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(L'anatra sposa)**Marta Ceroni**

Bompiani, ITA, May 2018

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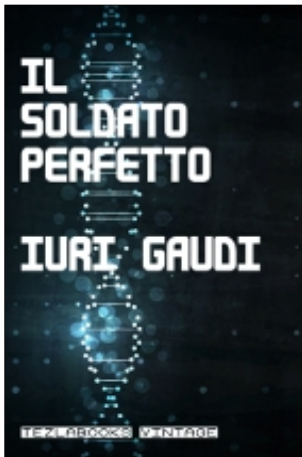
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Marta Ceroni

was born in Milan, Italy and for the past twenty years has been living in the United States, where she has recently become a citizen. She is the Director of *Programs of the Academy for Systems Change* in Vermont, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting systemic thinking and environmental sustainability. In 2010 she was a finalist of the *Premio Calvino Award* with her first novel *L'Anatra Sposa*, written in the USA but set in the countryside of the Emilia Romagna region in Italy. Marta lives in New Hampshire where, outside of work and writing, she devotes herself to playing the accordion and teaching tango.

A small village along the Po River of Northern Italy awakens from a recent flood that has literally buried parts of people's daily lives in mud. A former operetta singer, once famous and beautiful, is now an estranged mother of two teenage daughters who wander in a lush countryside. A group of communist bargoers, a sacristan, a mail bride from the South, a deaf beekeeper, are just a few of a number of castaway figures coming to terms with natural forces, the inevitable gossip, and a geographic and cultural isolation in which time stops and superstition thrives. The appearance of an exotic bird is the cause for a spiral of events that bring the story to a tragic climax after which life paths find meaning and direction.

Nomination for Calvino Award 2010



Iuri Gaudi was born in Rimini in 1969. He graduated in Economics at the University of Bologna and is the owner of a small business in the fashion industry.

THE PERFECT SOLDIER

(Il soldato perfetto)

Iuri Gaudi

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In the near future...

In the gloomy and corrupt scenario of the great European Confederation, the President and his men subdue entire populations to their power, sowing hatred and destruction in order to determine European supremacy on the planet. Meanwhile, in a secret base in the Alps, an elite of young soldiers are trained in the technological war. Among them is Anton, a mysterious and ruthless man with superhuman abilities - a perfect soldier. His hideous humanity, however, vivid and pulsating despite training and psychological conditioning, will lead him to deny everything he had been trained and forged for. Anton's rebellion will be the first act of a long personal battle against his former superiors in the Army, his escape will be the first step of a painful journey to discovering himself.



Lucio Leone

was born in Napoli in 1976. Author of plays and short-stories, his first historical novel was published in Italy by Ad Est dell'Equatore in 2011.

His work *Il miracolo del diavolo* was nominated for La Giara Award in 2016.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

(L'inizio della fine)

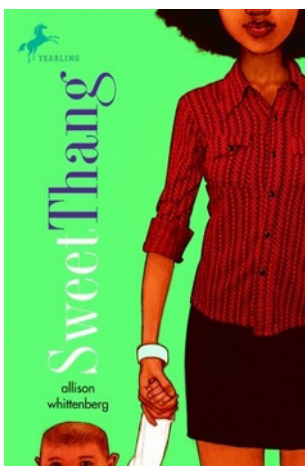
Lucio Leone

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Milan, 1914. The city runs to war.

In the most unlikely of alliances, anarchists and industrialists, irredentists and futurists, all are looking for a man who can move the balance in favor of interventionism. Benito Mussolini is the youngest director of a great political daily, has spent adventurous years preaching good socialism for the ears of workers and peasants, and now his own party hinders his ascent.

"The beginning of the end" is the story of a betrayal and its motivations, a picture of a moment that will mark a century.



SWEET THANG

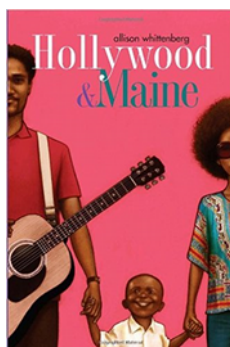
Allison Whittenberg

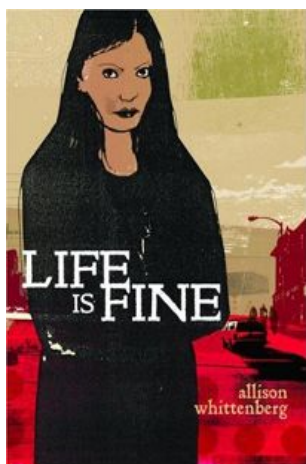
Delacorte Books for Young Readers (Penguin Random House), USA, 2009
Language: English

Allison Whittenberg is a Philadelphia native who has a global perspective. If she wasn't an author she'd be a private detective or a jazz singer. She loves reading about history and true crime. Her other novels include *Sweet Thang*, *Hollywood and Maine*, *Life is Fine*, *Tutored* and *The Sane Asylum*.

Growing up in Philadelphia in 1975, 14-year-old Charmaine Upshaw is obsessed with justice. Unfortunately, she gets none of it in her life: not from her parents, who make her share a room with her tap-dancing brother Leo; not at school, where light-skinned, Barbie-doll-haired Dinah Coverdale steals all the boys' attention and makes sure dark-skinned Charmaine knows it; and certainly not from Tracy John, her six-year-old cousin who's taken over the family. When Charmaine is charged with babysitting her spoiled cousin after school, that's the last straw—something's gotta give. And when Charmaine cracks, she starts to see the world in a whole new light. Can Charmaine learn to love herself, her mahogany skin, and her attention-starved little cousin? Sometimes when everything falls apart, putting it back together can help you see the truth.

Whittenberg has crafted a highly enjoyable tale
- Kirkus Reviews





LIFE IS FINE

Allison Whittenberg

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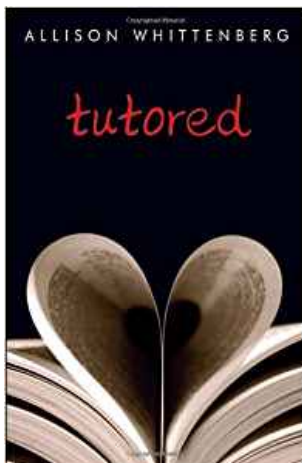
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Life is not fine for Samara Tuttle, but she's coping. Her overworked mother is distant and cold, and her mother's boyfriend, Q, attacks Samara when she tries to clean up after his lazy self. Samara's a loner. But all of this changes when Mr. Halbrook arrives at school.

Samara's English teacher takes ill, and in steps Mr. Jerome Halbrook, a suitwearing, blue-eyed African American man who uses Marvell's "To His Coy Mistress" to inspire a spirited discussion about poetry, love, and truth. Soon Samara is borrowing his collections of poetry, and then she can't stop thinking about Mr. Halbrook. Soon Samara is confiding in him about her less-than-fine past, and dreaming of a different future. But when Mr. Halbrook disappears – and it appears that he may not be all that he seemed – will she be able to picture a future without him?

Samara's voice is sharp and convincing
- Publisher's Weekly

Nominated for Carolyn W. Field Award in 2009



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TUTORED

Allison Whittenberg

Delacorte Books for Young Readers (Penguin Random House), USA, 2010
Language: English

Great look at reverse prejudice with a twist of romance

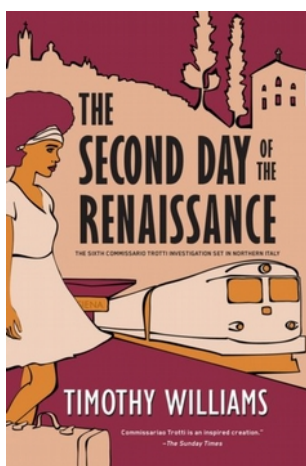
Wendy Anderson and Hakiam Powell are at opposite ends of the spectrum—the social spectrum, the financial spectrum, the opportunity spectrum, you name it. Wendy lives in an all-white suburb of Philadelphia, where she's always felt like the only chip in the cookie. Her dad, who fought his way out of the ghetto, doesn't want her mingling with "those people." In fact, all Wendy's life, her father has told her how terrible "those people" are. He even objects to Wendy's plan to attend a historically black college. But Wendy feels that her race is more than just the color of her skin, and she takes a job tutoring at an inner-city community center to get a more diverse perspective on life.

Hakiam has never lived in one place for more than a couple of years. When he aged out of foster care in Ohio, he hopped a bus to Philly to start over, but now he's broke, stuck taking care of his cousin's premature baby for no pay, and finding it harder than ever to stay out of trouble. When he meets Wendy at the tutoring center, he thinks she's an uppity snob—she can't possibly understand his life. But as he gets to know her better, he sees a softer side. And eventually—much to the chagrin of Wendy's father and Hakiam's cousin—they begin a rocky, but ultimately enlightening, romance.

This edgy story about a star-crossed couple features strong African American characters and sparkles with smart, quirky dialogue and fresh observations on social pressures and prejudice.

How would you write Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet today, including cultural characteristics and social complexities? Just to add a little edge try changing the setting to Philadelphia, PA instead of Verona, Italy.

- Stephanie, on Goodreads



Timothy Williams

is a bilingual author born in East London in 1946. He lived in France, Italy and Romania, where he worked for the British Council. Former High School English teacher in Pointe à Pitre (Guadeloupe, France), now retired, he loves travelling in Italy and Kenya.

Listed amongst the
10 best modern
European crime writers
by The Observer

CWA Crime Writers
Association
Grand Master Award

Previous Trotti titles
published in 8 countries

THE SECOND DAY OF THE RENAISSANCE (Trotti Series #6)

Timothy Williams

Soho Press, USA, May 2017
Language: English

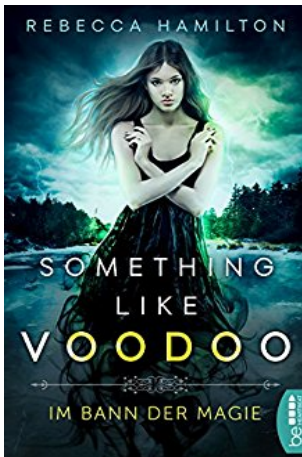
Twenty years after BIG ITALY (Gollancz, UK, 1996), a new investigation for Commissario Piero Trotti and a brand-new novel.

Recently retired, Trotti travels to Rome for the marriage of an ex colleague, Pisanelli. Trotti stops in Florence and buys a hot coffee for a black American girl who is cold and shivering in the street. She too is going to Rome; she tells him she is looking for her Italian father.

Together they travel to Siena, but Trotti loses her when he meets an old Carabinieri friend who informs him that a Sicilian killer is looking for him. The killer considers Trotti responsible for his brother's death. Trotti learns that the same killer has been accused of the murder of Gracchi, whom Trotti had put in jail fifteen years earlier at the time of a child kidnapping in his northern Italian city. Trotti learns that Gracchi was murdered in Sicily several years earlier, possibly by the Mafia killer or perhaps by his ex-wife Lia Guerra. Trotti realises that Gracchi is the father of the American girl.

In Rome he stays in a hotel, then accompanied by Pisanelli visits Gracchi's ex-wife. While he is talking to Lia Guerra - whom Trotti has met on several occasions in earlier investigations - armed policemen break into the house and arrest him. They take him to the hotel where the American girl is lying on his bed, stabbed to death. Trotti collapses and is taken to a military hospital. An ex-colleague helps him escape from the hospital and drives him to Pisanelli's wedding on Lake Bracciano. Again Trotti is arrested, but this time his escape is assisted by a Carabinieri. Trotti drives to Siena where he discovers nobody knows anything about that Carabinieri.

Trotti realises he has been lied to; he drives to Bologna to stay with his daughter and waits for things to calm down. At his daughter's house he is kidnapped by the Mafia killer. Once Trotti has been rescued by the Carabinieri, he realises that he has been used as a decoy by the Carabinieri, who wish to capture the Mafia killer. The girl is not Gracchi's daughter, she is alive and well. Trotti meets her in the Trastevere.



SOMETHING LIKE VODOO

Rebecca Hamilton

Rights sold: **GER, ENG World** (Bastei Luebbe, GER)

Publication: 2016 (German); 2017 (English)

Rebecca Hamilton

is an author who dabbles in Fantasy, Horror and Literary Fiction. She lives in Florida with her husband and four kids. She enjoys dancing with her kids to television show theme songs and would love the beach if it weren't for the sand. Having a child diagnosed with autism has inspired her to illuminate the world through the eyes of characters who see things differently.

RECENT NEWS:

The audiobooks for the first two titles in the Shadow of Salem series, co-written with Jasmine Walt, have been published by Tantor Audio (USA).

Fantasy series "The Forever Girl" by Rebecca Hamilton was published in the USA, Germany, Hungary, and optioned for film.

USA Today and New York Times Bestselling Author

Emily, the liar. Emily, the girl who gets visions of people before they die. Emily, the only one who can put an end to the ancient voodoo curse that has afflicted Noah Caldwell's family since the Salem Witch Trials. But with no one to trust her and her visions promising the death of everyone she loves, how will she ever overcome the Voodoo Queen responsible?

Romantically charged and eerily chilling, Something Like Voodoo weighs the choice of saving your life versus fighting for a life worth saving. This paranormal romance will put a spell on you.

A teen girl with the ability to 'see' people before they die shouldn't need to lie constantly to make life sound interesting, but that doesn't stop Emily from spinning stories faster than she can keep up.

After transferring to a new school, Emily's 'dull' life is shaken to the core by the appearance of Noah, a boy not rattled by her tall tales and with secrets of his own. A too-handsome-for-his-own-good senior, Noah needs Emily's special gifts to save him from Sarah, queen bee of the school's 'It Girls', whose own supernatural abilities force Noah into a life of silence and solitude. But when Emily tries to free him, things go awry, and she ends up on Sarah's hit list herself.

Now, new friends and makeup tests are the least of Emily's problems, and in order to keep Emily alive, Noah must suffer under Sarah's spell. But as their feelings for each other grow, Emily and Noah find themselves on a collision course with Sarah and the 'It Girls' that will lead not only to the fight of their lives for a chance at romance, but also to a shocking revelation that will tie the teenagers together in ways Emily never imagined.



Marie Long is a novelist who enjoys the snowy weather, the mountains, and a cup of hot white chocolate. She's an avid supporter of literacy movements like We Need Diverse Books (WNDB) and National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo).

2016 "I heart Indie" Award

2016 Maggie Award for Excellence

SCARRED

(Anderson Brothers book #1)

Marie Long

Published on Amazon

Sometimes, love comes with a price...

The past is always gonna try and bring you down, but you gotta fight. Fight hard for what you love. Fight to win is what twenty-two-year-old Dominick Anderson believes, but his life is a struggle. Growing up with an abusive father has made Dominick slow to love and trust, and he relies on his brother Kevin to keep him on a straight path.

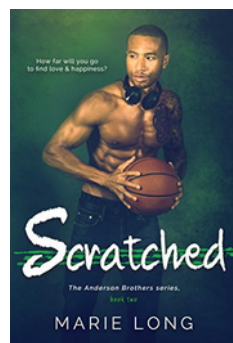
Dominick fights his demons every day, every night. Now a sophomore at the University of Washington and working a steady job at a mechanic's shop, Dominick wants to create a better life and find the future his father never wanted him to have.

Dominick suppresses his identity and feelings until he meets Denise Ramsey. Smart, stunningly gorgeous, and sharing his love for motorcycles, Denise is everything Dominick longs for in a girl but knows he can never have. When a past love threatens her life and brings out Dominick's suppressed dark side, he must decide if she's worth the risk.

(Contains adult content 18+)

"Dom and Denise will make you believe in happily ever after. Dominick is definitely book boyfriend material."

– Marie Hall, NYT and USA Today bestselling author of A MOMENT



SCRATCHED

(Anderson Brothers book #2)

SCORNE

(Anderson Brothers book #3)



SUMMONED

(Summoned Series book #1)

Rainy Kaye

Rights sold: **GER, ENG World** (Bastei Lübbe, GER)
Publication: 2016

A modern-day genie, who uses his wits to fulfill wishes, fights against the bond enslaving his family. But the next wish will destroy him.

Rainy Kaye

is an aspiring overlord. In the mean time, she blogs at *RainyoftheDark.Com*, edits for amazing authors, and writes paranormal novels all from her lair somewhere in Phoenix, Arizona. When not plotting world domination, she enjoys getting lost around the globe, studying music so she can sing along with symphonic metal bands, and becoming distracted by Twitter.

Twenty-three year old Dimitri has to do what he is told - literally. Controlled by a paranormal bond, he is forced to use his wits to fulfill unlimited deadly wishes made by multimillionaire Karl Walker. Dimitri has no idea how his family line became trapped in the genie bond. He just knows resisting has never ended well.

When he meets Syd - assertive, sexy, intelligent Syd - he becomes determined to make her his own. Except Karl has ensured Dimitri can't tell anyone about the bond, and Syd isn't the type to tolerate secrets.

Then Karl starts sending him away on back-to-back wishes. Unable to balance love and lies, Dimitri sets out to uncover Karl's ultimate plan and put it to an end. But doing so forces him to confront the one wish he never saw coming - the wish that will destroy him.

A dark twist on genie folklore, SUMMONED follows a reluctant criminal as he unravels the mystery of the paranormal bond controlling him.



STIFLED

(Summoned Series book #2)

Rights sold: **GER, ENG World** (Bastei Lübbe, GER)
Publication: 2016

Dimitri would like nothing more than to live a low-key life in Naples, Italy. His girlfriend, Syd, has other plans.



Carole Lanham

lives in the St. Louis area with her family and a large collection of aprons.

Pulitzer Prize nominated author Thomas Sullivan has said of her work: "You will find enchantment, disturbing undertones, wry humor, romantic eroticism, intrigue, suspense, and sheer escapism in all of Lanham's work. Aberrations abound, but they are told with such convincing nonchalance that you simply have to believe them. You fall in love with the characters, and your hopes rise for their quests to succeed even as they descend into consensual madness or impossible dreams or a struggle to survive. Whether they survive and how they survive if they do...well, that's as unpredictable as a coin flip."

USA Today
Bestselling Author

THE READING LESSONS

Carole Lanham

ENG rights now available.

Rights sold: **NOR** (Cappelen Damm, 2015), **ITA** (De Agostini, 2015).

Mississippi 1920: nine year old servant, Hadley Crump, finds himself drawn into a secret world when he is invited to join wealthy Lucinda Browning's dirty book club. No one suspects that the bi-racial son of the cook is anything more to Lucinda than a charitable obligation, but behind closed doors, she doth teach the torches to burn bright.

What begins as a breathless investigation into the more juicy parts of literature quickly becomes a consuming and life-long habit for two people who would not otherwise be left alone together. As lynchings erupt across the South and the serving staff is slowly cut to make way for new mechanical household conveniences, Hadley begins to understand how dangerous and precarious his situation is.

'The Reading Lessons' follows the lives of two people born into a world that is unforgiving as a Hangman's knot. Divided by skin color and joined by books, Hadley and Lucinda are forced to come together in the only place that will allow it, a land of printed words and dark secrets.



ANATOMY OF THE LOVING HEART (Anatomia di un cuore innamorato)

Sara Mengo

Rights: **ITA** (Piemme)

Grey's Anatomy meets The Devil wears Prada

Sara Mengo

was born in 1986 near Venice and as a child she dreamed of becoming a doctor. Now in her final year of medicine at the University of Trieste, she is addicted to medical series on television.

Her favorite novel is *The Count of Monte Cristo*. A hopeless romantic, she loves books and movies. She will go for a run along the waterfront at sunset and then set down her thoughts on paper.

Celeste is twenty-seven years old and a medical student. Graduation is not far, but some (huge!) obstacles are placed on her way! First of all, she hopes to fall in love, to find the perfect man, to live a love story, one of those which take your breath away.

Sadly, the men she finds are not perfect.

But finally, her ideal man seems to have found a name: Giorgio Ferranti. He is thirty-five and a clinician. A sort of gentleman

coming from another time, but depending on the moment also an inveterate seducer, and well, also unfortunately indifferent to the feelings of other people. Actually, he seems suffer from a curious form of bipolarity.

Her love affair with Giorgio, the unhealthy infatuation for the charismatic voice of the Cardiology Professor, the 50 years old Head Physician Fabio Zaffiri, and her friendship with four classmates – who are told they are "unfit to practise medicine" – bring Celeste to a brilliant romantic comedy, made of University lessons, unusual hangovers, getaways to Paris and confounding autopsies.

The happy ending is waiting for her, but - as always happens - it will be different from what she was expecting.

«For all those
who want to relive
the atmosphere
of the early episodes of
Grey's Anatomy»

DONNA MODERNA

**“GREY'S ANATOMY”
MEETS
“THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA”**

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TAKEN BY THE BEAST (The Conduit Series Book #1)

Rebecca Hamilton & Conner Kressley

Published on Amazon

A Sexy Beauty and the Beast spin-off

When Charisse Bellamy takes the job at New Haven's first ever Night Club, it's only intended as a short term solution to make ends meet. But she soon discovers there is no resisting the pull of her new boss, Abram. Despite worrying how her feelings for Abram will impact her budding relationship with police deputy Dalton, she can't seem to stay away, and it's not until a missing girl is found chained up in Abram's home that this beauty realizes one of her romantic interests is a beast.

REBECCA HAMILTON

is a NY Times and USA Today Bestselling author who dabbles in Fantasy, Horror and Literary Fiction. She lives in Florida with her husband and four kids. She enjoys dancing with her kids to television show theme songs and would love the beach if it weren't for the sand. Having a child diagnosed with autism has inspired her to illuminate the world through the eyes of characters who see things differently.

CONNER KRESSLEY is a USA Today Bestselling author who writes paranormal and dystopian novels for adults and teenagers alike. When he's not writing, he can be found in the back roads of Georgia with his fiancé, where he enjoys baseball (watching not doing), golf (doing not watching), and trying (and failing) to convince his fiancé that they need a dog.

**“Taken by the Beast is full of twists, suspense,
and an engaging love story”**
Amazon review

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