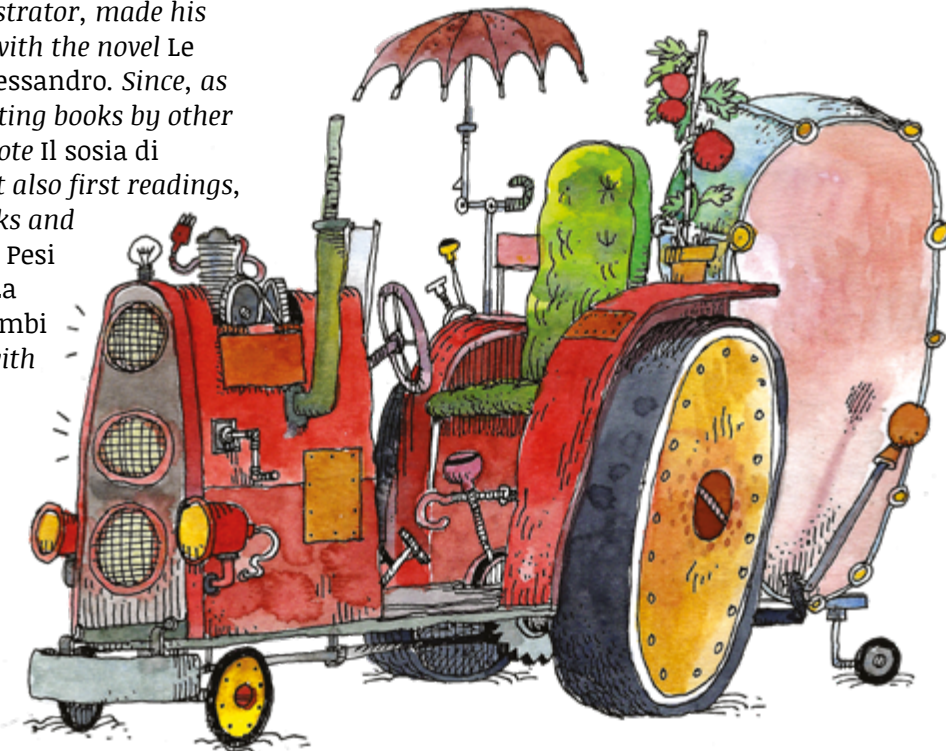
"Big Mama, dite? Certo che me la ricordo. Sono passati un bel po' di anni. Io mi ero già ritirato dalle scene e lei venne qui a Porto Canarino. Voleva fare un disco insieme. Me lo ricordo perché mi ha pregato, scongiurato, pregato ancora, si è pure messa a piangere sperando di intenerirmi, ma io le ho detto di no. E lei se ne



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FEDERICO APPEL

writer and illustrator, made his debut in 2008 with the novel *Le memorie di Alessandro*. Since, as well as illustrating books by other authors, he wrote *il sosia di Napoleone*, but also first readings, illustrated books and comics such as *Pesi massimi* and *La leggenda di Zumbi l'immortale* (with Fabio Stassi).



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Smart Adelina

*The Mystery of the Missing
Almost Grandmother*

AUTHOR **Cristina Marsi**

ILLUSTRATOR **Francesca Carabelli**

Mafalda, Adelina's "vice grandmother", disappears suddenly leaving the front door wide open. Among other things, her book of secret recipes is also missing... So the little girl, together with her sardonic cat Léon, starts investigating the whole neighborhood. A snort of cinnamon and a strange imprint are the only clues she has, and question after question Adelina is convinced that Mafalda has been kidnapped by a group of terrible witches!

Adelina is curious and passionate, always poised between the most sincere reality and the wildest imagination.

A new, irresistible series of micro investigations for first readers.



CRISTINA MARSÌ

is an author of illustrated books and first readings. She published, among other things, *Noi (Pane e Sale)* and *I Giochi di Alice (Buk Buk)*.

FRANCESCA CARABELLI

has illustrated dozens of books for children, including *Gli addomesticati (Rizzoli)* and *Micromamma (Sinno)*.





A Hen in My Backpack

*The Adventures of Carmen
and Orazio*

AUTHOR **Guida Risari**

ILLUSTRATOR **AnnaLaura Cantone**

During a trip to a farm with his family, Orazio meets Carmen, a truly special hen: she's super-smart, good at maths, writes poetry, and... talks! Carmen is fed up with life in the country, so she persuades Orazio to take her home with him. But the problem is keeping her hidden from his parents and his unbearable older brother. It isn't easy to avoid arousing suspicion, with the fridge full of eggs and feathers stuck in his dad's hairbrush...

A hilarious comedy of mix-ups with a surprise ending.

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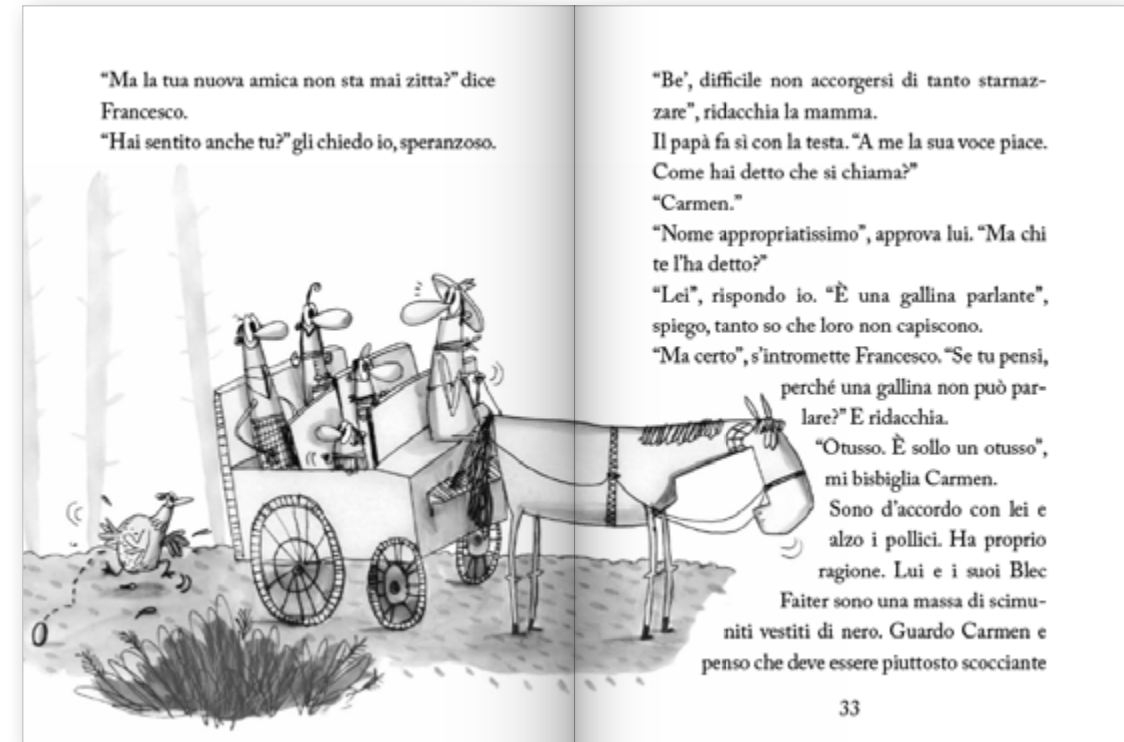
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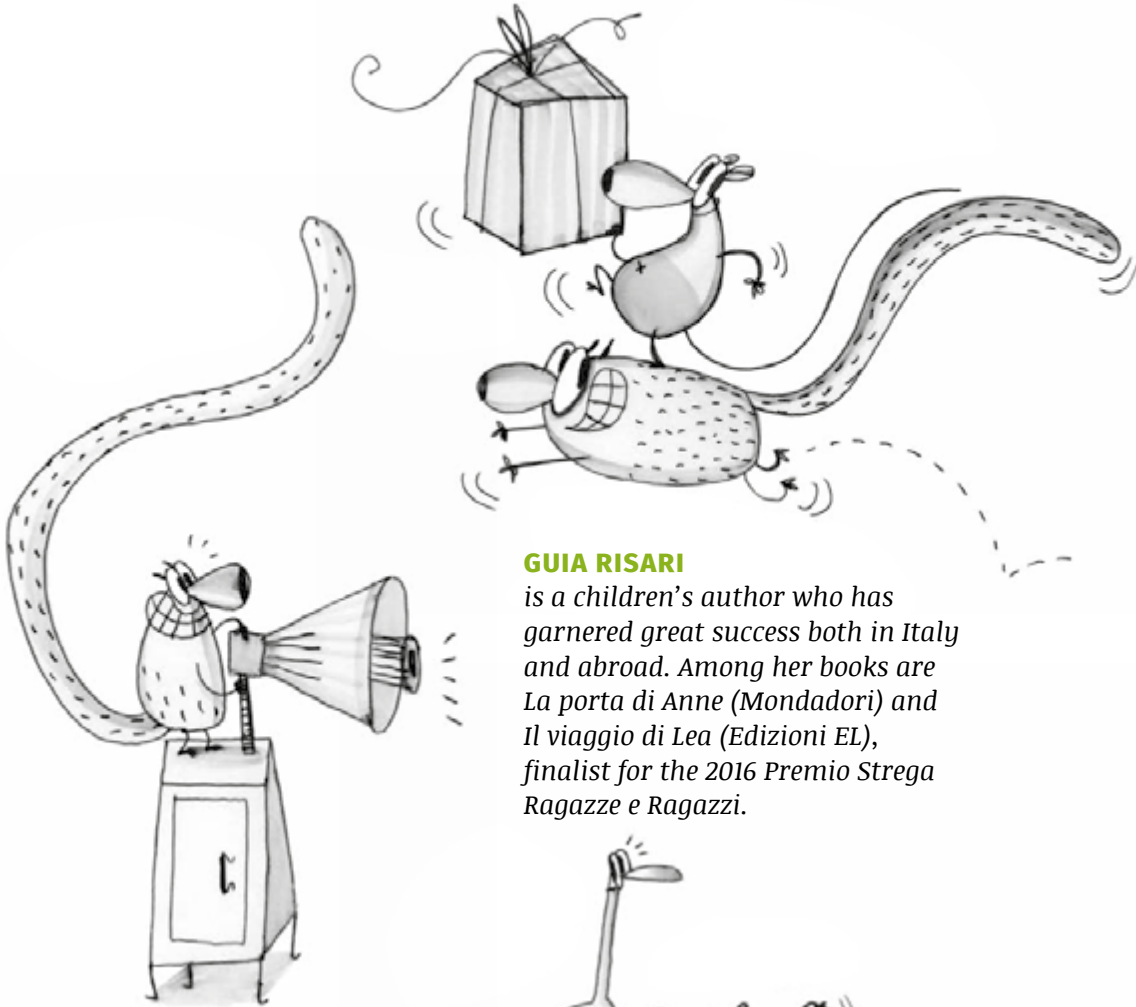
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GUIA RISARI

is a children's author who has garnered great success both in Italy and abroad. Among her books are *La porta di Anne* (Mondadori) and *Il viaggio di Lea* (Edizioni EL), finalist for the 2016 Premio Strega *Ragazze e Ragazzi*.

ANNA LAURA CANTONE

teaches illustration for children's books at the IED in Milan. She has been selected for the Hans Christian Andersen Award and recognized by the New York Society of Illustrators. She has illustrated, among others: *L'omino dei sogni* (text by Gianni Rodari, Edizioni EL) and *Una sposa buffa, buffissima, bellissima* (text by Beatrice Masini, Edizioni Arka).



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A Hen in a Hot-Air Balloon

The second adventure in the Carmen and Orazio series

AUTHOR **Guida Risari**

ILLUSTRATOR **Anna Laura Cantone**

Giacomo, Orazio's best friend, doesn't think that Carmen is intelligent. She does everything she can to make him change his mind, but he ignores her. So, for Giacomo's birthday, Carmen comes up with the "big plan": flying over Giacomo's house in a hot-air balloon with a banner that reads "Happy Birthday Giacomo!". But Carmen loses control of the balloon and one of the ballast sacks falls out. The sack hits a car that's about to run over Giacomo, saving him by a whisker. When Giacomo looks up into the sky, however, the hot-air balloon is already far away. Carmen is very upset at the failure of her grand gesture and Orazio tries to console her, telling her how wonderful it is just to be oneself. But Giacomo, who noticed a white feather stuck to the fallen ballast sack, visits Carmen to thank her and play together.





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Bigger!

AUTHOR **Alberto Benevelli**
ILLUSTRATOR **Loretta Serofilli**

“You need to be big to carry big things!” The double-decker bus is sure of it, and thanks to its size it can transport lots of people and certainly doesn’t go unnoticed. But the tow-truck doesn’t agree: how can it not be important, since it’s so much stronger... and the tractor? How about the car, for taking a nice drive to the country? One vehicle leads to another, until we finally come to the bicycle: the smallest of them all, but one that carries a truly precious cargo: a boy bringing a flower to the girl he loves. How will the story end?

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ALBERTO BENEVELLI

is a prolific children’s author. His books (over 80) have been translated in numerous countries. With Loretta Serofilli he conceived, coordinated and directed “Fiabesca”, an exhibition on children’s books and illustrations.

LORETTA SEROFILLI

graduated from the Bologna Academy of Fine Arts. She has illustrated nearly a hundred children’s titles. Her illustrations have been displayed at prestigious exhibitions, including Sarmede’s “Le Immagini della Fantasia”.



I might be smaller than you,
but I have lots of friends.
We’re all going to the countryside
to sing together.

**An illustrated book that has a message for everyone:
substance counts more than appearance.**



Insieme sulla spiaggia guardano il cielo, guardano il mare.
Io mi sento grande.
Grande come la cosa che ho portato.

Chissà, forse un giorno ne porterò una ancora...



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I Want It Too

AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR **Gek Tessaro**

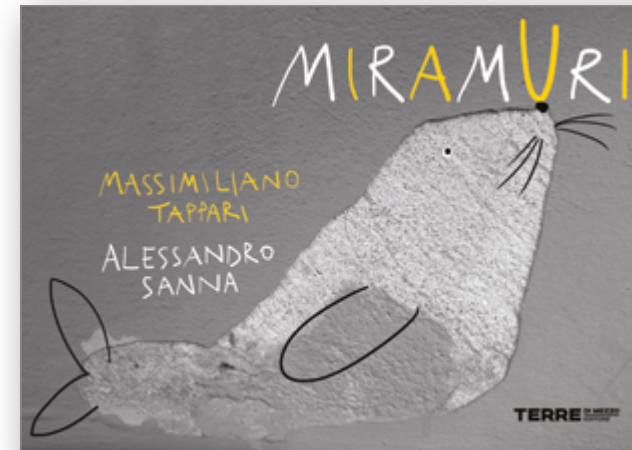
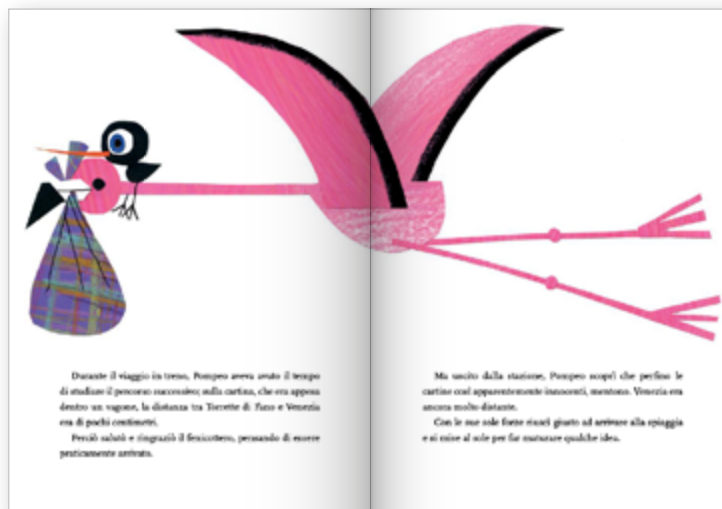
Pompeo Tiburzio is a little crow who wants to be a... stork!

He convinces a flock of storks to let him carry a newborn to its mummy, but he soon realizes that he's gone the wrong way, and that the real destination is too far for his little wings. Luckily, he meets a group of bizarre characters – a knight fighting a dragon, a lion and an elephant who have escaped from a zoo and a bunch of comical pirates – who will help him on his journey. A funny story about the importance of not letting go of your dreams, of working hard to make them come true.

GEK TESSARO

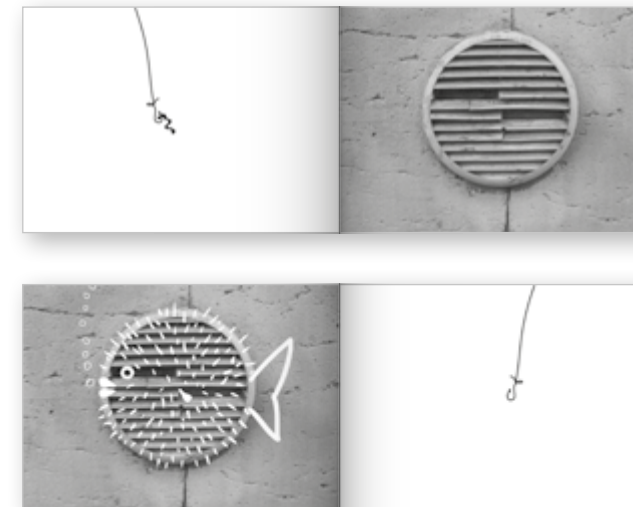
is a prolific Italian author and illustrator. Among his latest published works there are: *I bestiolini* (Franco Cosimo Panini) and

Pinocchio (Lapis Edizioni). He was awarded the Italian Andersen Prize for “Best Author” in 2010.



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Our cities hold unexpected stories, starting from their very walls: a jagged mark becomes an impetuous horse; an hole – if you look carefully – is a puffer fish swimming in the sea; and that scraped plaster looks like volcano smoke, doesn't it? Two extraordinary artists – Massimiliano Tappari with his elegant black-and-white pictures, and Alessandro Sanna with his beautiful illustrations – lead us along a stunning journey, discovering an everyday life we often don't pay enough attention to. A wonderful book for all ages, a celebration of the boundless power of imagination.



Wonder Walls

AUTHORS **Alessandro Sanna, Massimiliano Tappari**

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128 PAGES | B/W

ALESSANDRO SANNA

He is one of the main Italian illustrators.

He collaborates with the most important magazines, including *The New Yorker*, and with dozens of writers and publishers. His books are translated and published in Germany, Spain, Japan, the United States and other countries.

MASSIMILIANO TAPPARI

Born near Turin in 1967, he graduated from the Brera Academy of Fine Arts in Milan. He has written and illustrated several books using various techniques, from photography to photocopying. Among his works: *Parto*, with Chiara Carminati (Franco Cosimo Panini) and *Coffee Break* (Corraini).



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She's Not a Babysitter

AUTHOR **Gabriella Kuruvilla**
ILLUSTRATOR **Gabriella Giandelli**

Mattia's dad is Italian, while his mum was born in India and lives in Italy. She's the typical mum: sometimes she's fantastic, sometimes awful. But when she goes to pick Mattia up after his first day of school, he introduces her as his babysitter...

GABRIELLA KURUVILLA

was born in 1969 to an Indian father and an Italian mother. After graduating in Architecture, she became a journalist and has published a few books of fiction.

GABRIELLA GIANDELLI

was born in 1963. She is an illustrator of comics and children's books and works with international publishers and magazines. A cartoon series, broadcast in Italy and France, was created from her Milo book series.



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Africa is Coming to Town!

Tales of crocodiles, maths and magic potions

AUTHOR **Chiara Dattola**

There's an amazing new kid in school. His name is Samba, he was born in Africa, and he's a wizard at Maths. Good thing too, because Marco, on the other hand, is hopeless with numbers! One day Marco goes to Samba's house to do homework, and meets his very special family... or rather, his magical family!

CHIARA DATTOLA

was born in 1978 and works as an illustrator for several Italian and foreign magazines and publishing houses. She teaches at the European Design Institute (IED) in Milan.



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Create Your Own Cartoon

AUTHORS **Nadia Abate, Danilo Cinciripini, Paola Paradisi**

From the pre-film era to the most imaginative animation techniques, this practical handbook explores the many faces of the “moving story”. Transforming the idea into a storyboard and giving life to characters with stop-motion, pixilation, the flipbook, cut-outs, clay, sand, or the classic technique of animation. The projects can then be filmed with a smartphone to become an actual cartoon.

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NADIA ABATE, DANILÒ CINCIRIPINI, PAOLA PARADISI

are the “Animàni”: experts in film, the graphic arts and illustration, they organise workshops in the techniques of animation for children and adults.



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THE THAUMATROPE

- Materials**
- 1 sheet white poster board
 - 1 cup
 - coloured pencils or markers
 - scissors
 - hole puncher
 - 2 rubber bands or 2 short strings

What It Is
An optical toy composed of a disk of poster board decorated with images drawn or printed on both faces, and a hole punched on either side with a short string or rubber band attached to it. The disk has a complementary images on its two faces: the classic example is that of a small bird on one side and its cage on the other.

When the thaumatrope is still, the two images are separate; but if you twirl the disk quickly and constantly, keeping it suspended and taut between the two strings, you create the illusion that the two images are actually a single image: the little bird ends up in the cage!

This is something of a magic trick, a little visual deception which, due to the speed with which the disk is twirled, prevents the eyes from being able to see the images as unique and separate. The brain, which had already registered them at first glance, tries to come to the aid of the eyes and reconstruct them, but due to the speed of the twirling, it unites them in a single image. It was precisely from this optical illusion that the motion picture, or film, was born.



WHEN IT WAS CREATED
The thaumatrope, also known as the "magic disk," was invented between 1824 and 1925 by scientists who were studying vision. So it was not originally a toy, but rather was used to investigate the **PHENOMENON OF THE PERSISTENCE OF VISION**.



Stretch and Squash: Making a Ball Bounce



The goal is to make a ball bounce by dropping it from above, and thus work on the concepts of gravity and weight. Think of the ball you want to drop: is it a tennis ball or a bowling ball? Since they are made of different materials and have different sizes, they will also move differently, just like two characters that have their own identity and characteristics. Given the bounce trajectory of the ball, proceed with the filler frames using this guideline, drawing the ball without altering its shape.



Now try to apply the concept of **SPACING**: draw the balls closer together in the upper part of the curve and further apart close to the points of contact.



Now imagine an elastic ball that changes shape each time it bounces: before contact with the surface, draw it slightly elongated, and then more compact when it touches the ground. This is the basic concept of **STRETCH AND SQUASH**.

Looping: The Walk Cycle



The goal is to create a walk cycle **LOOP**. The cycle consists in 4 keyframes: two contact positions (**KEYFRAMES**) and two transitional positions (**BREAKDOWNS**).



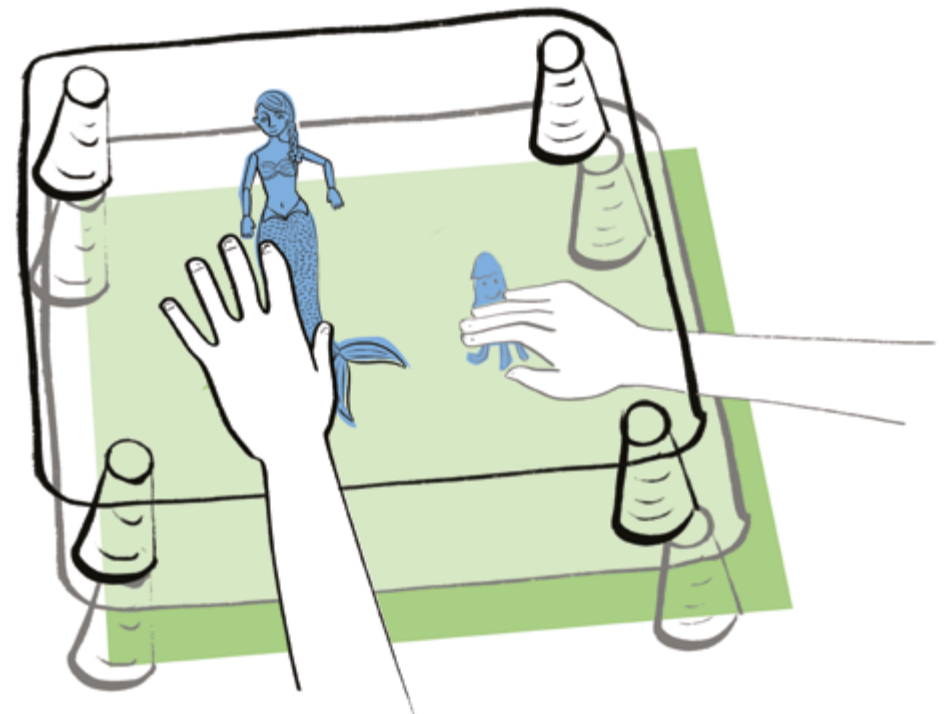
Add two other drawings with lower and higher positions: these drawings represent the weight and nature of the individual character, just like the tennis and bowling balls.



Now add filler frames to complete the animation.
To better recognize the legs, colour or cross-hatch the one further behind.

TIP

The observation of reality helps in the representation of **MOVEMENT**: look at how the people around you move, or imitate the act in front of the mirror before drawing it.





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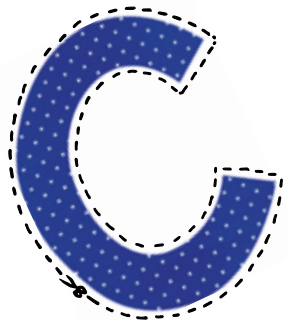
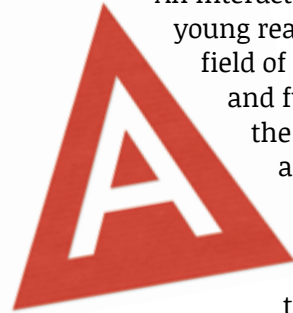
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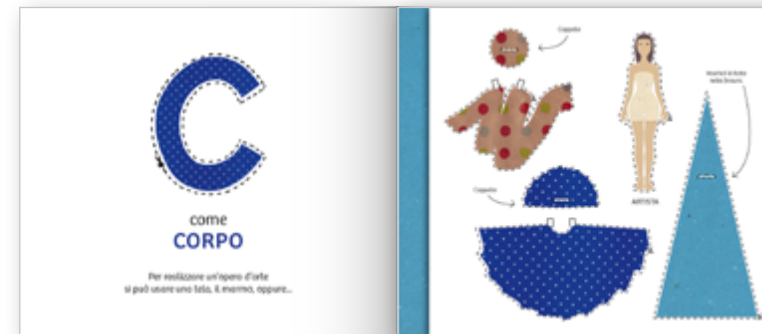
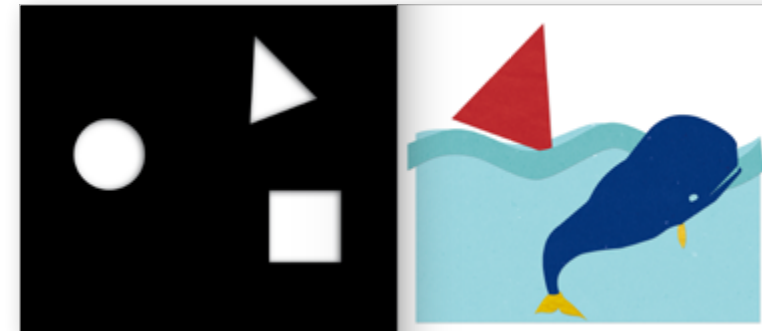
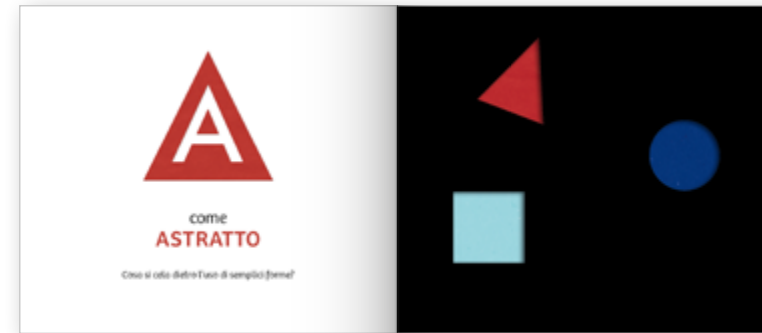
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THE ALPHABET

- A Abstraction
- B Body
- C Chance
- D Doubt
- E Everything
- F Fake
- G Gesture
- H Happening
- I Idea
- J Joke
- K Kitsch
- L Light
- M Multiple
- N Now
- O Obsession
- P Poor
- Q Quake
- R Ready-made
- S Space
- T Time
- U Ugly
- V Video
- W Words
- X ? - No sense
- Y You
- Z Zap



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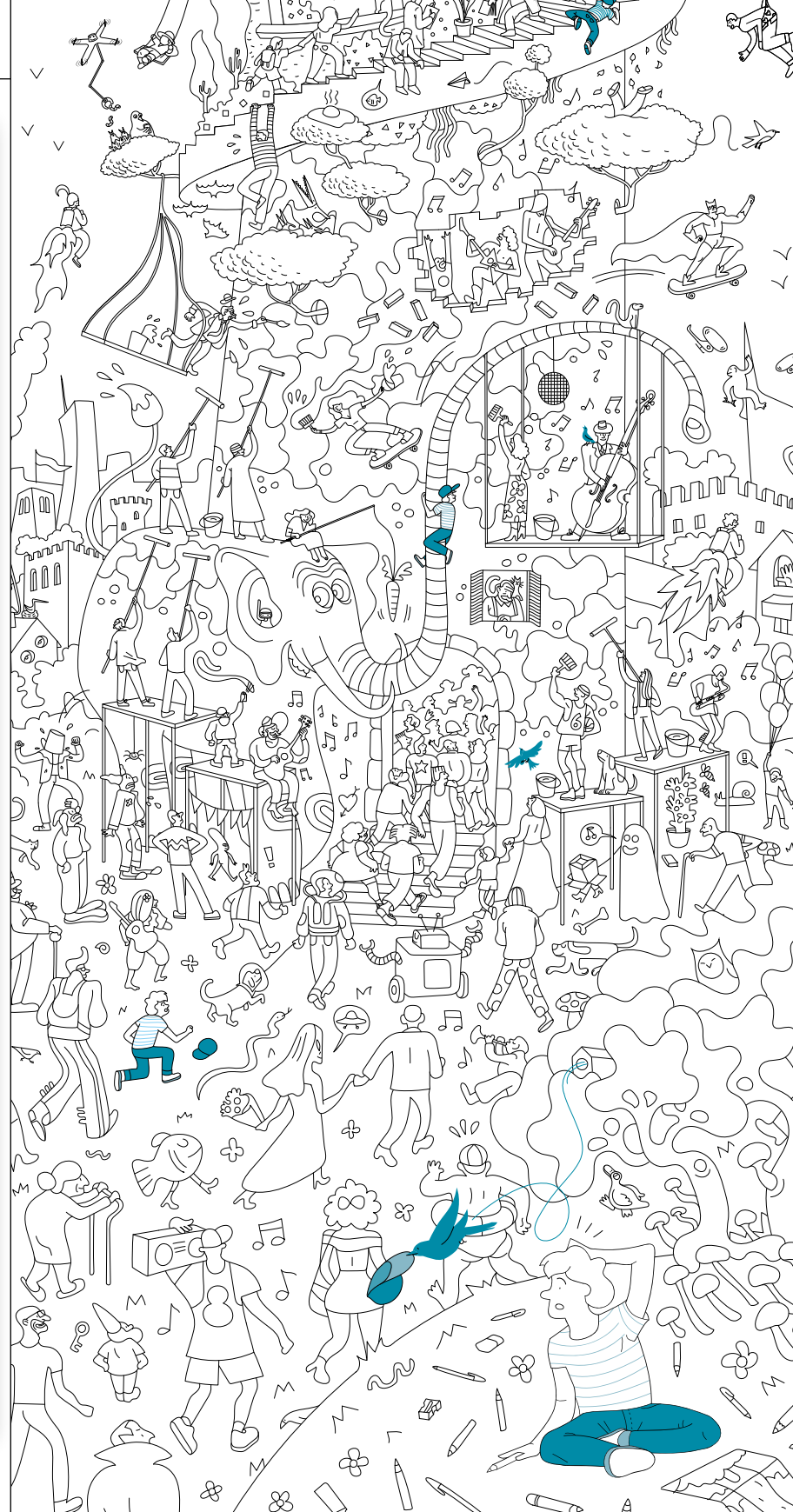
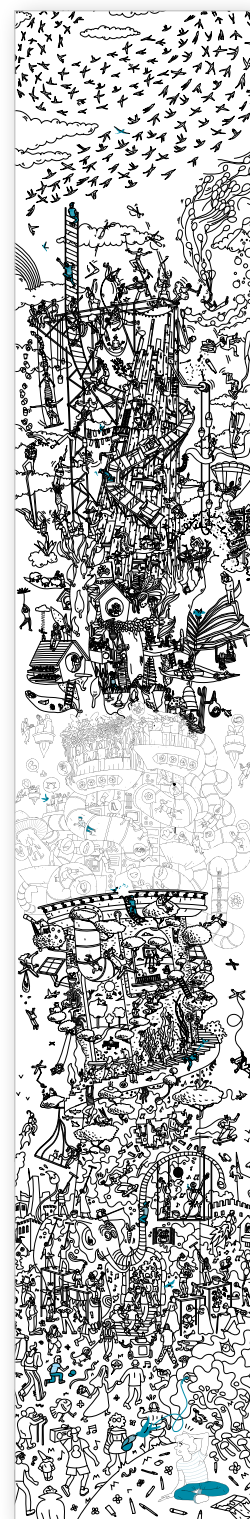
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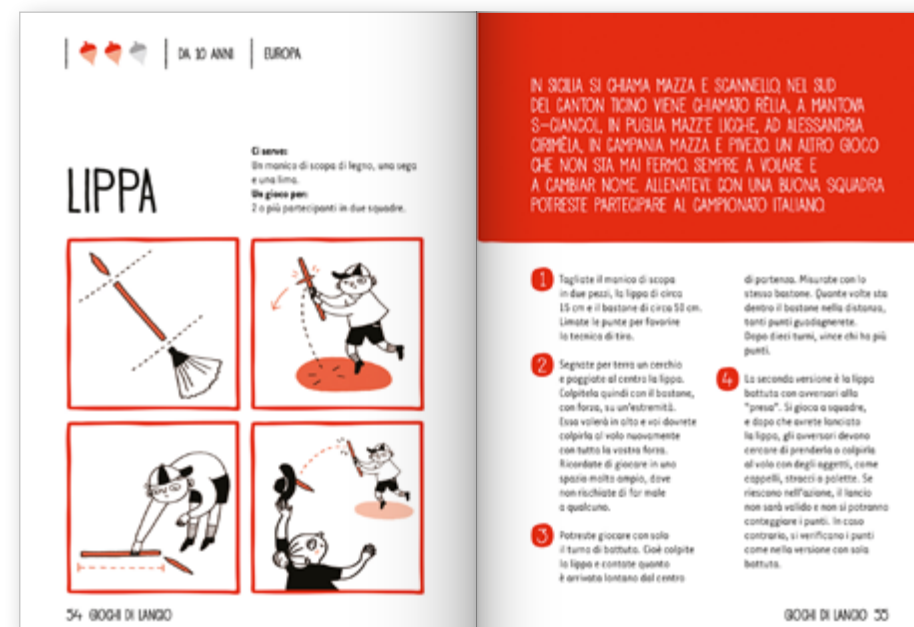
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