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**A DAY WITH MY MOTHER**

**A Fabulous Day!**

**Riccardo Francaviglia**

**Margherita Sgarlata**

22 x 22 cm – hardcover

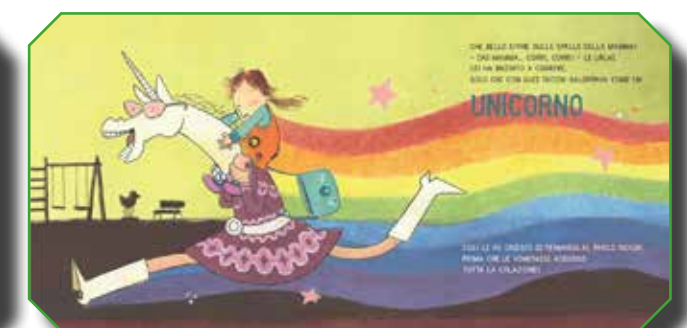
36 color pages

March 2020

€ 12,00

Matilda and her mom will go out together today, who knows what they will do – it will certainly be a special experience, indeed, it will be a fabulous day!

A funny story where, page after page, Matilda's mother will turn into a fairy being, imitating its verses, ways of doing, and characteristics. But no matter which imaginative protagonist of the fairy tales she looks like, she will always remain the best mom in the world.







**AGES 3-6**

**A DAY WITH MY FATHER**

**A Beastly Day!**

**Riccardo Francaviglia**

**Margherita Sgarlata**

22 x 22 cm – hardcover

36 color pages

March 2020

€ 12,00

Giorgio and his dad will spend time together; a whole day for them will be unforgettable, indeed, it will be a beastly day!

A funny story where, page after page, Giorgio's dad will turn into a different animal, imitating its verses, ways of doing, its characteristics. But no matter what animal he looks like, he will always remain the best dad in the world.





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## UNFORESEEN

**Nadia Barisan**  
**Sara Forni**

22 x 22 cm – hardcover  
40 color pages  
March 2020  
€ 12,00



Adele is a shy girl and prefers to play with her doll instead of her neighbor Luca. To make himself noticed, he continually spites her. One afternoon, after yet another fight, Adele hopes that Luca will no longer be able to leave the house, thus hoping to be finally left in peace. But a strange accident will make her change her mind.







AGES 5-7

## THE BIGGEST KID OF THE WEST

**Riccardo Francaviglia**

**Margherita Sgarlata**

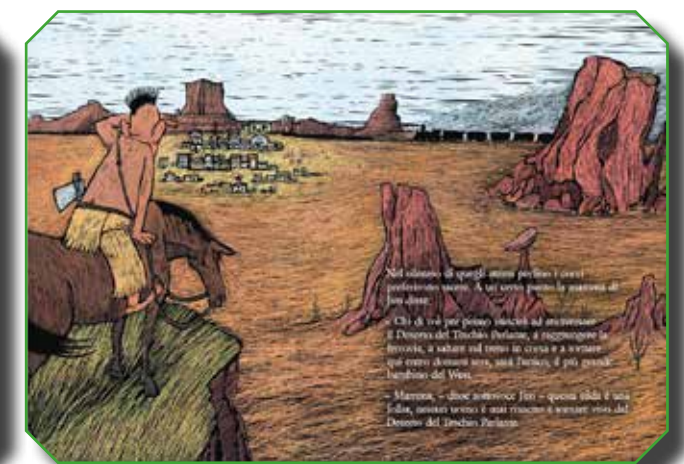
15 x 21,7 cm – hardcover + CD

56 color pages

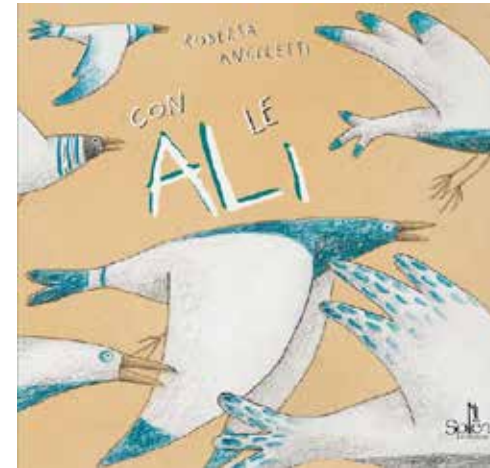
November 2018

€ 18,00

Ever since his birth, Jim's mother knew that he was a special child. In fact, in a very short time he proved to be better than all the other children, excelled in all he did, and for this reason was considered the biggest kid of the West and became Sheriff of Bigcity. But kids shouldn't grow too fast, and during a challenge Jim rediscovers the beauty of being kids and playing. In the CD, Riccardo Francaviglia reads the story, and there are also seven western songs composed and played by Laura Francaviglia.







**AGES 6-8**

## WHIT WINGS

**Roberta Angeletti**

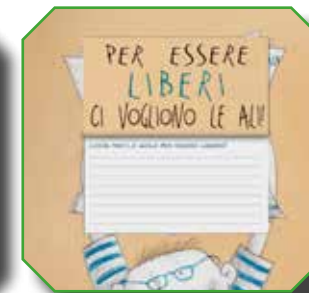
24 x 22 cm – hardcover with internal flaps

36 color pages

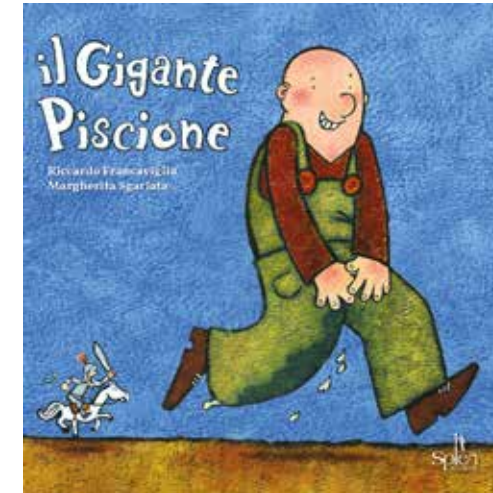
October 2018

€ 17,00

Growing wings and flying away is a dream as ancient as the world. It is the most accomplished image of freedom, the best understood, the one best suited to our desire to be free! This book proposes a path of reflection on the subject of freedom. By talking, a thousand questions are coming out. And the answers that children give try to reveal the meaning of their discoveries, the same ones that accompany them in their growth and the conquest of independence... and freedom!







AGES 4-6

## THE PIPI GIANT

**Riccardo Francaviglia**

**Margherita Sgarlata**

22 x 22 cm – hardcover

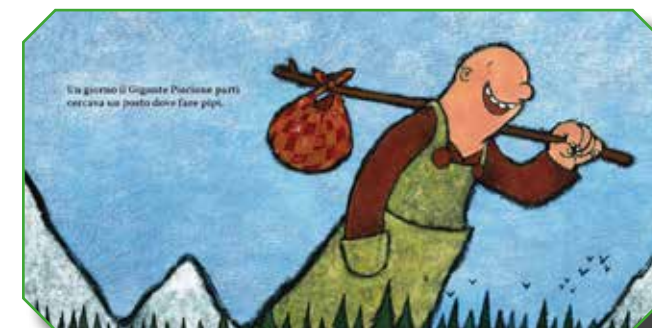
36 color pages

March 2018

€ 12,00

“One day the Pipi Giant left in the sun, he was looking for a place to go do number one...” a mile-long urgency that is the cause of much trouble and humiliation for a poor giant. On his journey he meets knights, sovereigns, princesses ready to ask for his help, but equally ready to insult him when they find themselves immersed in a strange lake of yellowish color. But it's just his pee that eventually transforms the giant into a hero!

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# GIOVANNUZZA OR THE CLEVER FOX

**Giuseppe Pitre**

**Angelo Licciardello**

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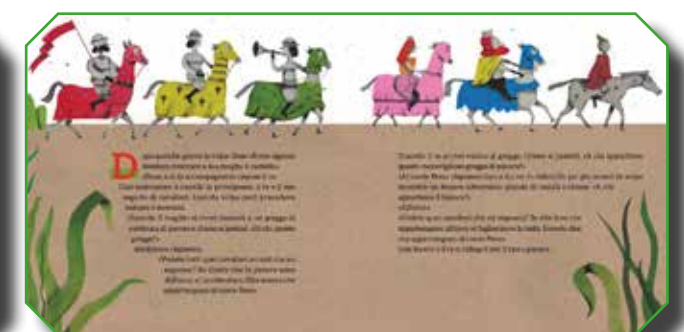
36 color pages

January 2018

€ 12,00

A clever fox, a young man pretending to be an Earl, a king and a beautiful princess are the characters of this old tale, a redrafted version of the folk tale Puss in Boots.

Puss in boots is one of the most famous folk tales but few people know that the story not always has a cat as a main character! In an ancient folk version, the main character is a fox. This is the case of Fox Giovannuzza or the Clever Fox, passed down by two great passionate researchers of folk studies: Giuseppe Pitre and Laura Gonzenbach.





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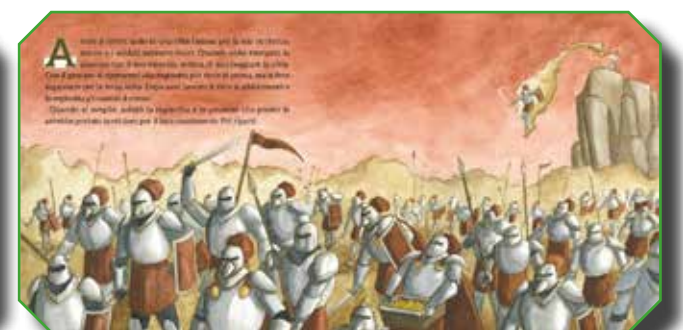
## THE PRINCESS WITH THE HORN



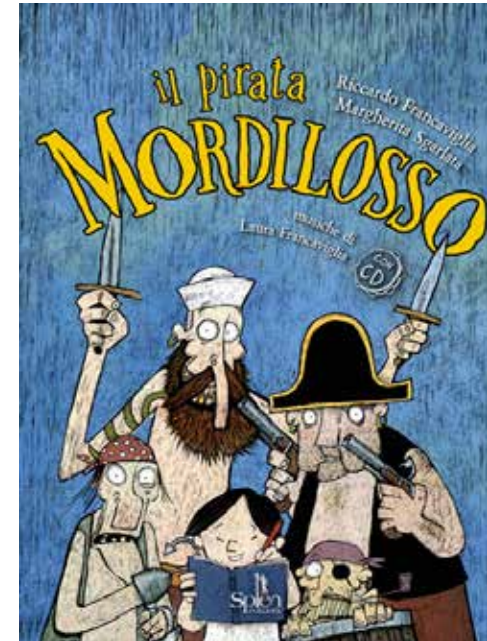
**Giuseppe Pitre**  
**Carmelo Petronio**  
 22 x 22 cm – hardcover  
 36 color pages  
 January 2018  
 € 12,00

A young man in love, a spoiled princess, and one, two, actually no three precious secrets to keep! This is a little known, funny tale, from our folk literary Italian tradition.

The Princess with the Horns is a very old folk tale, that it is believed to date back to the Fifteenth century. Throughout the centuries, having been passed on orally to one generation to the other like the game of the wireless phone, it has slightly changed, because whoever told it either added something to the narration or removed something from it. It is thanks to the work of two great passionate researchers of folk studies – Giuseppe Pitre and Laura Gonzenbach – that this tale hasn't been lost and has arrived to us.







AGES 4-7

## CAPTAIN MORDILOSS

**Riccardo Francaviglia****Margherita Sgarlata**

21 x 29 cm – hardcover + CD

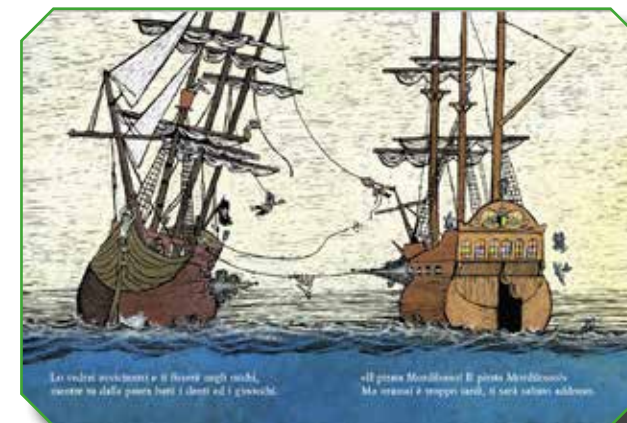
40 color pages

November 2016

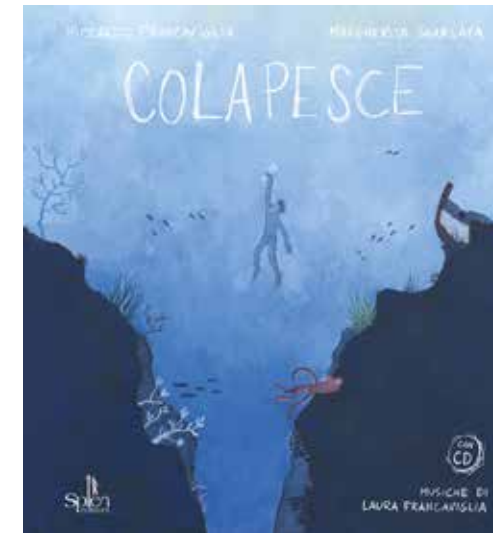
€ 17,00

Little Toni decided to spend a day with his dad and write an essay to bring to class: "What daddy does at work". But his father is a pirate, the dreaded Mordilloso! A dad, however, is always a dad and along with his crew will find the way to not look bad in front of his son and the teacher. A fun adventure to read, listen and sing. In the CD, Riccardo Francaviglia reads the story, and there are also six pirate songs composed and played by Laura Francaviglia.

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Spanish (all the world)







**AGES 6-9**

**NICKFISH**

**Riccardo Francaviglia**

**Margherita Sgarlata**

26 x 24 cm – haedcover + CD

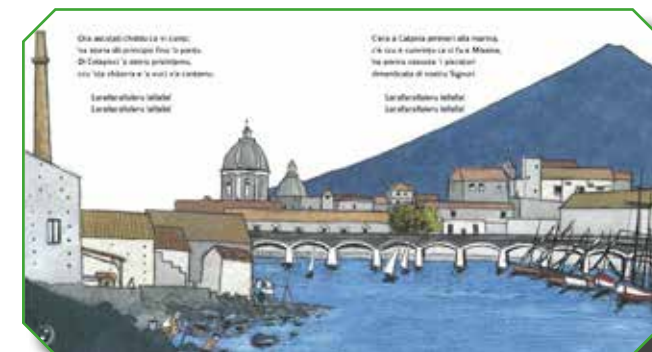
48 color pages

November 2015

€ 17,00

The young Nickfish tells us of two worlds: one below and one above. One silent, magical, mysterious, the other loud, pompous, hectic. His pure gaze and his marvelous explorations are colored by poetry and melancholy; this is one of the most beautiful Mediterranean legends. A story rich of strong feelings, which covers the soul of the listener with a veil of salt .

In the CD, Riccardo Francaviglia's narrator voice is accompanied by six popular songs composed and played by Laura Francaviglia.







AGES 7-9

## THE BLUE EGG

**Anna Baccelliere**  
**Tiziana Zagami**

13,5 x 19 cm – paperback

160 color pages

February 2019

€ 12,00



A day like any other, the tranquility of Darkforest is seriously endangered by a strange blue egg that has come from who knows where. Nobody can imagine which mysterious animal will come out of it and everyone agrees in abandoning the little stranger to his fate.

All except the short-legged rabbit.

A story that teaches the value of hospitality and the gift of diversity.

diversity

hospitality

respect





AGES 8-10

## THE GIFT OF LADY B.

Cinzia Milite

Sara Fornì

13,5 x 19 cm – paperback

112 color pages

February 2018

€ 12,00

ISBN 978 88 99268 47 3



Lorenzo is a boy who loves to spend the Christmas holidays with his friends to make mischief. While having fun, he also neglects his grandmother, who only wants a little company. But this time, on the morning of January 6th, a magical event happens: something mysterious falls from the coat pocket of Lady B., an enigmatic elderly lady who lives in the same building as his grandmother...

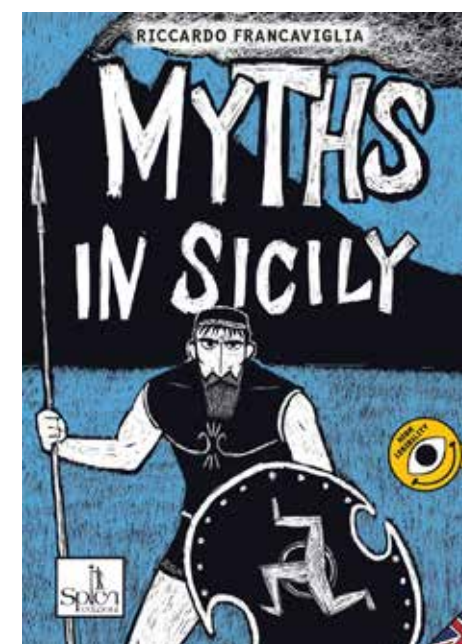
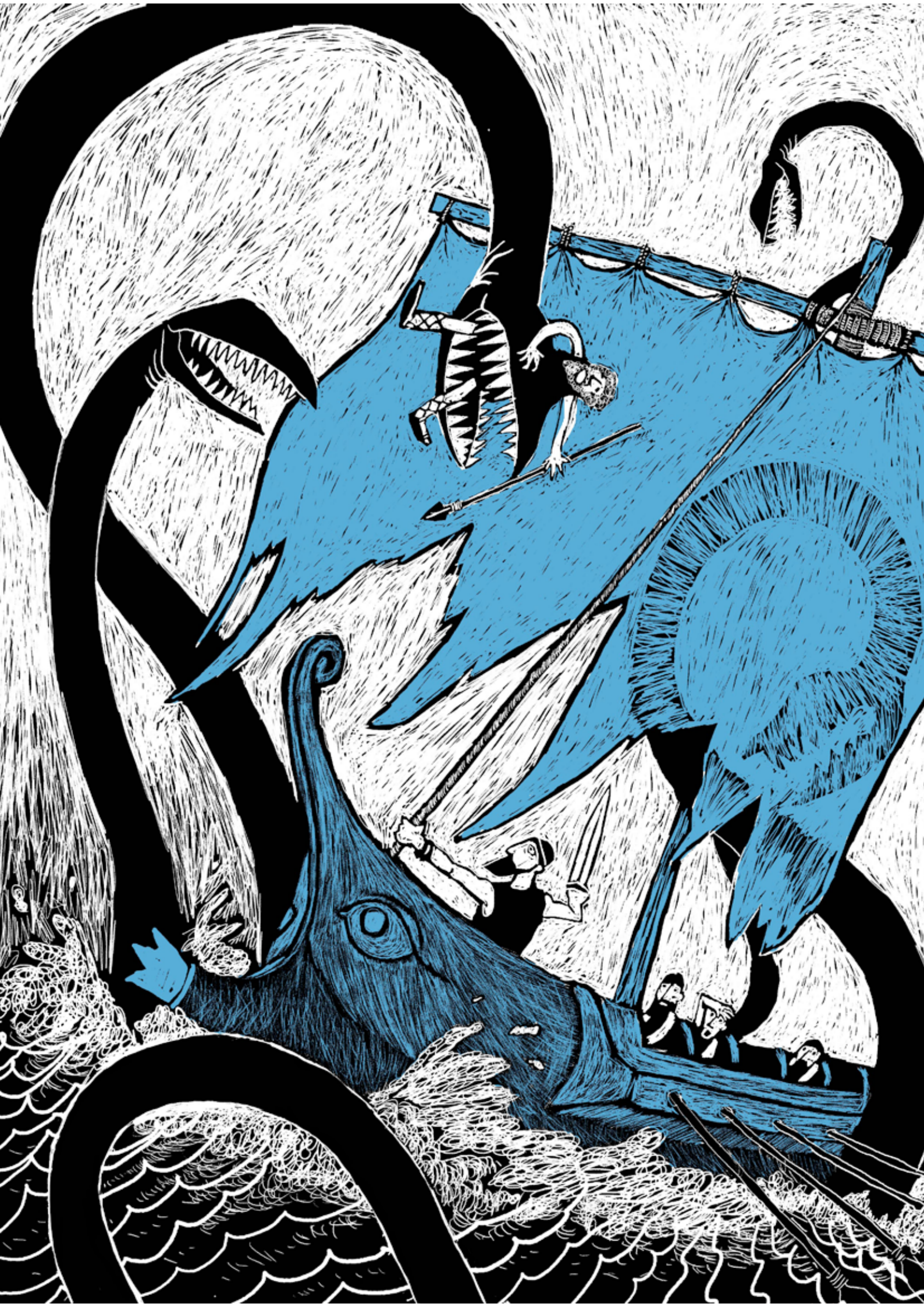
adventure

time value

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## MYTHS IN SICILY (VOL.1)

Riccardo Francaviglia

13,5 x 19 cm – paperback

96 pages in two colors

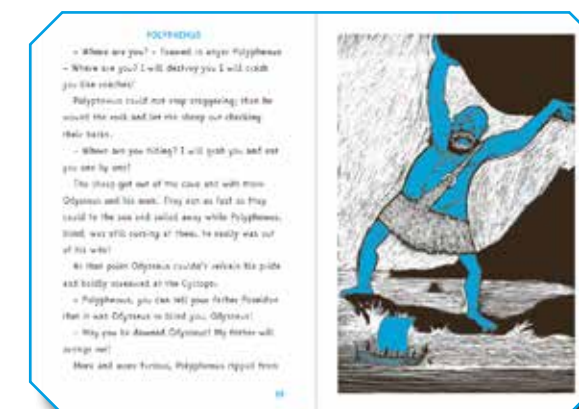
February 2015

€ 11,00

Just great adventures and true heroes can transform imagination into reality.

So the rocks thrown by Polyphemus turn into the "Faraglioni" of Acì Trezza, Acis the shepherd turns into a river that gives the name to nine towns at the foot of the volcano Etna, the legendary king Aeolus lives and rules over the Aeolian Islands and Orion is the founder of the city of Messina. The marvelous Sicily that keeps in check the giant Enceladus was a great source of inspiration for the ancient Greeks.

The monsters, the spoiled Gods, the Giants, the innocent shepherds, the Cyclops, the witches and the heroes that once inhabited it live again in this first compilation made by seven suggestive mythological stories.





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## MYTHS IN SICILY (VOL. 2)

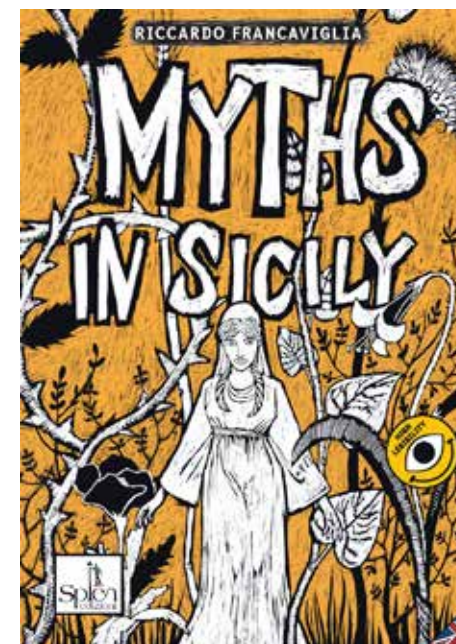
Riccardo Francaviglia

13,5 x 19 cm – paperback

96 pages in two colors

May 2015

€ 11,00



The adventures of daring heroes, spiteful gods, beautiful women and terrible monsters around the forests, lakes and cities of Sicily continue in this second volume.

We will descend in the netherworld in the company of Hades and beautiful Persephone, abducted while playing at the lake of Pergusa. The island of Ortigia becomes the setting of the infatuation of the god Alpheus for the nymph Arethusa.

We'll meet the mighty Heracles and his twelve labors. And what about mount Etna? It's right there that Hephaestus has his workshop. Lastly we'll fly over the island with the feathered and waxed wings of runaway Daedalus to arrive at the court of king Cocalus.






**AGES 11-16**

## JAMIL AND THE CLOUD

**Lina Maria Ugolini**
**Cover by Gianni De Conno**

15 x 21 cm – paperback

288 pages

February 2016

€ 16,00

“A white fear is different from a black fear. You can escape from black fear. From white fear no: white fear is crossed. It can be done when you have a dromedary and a friend.”

Set in Egypt, this novel for children draws inspiration from real and very current events in an era when the poverty of the innocent is still at the service of a power that generates wealth. Jamil tells us his story, among the waves of a sea of sand, of carpets, genies and flying dogs, of smiling moons, of night jasmine and secret friends. Because only with the strength of a world revealed by simple words, a slave child - forced to endure an unjust effort - can get the wings of freedom.


**AGES 14-18**

## FUAD OF BUTTERFLIES

**Lina Maria Ugolini**
**Cover by Gianni De Conno**

15 x 21 cm – paperback

272 pages

March 2017

€ 16,00

“The butterfly shook off the jasmine and went flying again. What was love? Was it a flower to rest on or was it the sky?”

Fuad has grown up but has never forgotten Jamil, lost in the sea of sands with his cloud of cotton, her mother never known, the attack commanded by “black men” when she was still a child. But butterflies guide its brave steps through the Whale Valley, the rivers of the Fertile Crescent, the Sinai Peninsula and Iraq.

Why? Where will the journey end?

Tolerance towards all religions and the delicate fragrance of femininity are some of the themes of this engaging adventure, suspended between fairy tales, poetry, truth and love... the strongest and most impalpable feeling





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**BLUE MORPHO (VOL.1)**  
**ONE HALF OF THE WORLD**  
**Laura Naselli**  
**Cover by Valentina Malgarise**  
15 x 21 cm – brossura con alette  
256 pages  
January 2019  
€ 16,00

Granterre is a territory that has survived some wars and is surrounded by an impassable and well protected wall that isolates it from the rest of the planet. Its beating heart is represented by the Palace where the Prime Minister, prey to his ghosts, lives together with pale and inconsistent figures: the notables.

The life of the people is apparently very orderly and harmonious but in reality, every action is monitored by the government; personal initiative is discouraged and even feelings are adequately “addressed”.

Venice is a sixteen-year-old girl, disharmonic in body and mind, who cannot integrate with the context in which she lives. Her existence suddenly changes when a series of events, apparently dependent on chance, lead her to the basement of Granterre, a parallel world in which she can bring out her potential.



**AGES 14-18**

**BLUE MORPHO (VOL. 2)**  
**THE OTHER HALF OF THE WORLD**  
**Laura Naselli**  
**Cover by Valentina Malgarise**  
15 x 21 cm – brossura con alette  
252 pages  
January 2020  
€ 16,00

The subsoil is invaded by fierce and bestial enemies while on the surface the Prime Minister, obsessed with his dangerous chemical experiments, governs without mercy or senses.

Venice, in spite of itself, must once again break the law and go through a dangerous passage to reach the other half of the world. No ordinary man has ever been allowed to cross the boundaries of her sector, but the events that await him are very different from the future she has imagined. The path and the choices she will take are destined to upset the fate of Granterre and its inhabitants in any case. But the brave “marked girl” with a shady character is not alone.





**AGES 11-16**

## THE ROSES OF JERICHO

**Barbara Mileto**

**Cover by Alfredo Guglielmino**

15 x 21 cm – paperback

104 pages

February 2017

€ 11,00

Salima, Rani, Amita, the twins Assad, Ajani, Bahati, Ayra are the little protagonists of this book. There are: the desert dancer who imagines a future beyond the sea, the boy who builds glass wings to escape the winged demon of war, the girl who lives in a kaleidoscope. And again, the twins of the same name with a star engraved on the chest, the miner who paints the world in blue, the king of chocolate who tastes it for the first time and the daughter of the moon with magical skin.

They live between Asia and Africa and their stories tell of a difficult childhood, very often unknown. Salima and the others, like the roses of Jericho, typical desert plants that have adapted to the most hostile conditions of life, have learned to protect themselves from an unfortunate destiny; they fall, roll, rise again, thanks to the great capacity that all children have: the ability to dream.



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