The 4th edition of the Book Adaptation Rights Market, which will take place within the context of the 76th Venice International Film Festival, confirms the increasing success of this initiative dedicated to publishers, as well as to producers.

The Venice Production Bridge team is proud to announce that, in 2019, we are welcoming more international publishers than last year and who will be pitching their new titles as well as to present their complete catalogues, as opposed to other events dedicated to publishing within the context of Film Festivals that focus on a single book or volume.

Producers will be offered a worldwide tour of 25 publishing companies coming from France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Italy, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, the UK and the USA. The uniqueness of this 3-day event consists not only in the organization of 1-to-1 meetings between the publishers and the producers, but also in enabling them to develop their network in a productive and welcoming setting.

With the Book Adaptation Rights Market, the Venice Production Bridge renews its vocation to foster the development and production of international and European projects across a wide range of audiovisual forms. We warmly welcome you to this 4th edition and hope that it will bring many beneficial encounters.

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COMPANY PROFILE

The Overlook Press, founded by Peter Mayer in 1971 and acquired by ABRAMS in 2018, continues its decades-long tradition of distinguished publishing as, now, the adult fiction imprint at ABRAMS. Overlook is the publisher of an eclectic list of titles, including the #1 New York Times bestseller True Grit by Charles Portis, acclaimed bestselling author Mark Helprin’s Paris in the Present Tense, and fantasy classic, the Gormenghast novels, by Mervyn Peake. The Overlook Press publishes bold and relevant literary fiction; exceptional literature in translation; selected mainstream fiction; a curated list of genre fiction, including mystery, thriller, and fantasy; and drama. For more than 60 years, ABRAMS has remained dedicated to a single objective—the practice of exceptional bookmaking. An artisanal publisher at heart, ABRAMS creates and distributes brilliantly designed, visually illustrated books with the highest production values in the adult, young adult, and children’s trade markets—covetable books, skillfully crafted with a strong editorial vision, each an object of art in its own right. ABRAMS is the publisher of the perennial #1 New York Times bestselling series Diary of a Wimpy Kid, which now has more than 150 million copies in print, as well as the recent New York Times bestsellers, The Good Neighbor and The Sopranos Sessions, from its text-based adult imprints.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

The Overlook Press has published many titles that are the basis for major films and television series, including:

- The classic epic gothic fantasy, currently being adapted for television by Fremantle US, Neil Gaiman, Akiva Goldsman, and Toby Whithouse.
- The Company by Robert Littell (2002). The sweeping history of the CIA during the Cold War, adapted for a limited television series by TNT and Scott Free, with Chris O’Donnell, Alfred Molina, and Michael Keaton.
- Legends by Robert Littell (2005). The acclaimed espionage thriller about an undercover FBI agent whose ability to disappear into his various identities, or “legends”, for each case leads him to question his sanity. Adapted for television by TNT, starring Sean Bean.
- Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2007). The sweeping historical novel and #1 bestseller in 14 countries inspired the 2017 film.
- A sweeping historical novel and #1 bestseller in Norway about 15-year-old Astrid Henke, desperate to escape her isolated village with its mystical church bells that ring on their own in times of danger. Rights sold in 12 countries.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FICTION

- Starling Days by Rowan Hisayo Buchanan (2020). On their first date, Mina told Oscar she was bisexual, vegetarian, and on meds. He married her anyhow. After Mina’s suicide attempt, they move to London, encountering new challenges in the form of a young woman named Phoebe. A compelling novel about love, mythology, mental illness, and the times we need to seek out milder psychological climates.
- The Bell in the Lake by Lars Mytting (2020). A sweeping historical novel and #1 bestseller in Norway about 19-year-old Astrid Henke, desperate to escape her isolated village with its mystical church bells that ring on their own in times of danger. Rights sold in 12 countries.
FRANCE

COMPANY PROFILE
Actes Sud is an independent literary Publishing House established in Arles, Provence for 40 years. It was founded by Hubert Nyssen and his wife Christine Le Boeuf. With a strong emphasis on literary fiction, Actes Sud has established a solid reputation in publishing foreign fiction but also with a graphic identity (with a very specific format of the book, its choice of paper and its illustrated covers). Over the years, Actes Sud has also spectacularly developed its French list, becoming a key player in French editorial landscape, managing to impose highly ambitious young writers such as Laurent Gaudé (Prix Goncourt 2004), Mathias Enard (Prix Décembre 2008, Prix du Livre Inter 2009, Prix Goncourt des Lycéens 2010) Jérôme Ferrari (Prix Goncourt 2012), Eric Vuillard (Prix Goncourt 2017), Nicolas Mathieu (Prix Goncourt 2018) just to name a few. In total, Actes Sud publishes about 500 titles a year, including French and foreign literature, fiction and non-fiction, theatre, art and photography books, children books, comics and graphic books. Being first to publish Stieg Larsson’s Millionnium trilogy (more than 4 million copies sold), the Actes Nairs series has also made a name for itself, becoming quite a successful crime fiction trademark.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
The Scortas by Laurent Gaudé (2004), Prix Goncourt 2004. The Scorta family are met by indifference and general opprobrium in the small town in southern Italy where they live. Yet despite these testing circumstances, the family finds pride in its roots and discovers happiness despite the abject poverty. 
The Sermon of the Fall of Rome by Jérôme Ferrari (2012), Prix Goncourt 2012. Ferrari’s masterpiece reads like a Corsican One Hundred Years of Solitude, covering a century of intimate history with a dazzling, skewering precision. 

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION
AT THE 76th VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Le Grand Nord-Ouest by Anne Marie Garat (2018). Late 1930s, on the road to Yukon and Alaska. An adventurer flees California with her daughter and, braving myriad dangers, strikes out in pursuit of her ghosts on the Amerindian trails of the wild north-west. 77 by Marcin Fouqué (2019). Since the beginning of term, the routine is always the same. He arrives at the bus stop early. But on this day the young narrator spends the entire day alone on the bench of the busshelter... Atmore Alabama by Alexandre Cívico (2019). On landing in Florida, he knows exactly where he will be going in his hire car: Atmore, a far-flung little town in deepest Alabama. He is clearly ravaged by an insurmountable grief and is impervious to any emotion but pain.

NON-FICTION
Le Genre intraitable by Nadia Tazi (2018). This work presents a thoroughly original perspective on the “unending crisis” in the Muslim world, analysing the political bankruptcy of Muslim countries in terms of a cult of virility. Agroecology – A potential savior by Marc Dufumier and Olivier Le Naire (2019). At the age of twenty-two when still a student of agroecology, Marc Dufumier learned a traditional form of agriculture that respects both people and the environment from a community of illiterate women in Madagascar. In this series of interviews with Olivier Le Naire, he provides a scientific and clear demonstration of why and how agroecology offers a concrete and realistic response to many problems of the modern world. Sauvés par la sieste by Brice Faraus (2019). The aim of this book is to help the general public understand how siestas work and the remarkable role they can play in overcoming the destructive effects on the brain and the body of a shortage of sleep like diabetes and cardiovascular disease - for a siesta is like a night’s sleep in miniature. Théorie de la bulle carrée by Sébastien Lapaque (2019). In November 2005, Sbastien Lapaque visited Anselme Selosse. He was struck by the mysterious images and the original metaphors that the winemaker used when describing his wine. Since taking over the Jacques-Selosse family vineyard in 1980, the winemaker has changed our perception of champagne, both in France and around the world.

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COMPANY PROFILE

Founded in 1977, Andrew Nurnberg Associates represents a distinguished list of authors from around the world in the fields of literary and commercial fiction and general non-fiction, as well as children’s and YA authors.


The agency is distinctly international in its focus and among our authors are winners of several major prizes, including the International Prize for Arabic Fiction, the Sapir Prize, the Man Asian Literary Prize, the French Goncourt and the Nobel Peace Prize.

Based in London, in 1993 we opened our first overseas office in Moscow, and three years later opened offices in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia and Poland. Our Beijing office opened in 2002, followed by Taipei in 2003 and finally Istanbul in 2015, when we formed a collaboration with AnatoliaLit.

Michael Dean joined Andrew Nurnberg Associates in 2016. He is responsible for the sale of film and television rights as well as finding new authors and handling prints rights for many of the agency’s existing clients.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS


The Beach by Alex Garland (1997). Alex’s debut novel was adapted for film by Danny Boyle, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.


The Power Trip by Jackie Collins (2012). Jackie Collins has sold more than 500 million copies in over 40 countries.


La ragazza nella nebbia (The Girl in the Fog) by Donato Carrisi (2015). The Italian master of the unsettling thriller.

Zero K by Don DeLillo (2016). The latest title from one of America’s most perceptive observers of modern society.

Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmed Saadawi (2018). Shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize and sold in over 20 languages; winner of the Kitschies Golden Tentacle for debut of the year.

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FICTION

Così giocano le bestie giovani (This Is How Young Beasts Play) by Davide Longo (2018). Gripping Italian noir as Corso Bramard uncovers a long-buried political conspiracy. ‘Direct, believable, as sincere as its conflicted characters’ (Tuttlibri).

Sixty Kilos of Sunshine by Hallgrimur Helgason (2019). Winner of the 2019 Icelandic Literary Prize. The story of Iceland’s path to modernity through the life of a young boy, whose trials and adventures mirror those of a new nation. ‘A social and psychological melting pot that churns and crackles, like a fjord full of herring. The book is a masterpiece’ (Fréttablaðið).

The Alibi Girl by CJ Skuse (2019). Scintillating thriller from the author of the acclaimed Sweetpea series (under option). Joanne Haynes has a secret: that is not her real name. Nor is she any of the other women she pretends to be. But someone has got too close, and it looks like her alibiis have begun to run out...

The Shadow Bird by Ann Gosselin (2020). A gripping thriller in which a psychiatrist must overcome her troubled past to free a patient locked up for a brutal murder.

The Unadoptables by Hana Tooke (2020). Middle-grade Gothic adventure set in a Dutch orphanage in the 19th Century. World English rights pre-empted by Puffin; further pre-empts in France, Hungary, Italy, Norway, and Spain and sold at auction in Germany. ‘With the spooky gothic magic of A Series of Unfortunate Events, this joyful romp of an adventure is sure to delight fans of Rooftoppers and Nevermoor’ (Puffin).

NON-FICTION


The Beekeeper of Sinjar by Dunya Mikhail (2018). The harrowing stories of women from across Iraq who managed to escape the clutches of ISIS with the help of a local beekeeper. ‘Rare and powerful [...] a searing portrait of courage, humanity and savagery’ (The New York Times).

Critical by Matt Morgan (2019). An intelligent, compelling and profoundly insightful journey into the world of intensive care medicine and the lives of people who have been forever changed by it. ‘A very special book filled with stories of survival, hope and loss’ (Adam Kay).

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FICTION

L’enfant de poussières (Child of Dust) by Patrick K. Dewdney (2018). Will a young orphan spy take the lead of a medieval country destroyed by wars and political conflicts?

Feel Good by Thomas Gunzig (2019). When Alice takes the crazy decision to kidnap a baby, she wasn’t expected that nobody will reclaim this baby girl… novel in abyss, with black humor and fatalism. Alternating hilarious passages on the literary phenomenon of the moment and lucid description of his time, Gunzig manages, with great intelligence, to brush the social misery for our time.

Né d’aucune femme (Born of No Women) by Franck Bouysse (2019, edited by La Manufacture de livres). A 14 years-old girl is sold as a slave by her misery father to a rich depraved man who lives with his old mother and his sick wife. Rose, abused, is interned in an asylum where she writes a diary. Twenty years later, a priest finds Rose’s diary and will try to find the protagonists and maybe to find Rose.

Simili Love by Antoine Jaquier (2019). 2040, Foogle declares the “big transparency” and open to the public all personal datas...

Terres Fauves by Patrice Gain (2019). Hostile territories of the Pacific Northwest and struggle for survival into a very wild nature. Pageturner guaranteed!

NON-FICTION

Crepuscule (Twilight) by Juan Branco (2019). An original investigation, disclosing and denouncing a major democratic scandal at the head of French government.

COMPANY PROFILE

Au diable vauvert is an independent publishing house, founded in October 2000 in Vauvert, Occitanie, by its actual managing director and editor Marion Mazauric. With authors such as David Foster Wallace, William Gibson, Neil Gaiman, Jeff Vandermeer, Irvine Welsh, Paolo Bacigalupi, and their French counterparts, Au diable vauvert publishes voices of our time. Most of our books are adapted into movies and our writers are famous for their cinematographic approach to storytelling, just like Thomas Gunzig, an award winning Belgian author, who was nominated for the Césars and the Golden Globes for his screenplay The Brand New Testament.

Our current book-to-film projects includes the adaptation of a music road trip, the story of a modern mythical quest about the vintage guitar the Gibson Modern and the adaptation of the international bestseller The Reader of the 6.27 by Atlas Entertainment.

Urban but organic-committed house, hyperconnected but located far away from Paris, in the South of France, between vineyards, Au diable vauvert releases less than 25 books a year, including French and foreign fiction, documentaries, albums, history, young adults, poetry. In 2020, the company will celebrates 20 years of publications.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Le Liseur du 6h27 (The Reader of the 6.27) by Jean-Paul Didierlaurent (2014). An original and feel-good debut novel, which renders a generous reflection on human relationships and an ode to simple life, love and literature. In a color evoking the cinema of Jean-Pierre Jeunet or Jean Meckert’s working-class plume, Jean-Paul Didierlaurent has written a debut novel that reveals the world of a remarkable writer, full of warmth and poetry, in which the most insignificant characters are crazy and extraordinary in their humanity, and literature the remedy to daily monotony.

Vintage by Grégoire Hervier (2016). A praise to the former years of rock’n roll and pop cultures! A young guitarist, passionately fond of instruments and an oddjobber at a reputable shop, is instructed to deliver an antique guitar to an eccentric British collector. Once there, in a manor beside the Loch Ness, he takes on the extraordinary mission to find the prototype of a mysterious and cursed guitar, the legendary Modern, assuming it ever actually existed. Five years of research and amazing erudition have conjured up a novel in vintage vein with a nod at the Phantom of the Opera as well as an incredible reverie to the beat of the American road movie; the artistic and technical origins of blues, rock’n’roll, heavy metal, and their guitars.
COMPANY PROFILE
For fifteen years, blue ocean press has contributed to the literary world by providing its readers with works that allow its authors to express themselves freely.
We are particularly focused on providing literature to producers of visual entertainment media for adaptation. Participation in the cinema industry is one of our most cherished endeavors. We feel that good literature is essential to the development of quality films, documentaries, television series, and games.
We specialize in literary works for adaptation: film, documentary, television, theater, animation, games, and VR. As such, we have a full creative team on-hand to make the acquisitions of our titles a smooth experience. We try to map out a possible road to greenlighting a project and other professional services to assist in bringing the project to the acquisitions of our titles. Participation in the cinema industry is one of our most cherished endeavors. We feel that good literature is essential to the development of quality films, documentaries, television series, and games.
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PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Computing Reality by M.A. Choudhury and M.S. Hossain (2007). The emotional intelligence of the developers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology will determine if AI is a benefit or harm to humanity.
Green Pearl Odyssey by Reilly Ridgell (2008). A former Peace Corps Volunteer kills a mobster’s son in revenge for the murder of his wife and brother, then escapes to the South Pacific to avoid the mobster’s hired killers.
Obi: Seminole Maroon Freedom Fighter by Martha R. Bireda (2014). The daring escape of a group of teenagers from a plantation in South Carolina who find refuge among the Seminoles of Florida. One among the group becomes a leader and the founder of a new town. Peace only lasts so long, and eventually the entire community is drawn into the Second Seminole War.
The Incomplete Sorcerer by Brian Ardell (2017). A young, untrained magician desperately tries to save his love and the realm by defeating an evil master sorcerer, all while using a spell book missing the most important parts of each spell.
The Womb Rebellion by P.W. Long (2017). Based on true historical accounts, young Ruby leads a community of enslaved women in fomenting a “Womb Rebellion” against a system in which women are exploited as producers and reproducers.
The Marvelous Mister Moon by Christine Ramondetta (2018). Discover the deep magic of a child’s dream in this bedtime story of enchanted butterflies, the moon, and the night sky.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76th VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Memoir of a Time Yet to Come by Wm Kane (2012). Aaron copes with his dramatic metamorphosis from a typical young urban professional to a Soul Eater, the fierce and vicious immortals created by God to defend Heaven from the forces of Satan. Soul Eaters are answerable to noone, not even the God who created them.
Last Things by Wm Kane (2013). With all of Creation on the verge of certain annihilation, the fate of humankind rests on the success of a small team of Adept’s who have been recruited by the ultra secret PsyOps for a desperate mission to hold back the Forces of Darkness.
The Last Pharaoh by Wm Kane (2018). While attending his morning briefing, the President receives an urgent call from the moonbase. An object has been found, one with a stunning similarity to the Great Pyramid. This object has a carving of a face on it, a face that looks like his own.
My Brother’s Keeper by J. Stephen Reid (2020). There are thousands of companies which insure millions of employees for billions of dollars as a way of offsetting the emerging cost of post-retirement benefits. With so many people covered for so much money, is it inconceivable that someone is taking advantage of this indifference?

NON-FICTION
Living Legends: A Departure to the Past by Lance Wissinger (2019). A Departure to the Past is augmented reality with historical significance.
Y2X by Abrielle Tayler-Levine and Brian Harvey (2019). What happens when a happily married man who is a pillar of the community, working beside the governor in a highly conservative state, reveals to his wife that he needs to explore what it feels like to be a woman. The couple journey into the world of cross-dressing as the husband begins secretly living a second life as a woman. Once this secret is revealed, it brings out many emotional responses from family, friends and colleagues.
Envie de Maroc by Jamal Belahrach (2020). Longing for Morocco is an autobiographical work of Franco-Moroccan entrepreneur Jamal Belahrach. The child of immigrants who arrived in France without knowing why, he recounts his childhood, images of growing up, the confusion of adolescence, and the choices and commitments of being a man. He saw his life “as a chance to draw inspiration into his life from two national sources”, Jamal recounts the return home of childhood, its transformation, inequality, and improvements, and his work to promote social and economic progress in Morocco. He speaks as a bi-national, which was the impetus behind his return to Morocco.
The Return of the Garden of Eden by Sharon Andrea (2020). This is about the Awakening and the Ascension time taking place on Planet Earth right now. This is the balance and new archetype of Feminine and Masculine Template on planet Earth. We are now re-creating Our Garden of Eden.
THE NETHERLANDS

UITGEVERIJ
DE BEZIGE BIJ

COMPANY PROFILE

De Bezige Bij (The Busy Bee) is one of the leading literary publishers in the Netherlands for both Dutch and translated literature, fiction, and non-fiction. Publishing House De Bezige Bij was set up illegally during WWII by a group of students in Utrecht who, led by Geert Lubberhuizen, financed their resistance activities under German occupation with a range of publications. It was officially established in December 1944, several months before the war ended. After the liberation of The Netherlands it moved to a building on the Van Miereveldstraat in Amsterdam as a cooperative publishing house. In these elegant Amsterdam offices, they continued to publish their books and magazines until 1959, when they moved to their current location in the Netherlands.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

FICTION

Un Untouched House by Willem Frederik Hermans (1952). A partisan fighting with the Red Army in Germany comes across an abandoned house. Exhausted, he falls asleep in a room, but wakes to find a German patrol marching up the garden. His only hope is to pose as the house’s owner.

The Ice-Cream Makers by Ernst van der Kwast (2015). Giovanni Talamini decides to break with his family’s ice-cream making tradition by pursuing a literary career. But then one day his younger brother Luca approaches him with a highly unusual request.

The Devil’s Handwriting by Donald Nolet (2016). Zina, a brilliant mathematician, tries to develop an algorithm that could be the key to unlocking the secret meaning of the Voynich manuscript; a 15th-century illustrated work, composed in an unknown language. Until now, no one has been able to crack it.

NON-FICTION

Congo by David van Reybrouck (2010). A history of one of the most devastated nations in the world. Van Reybrouck balances hundreds of interviews with a diverse range of Congolese with meticulous historical research to construct a multidimensional portrait of a nation and its people.

Under the Knife by Arnold van de Laar (2014). The history of surgery told in 28 remarkable operations: Empress Sisi (stabbed), Louis XIV (fistula in the anus), Pope John Paul II (colostomy), John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald (gunshot wounds), Houdini (ruptured appendix), etc.

Pluses and minuses by Stefan Buijsman (2018). About why do we need math in life? Buijsman makes connections between philosophy, psychology and history, while explaining the wonderful world of mathematics for absolutely everyone.

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FICTION

The Blessed Rita by Tommy Wieringa (2018). His whole life, Paul Krüzen has lived with his father in an old, haunted farmhouse, not far from the German border. Where once his father took care of him, now he takes care of his father. In those fifty years, they have seen their village change drastically. The world is on the move: the Chinese now run the bars and restaurants in their village, while Russians, Bulgarians and Poles have become a familiar presence. The Blessed Rita is an enchanting memento for those left behind.

Otmar’s Sons by Peter Buwalda (2019). The book tells the story of a young Shell employee named Ludwig Smit, who, after visiting the illustrious Johan Tromp on the Siberian island of Sakhalin, finds himself stranded there during a snow storm. It’s at that very moment, when investigative journalist Isabelle Orthel hands Tromp the lid to a Pandora’s box, that his sensational career in the oil industry begins to teeter. Tromp – hedonist, alpha male, Shell’s crown prince and in all regards Ludwig’s exact opposite – misjudges his two visitors entirely.

Plenty of Time by Ronald Giphart (in prep. 2019). Their friendship was born during many evenings spent in their local pub. They knew that every day would bring something memorable. When the six men opened a beer brewery in the 1990s, they became business partners as well as friends. Twenty-five years later, they are on their way to a log cabin in Germany to spend one last weekend together before they sign the contract to sell their brewery.

NON-FICTION

The Burgundians by Bart Van Loo (2019). The book takes the reader on a journey through a thousand years of European history up to the time when the Seventeen Provinces arose and the Burgundian Empire came to an end. Bart Van Loo is unmatched in his ability to bring the powerfully evocative middle ages to life. The Burgundians is a whirlwind of a cultural history, an astonishing account of emerging cities, awakening individualism and dying knightly ideals, of schizophrenic kings, bold dukes and brilliant artists. While the Burgundian dukes forged the fragmented Low Countries into a unified whole through battles, marriages and reforms, they spurred artists like Klaas Sluter, Jan van Eyck and Rogier van der Weyden to produce unforgettable works. Along the way, Bart Van Loo’s equally thrilling and educational exploration of the middle ages develops into an impressive cultural history which is crying to be filmed.

Notes on a Murder by Peter Vermeersch (in prep. 2019). One morning Peter Vermeersch is called up for jury duty. The young man in the dock is accused of robbery and manslaughter. Together with the other members of the jury Vermeersch is confronted with questions about the true course of events, the rituals of the law and the suspect as a timid creature. This story provides a penetrating insight into violence and justice.

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DEA PLANETA LIBRI

COMPANY PROFILE

DeA Planeta Libri is a well established Italian publishing house, a joint venture between major publishing groups Planeta and De Agostini. Grupo Planeta, founded in Barcelona in 1949, is the leading Spanish language publishing group and the world's fourth largest Spanish language publishing group. De Agostini is an international group involved in a wide range of industrial and financial activities. De Agostini Editore operates in 30 countries, mainly in the partworks and books segments. DeA Planeta Libri focuses on the publication of Kids and Middle Grade Fiction and Non Fiction, Young Adult/ Crossover, Adult international and Italian Fiction as well as Non Fiction. On the Children side, DeA Planeto publishes a variety of both highly commercial and upmarket international and Italian fiction. On the Italian front, we have a wide range of high profile authors with an audiovisual potential. On the YA/Crossover list, DeA Planeta publishes commercial and upmarket fiction titles, both Italian and international. On the Italian side, we have recently started to publish big commercial projects by web and TV stars. On the adult fiction side, we offer a variety of upmarket commercial women's fiction, psychological suspense, thrillers and noir. In 2018 we started to develop a strong Italian fiction list with a film adaptation potential. Finally, on the Non Fiction side, DeA Planeta Libri publishes both commercial and upmarket essay-driven titles with the two different imprints De Agostini and Utet.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

CHILDREN'S FICTION


YA/CROSSOVER FICTION

The Divergent Saga by Veronica Roth (2012 – 2015). The saga has become an international series of live action movies.

All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven (2015). YA fiction. It will become soon a movie with Elle Fanning.

L’ultimo faro (The Last Lighthouse) also by Paola Zannoner (2017). A YA coming of age novel by a bestselling author that won the most prestigious Italian Prize for literature: the Premio Strega Children’s Award 2018.


The Perfectionists by Sara Shepard (2019). The spin-off novel to the Pretty little liars series, which has recently become a TV series for Freeform.

INTERNATIONAL ADULT FICTION

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline (2018). Now a major sci-fi movie by Steven Spielberg.

Need to Know by Karen Cleveland (2018). A psychological suspense and a major international thriller. Pre-empted by Universal, it will become a movie with Charlize Theron.

The Secret We Kept by Lara Prescott (2019). Sold in 25 countries and poised to become a global literary sensation, a dazzling novel about the fate of Boris Pasternak’s banned masterpiece, a book that changed the history.


ITALIAN ADULT FICTION

Mi vivi dentro (You Live Inside Me) by Alessandro Milan (2018). The touching love story between two radio journalists, Alessandro and Francesca, and the tumor that took her away. A novel that cuts through pain and manages to make people smile with sweetness and restraint. An ode to resilience, love for life and strength. 60,000 copies sold in Italy.

Se i pesci guardassero le stelle (If Fish Looked up at the Stars) by Luca Ammirati (2019). A delicate romantic comedy set in Sanremo: during a magical summer night, Samuele meets Emma, the woman of his dreams, but when he wakes up the next morning she’s gone, all that remains is the trace of a kiss on the bathroom mirror.

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FICTION

CHILDREN’S FICTION

Darkness is the new middle grade novel written by the Italian bestseller YA author Leonardo Patrignani (2019). It’s a story about fears and friendship, paranormal and mystery, perfect for fans of Stranger Things.

La scorpacciata (Binge Feasting) is the new laugh out loud novel written by a much awarded Italian author, Annalisia Strada (2019). It’s a clever and funny story about dreadful gramps and rebel children.

Stella azzurra (The Little Light Blue Star) by Mario Lodi (2019). It is a shining and imaginative novella in the vein of The Little Prince, written by one of the most noteworthy contemporary-classic authors.

YA/CROSSOVER

Abbi cura di splendere (Make Sure to Shine) by Ludovica Bizzaglia (2019). An unforgettable novel about girl power by the very talented and very popular Italian actress Ludovica Bizzaglia (750k followers on Instagram). A book that will inspire young women to believe in themselves and to follow their dreams.

Il tempo è una vertigine (The Vertigo of Time) by Eigel (2019). Set in New York, the absolutely romantic love story between a very young Italian writer and a French girl. A novel in prose and verse about love and self-acceptance by a popular Italian urban poet (50k followers on Instagram).


NON-FICTION

Il vento contro (With the Wind in your Face) by Daniele Cassioli (2018). An uplifting take on the extraordinary vitality of a blind boy, now a grown-up man, and how he became a water-skiing champion. A heartwarming call to never give up on your dreams, even in the face of adversity.

How to Build a Boat by Jonathan Gornall (2019). The inspiring story of a man who decided to build a boat with his bare hands as a gift to his newly born daughter. A story of fatherly love and resilience.

COMPANY PROFILE

HSN – Les Éditions de L’Homme Sans Nom – is a French independent publishing house specialized in SF, fantasy and mystery novels. Our goal is to find new talents and help them build their career. What we look for are original plots with good literary features as well as a generous hand of entertainment to offer our readers the most enjoyable experience possible. We take special care in creating books that are as beautiful on the outside as they are on the inside, so we only publish four to six books a year, time and quality being key words for us. Since our creation in 2011, we have gathered a strong and faithful community who enjoys meeting us during book fairs and other SF festivals.

This synergy has also reached critics who give very good feedback. However, it is paperback publishers who truly confirm our choices; we have indeed had the pleasure to sell paperback rights for 40% of our books. Our next step is to work on translation and audiovisual rights in order to develop our authors’ careers even further. If you want to know more, meet us at editions-hsn.fr or on our website designed for movie professionals: livres.editions-hsn.fr (available in French and English), and of course during the Book Adaptation Rights Market.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

The Dark King by Oren Miller (2015). Imagine The Count of Monte Cristo set in space and you’ll get the gist. Oren Miller’s first novel as an homage to Dumas’ work, before she set her mind to mystery novels.


Peter’s Mirror by J.E. Py (2017). A visit into the psyche of the best horror writer of his time, connected with the theme of the mirror. Evokes the world of Hollywood movies, with Stanley Kubrick, FREAKS and the different adaptations of Peter Pan.

God Got out of Bed on the Wrong Side, Oren Miller’s detective novel masterpiece (2018). Third adventure of Évariste Fauconnier, which leads him to a medical foundation in the Swiss forest, punctuated by excerpts from a made-up diary by a concentration camp survivor.

Second Mankind by Adrien Mangold (2018). In a rebuilt world after a climate apocalypse, a scientist facing an unsolvable crisis may find the solution in a book telling a hundred years-old story.

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FICTION

Adam’s Dream by John Ethan Py (2015). German atmospheric novel exploring the myths of a tree capable of resurrecting people. Our “master of horror’s” answer to King’s Pet Sematary. A synopsis written by a professional scenarist is available.

Afterworlds by Nicolas Debandt (2017). A soft sci-fi masterpiece which questions our current fears about the disappearance of bees and today’s delicate issue of refugees from destroyed countries.

In the Arms of Morpheus by Yann Bécu (2019). A witty sci-fi novel: Marc Behm meets Ken Grimwood’s Replay. What would life be like if people had to sleep up to 20 hours a day? Follow in a dystopic Prague the steps of Pascal Frimousse, who uses his time as a lucky “Awakened” to be a professional troll: pay him 20 crowns, and he will spoil the time of your enemies.

Prototypes by Adrien Mangold (2019). What if AI was developed to the point where we can no longer control it? This is the turning point explored by Adrien Mangold, where a prototype gone rogue becomes the center of moral, political and military stakes.

Voracious (temp. title) by Oren Miller (2019). A cynical twist-thriller inside the world of Big Data megacompanies, set in Japan. “The futur is far from mysterious. When you know how to add zero and one, it’s easy to buy it.” Oren Miller is also known in France for the novels she published under the pen name of “Lucie Castel” at HarperCollins. Her first one, Not that Simple, was met with great success and rights were sold in Germany.
SPAIN

EDITORIAL PLANETA

COMPANY PROFILE

Grupo Planeta is Spain’s leading family-owned publishing and media group and it boasts an extensive product offering at the service of culture, learning, news and audiovisual entertainment. In the years since Editorial Planeta was founded in Barcelona by José Manuel Lara Hernández, in 1949, the Group has become a multinational enterprise. It combines a solid business tradition with its capacity for innovation and its European and international vocation, with an especially prominent presence in Spain, France, Portugal and Latin America. Grupo Planeta leads the publishing market in Spain and Latin America and is one of the main publishing groups worldwide. It has more than 500 brands and publishing names in many countries, which cover all literary genres and involve the work of more than 7000 collaborators. Since the beginning of the 21st century, Grupo Planeta has achieved consolidation in new areas of business to become one of Spain’s leading media groups. It is a reference shareholder in the newspaper La Razón and in ATRESMEDIA, which comprises the television channels Antena 3, laSexta, Neox, Nova, Mega and ATRESERIES, the radio stations Onda Cero, Europa FM and Melodía FM; film and television production; online television and film websites and multimedia advertising management (on television, radio and the internet). Through these channels it also promotes awareness-raising campaigns relating to road safety, the environment and health.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

La gangrena by Mercedes Salisachs (1975).
Las montañas de Buda by Javier Moro (1997).
La sombra del viento by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2002).
Pasion India by Javier Moro (2005).
Un burka por amor by Reyes Monforte (2007).
La infel by Reyes Monforte (2011).
La bibliotecaria de Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe (2012).
Una comedia canalla by Iván Repila (2012).
Una muchilla para el universo by Elsa Punset (2012).
Palmeras en la nieve by Luz Gabás (2012).
Pídeme lo que quieras by Sonsoles Ónega (2017).
La huella de una carta by Rosario Raro (2017).
El juego del ángel by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2016).
El libro de las pequeñas revoluciones by Elsa Punset (2016).
Pan de Uión con semillas de amapola by Cristina Campos (2016).
Patria by Fernando Aramburu (2016).
El prisionero del cielo by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2016).
El silencio de la ciudad blanca by Eva García Sáenz De Urturi (2016).
El sistema by Ricardo Menéndez Salmón (2016).
La tierra que pisamos by Jesús Carrasco (2016).
Ana by Roberto Santiago (2017).
A cielo abierto by Antonio Iturbe (2017).
Como fuego en el hielo by Luz Gabás (2017).
Ega Comisión by Dolores Redondo (2012).
El laberinto de los espíritus by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2002).
La sombra del viento by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (2002).
La infel by Reyes Monforte (2011).
La bibliotecaria de Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe (2012).
La trilogía del Baztán by Dolores Redondo (2013).
Sorpréndeme by Megan Maxwell (2012).
Intemperie by Jesús Carrasco (2013).
Prólogo para una guerra by Roberto Santiago (2017).
Nosotros dos by Xavier Bosch (2017).
Enamorados by Eva García Sáenz De Urturi (2017).
Antonio de la fortuna by Ivan Repila (2017).
El niño que robó el caballo de Atila by Iván Repila (2017).
La chica invisible by Blue Jeans (2018).
Como fuego en el hielo by Luz Gabás (2017).
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Nosotros dos by Xavier Bosch (2017).
La parte escondida del iceberg by Maxim Huerta (2015).
Prólogo para una guerra by Iván Replía (2017).
Los ritos del agua by Eva García Sáenz De Urturi (2017).
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FICTION

All Good and All Evil by Care Santos (2018). Reina is a strong successful woman. During a business trip she receives the news that her son has attempted suicide. She tries to go back home, but a storm leaves her stranded in Bucharest and is forced to wait, with nothing but her cellphone. She discovers then how little she knows about him. Days without You by Elvira Sastre (2019). Dora, a teacher at the time of the Second Spanish Republic, shares with her grandson the story that has led her to be who she is. She confuses her emotions to him and gives him the keys to recover from the wounds caused by love.

Some Day, Today by Ángel Becerra (2019). On a stormy night, a bastard girl is born. She carries the strength of femininity and the rebellion that will make her overcome all obstacles. She will create a strong bond with her foster sister, Capitolina and none will be indifferent to her gaze, not even Emmanuel, a French revolutionary who will fall in love with her.

The Sting by Silvia Soler (2019). Three siblings inherit the family house when their father dies. The different events in their life lead all three of them to move in. One of them decides to put the family’s library in order and discovers books dedicated to her mother by an unknown person.

Vanished in Siboney by Rosario Raro (2019). In 1875, Mauricio Sargas is obliged to travel to Cuba when he finds out his sister has disappeared. To discover what has happened to her he will have to face his brother-in-law, a fugitive from justice who has managed to assemble a great fortune.

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Sorpréndeme by Megan Maxwell (2012).
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Herbing won the well-known ZDF 24 GMBH GERMANY deals for exciting debut novels, young talents and has negotiated agency is also known for building Altenstein autobiography and Julie von Kessel’s deals include Wolf Biermann’s as non-fiction writers. Major recent authors list, including fiction as well renowned for the high quality of its to Frank Witzel in 2015. The Elisabeth Ruge Agentur is renowned for the high quality of its authors list, including fiction as well as non-fiction writers. Major recent deals include Wolf Biermann’s autobiography and Julie von Kessel’s German family saga Altenstein. The agency is also known for building young talents and has negotiated deals for exciting debut novels, like Hool by Philipp Winkler, which won the the well-known ZDF aspekte-Literaturpreis, or Alina Herbing Niemand ist bei den Kilbern.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Don’t Wait for Better Times by Wolf Biermann (2016). Wolf Biermann is one of the most important political and cultural figures of the past half century of German/German history. His autobiography – the account of a truly amazing life, rendered with poetic force – became an instant bestseller. 

Hool by Philipp Winkler (2016). Heiko is a football hooligan. And he’s good at it. He also has a pet vulture and two rather sweet mastiffs. Now he’s looking for a life. One of the most acclaimed literary debuts of the past years, shortlisted for Deutscher Buchpreis.


Milk Teeth by Helene Bukowski (2019). Skalde and her mother Edith live in a secluded northern landscape. One day, deep in the woods, Skalde finds a child with flaming red hair. Soon the newcomer causes mistrust among the neighbors and hatred flares up in the small community. Milk Teeth is one of the most relevant and artistically convincing German debut novels published in recent years.

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FICTION

After The Pain by Lucas Grimm (2017). The virtuoso cellist Hannah Gold feels no pain. As a child she had been tortured in East Germany, after her apparatchik father had stashed away explosive information from his comrades, the notorious Rosenholz files. Many years later Hannah wants to leave her past behind, she wants to feel alive, feel pain. But first she has to uncover her father’s secret.

Sweet Rotation by Laura Wohnlich (2017). After her mother’s death, Anna, 19 years old, has to face the task of growing up. She becomes an escort girl and then handsome Nelson enters her life. A surprising literary debut. Young, fresh and smart – for the fans of Sex Education and the like.

Pale Heroes by Norris Von Schirach (2018). Moscow in the early 1990es: Anton has come to work here in commodity sales, a highly eccentric business in the turmoil of a rapidly disintegrating Soviet empire. Anton is sucked into an outrageously decadent world fueled by money and corruption – and then Putin enters the scene.

Jungle by Friedemann Karig (2019). Felix has disappeared during a trip through Asia. And his best friend, a young man his age, on the verge of adulthood, is probably the only one who can find him. A journey into distant worlds – and towards the heart of darkness.

Kachelbad’s Legacy by Hendrik Otremba (2019). Los Angeles, 1980s. H.G. Kachelbad is head of “Exit U.S.”, a company that deep-freezes humans in order to reanimate them in the distant future. This Lynchian tale spans from Vienna in the 1920ies to modern New York and L.A.
ITALY

FELTRINELLI EDITORE

COMPANY PROFILE
Feltrinelli Editore is one of the most independent-minded and prestigious literary publishers in Italy. Founded in 1955 by Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, the publishing house was marked with some notable early successes, including the first publication worldwide of Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak, of which all rights in all formats are still controlled by Feltrinelli. The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, and One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez. Traditionally a very accomplished publisher of literature in translation, in the past three decades Feltrinelli has also been a market leader in the publication of new literature in the Italian language, publishing works by Stefano Benni, Gianni Celati and Antonio Tabucchi. More recently Feltrinelli has been the publisher of Erri De Luca, Alessandro Baricco and Roberto Saviano. Highlights from 2018 include Le Assaggiate (At the Wolf’s Table) by Roberto Saviano, L’amore (2018) by Maurizio Maggiani, and Sostiene Pereira (2019) by Antonio Tabucchi.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Here a few selected highlights from Feltrinelli’s catalogue:

- Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak (1957).
- The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa (1958).
- Diario in Bolivia by Che Guevara (1968).
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez (1968).
- The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende (1983).
- The Lover by Marguerite Duras (1986).
- Sostiene Pereira by Antonio Tabucchi (1994).
- Bar Sport by Stefano Benni (1997).
- L’altalena del respiro by Herta Müller (2010).
- Blindness by José Saramago (2010).
- Suddenly a Knock at the Door by Edgar Keret (2012).
- Judas by Amos Oz (2014).
- Feltrinelli’s non-fiction list includes works by Hannah Arendt, Enrico Deaglio, Nelson Mandela, Edward Said, Daniel Barenboim, Cézanne by David Van Reybrouck (2014), Olivier Roy, Giorgio Bocca, Paolo Rumiz, Michel Foucault, Eugenio Borgna, Charles Taylor, Carlo Ginzburg and Massimo Recalcati.

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FICTION

We hold the film/TRV rights to many of the novels by Simonetta Agnello Hornby, including these below:
- The Marchesa (La zia marchesa) (2004).
- Boccamurata (2007).
- There’s Nothing Wrong With Lucy (Vento scomposto) (2009).
- The Nun (La monaca) (2010).

Other titles include the following:
- All The Colours of The World (Tutti i colori del mondo) by Giovanni Montanaro (2012).
- Send Me Life (Mandami tanta vita) by Paolo Di Paolo (2013).
- Freshly arrived in Turin from his Piedmontese province, Moraldo searches for himself, wondering about his vocation, his political orientation. Son of a simple shoe salesman, the young man dreams of becoming the equal of Piero, a student for whom he cultivates an admiration mingled with jealousy. At twenty-five Piero has already founded a magazine and is a publisher engaged in dangerous activity, outspokenly critical of Mussolini. Persuaded that Piero will make sense of his existence, Moraldo sends letters that however remain unanswered. Fate provides for the paths of the two men to cross again, in Paris, in February 1926.
- A number 1 bestseller in Italy throughout the spring of 2017, this novel has sold more than 100,000 copies. Luce is an honest and combative young woman, stuck in an existence dominated by a bigoted and unhappy mother. Until one day Luce is assigned the custody of a minor. Suddenly a wise and very special child enters her life, together with a globetrotting street artist and a swallow with no intention of migrating.

NON-FICTION

Senior Service by Carlo Feltrinelli (1999). Giangiacomo Feltrinelli was one of the most arresting characters of his generation, yet he died violently. Born into great wealth, he found himself equally attracted to great books and workers’ rights. Despite the attentions of the KGB, Pasternak smuggled his manuscript out of the USSR to Feltrinelli, who then saw to it that the book was published worldwide, and the passionate editor’s censor-duping correspondence with the besieged writer is relayed in this memoir.
- Inside the Zhivago Storm by Paolo Mancosu (2013). A riveting account of the story of the first publication of Doctor Zhivago and of the subsequent Russian editions in the West. Exploiting the untapped resources of the Feltrinelli archives in Milan as well as several other private and public archives in Europe, Russia, and the USA, Mancosu reconstructs the relationship between Pasternak and Feltrinelli, the story of the Italian publication, and the pressure exercised on Feltrinelli by the Soviets and the Italian Communist Party to stop publication of the novel in Italy and in other countries. Within the context of the Cold War, Mancosu describes the hidden roles of the KGB and the CIA in the vicissitudes of the publication of the novel both in Italian and in the original Russian language.
- I’ll Have to Dance (Mi toccherà ballare) by Ottavia Casagrande and Raimonda Lanza di Trabia (2014). The astonishing story of Raimondo Lanza di Trabia, nobleman, soldier, diplomat and sportsman.

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GIULIO EINAUDI EDITORE

COMPANY PROFILE
Since its foundation in 1933, Einaudi has been regarded as the most important cultural reference point in Italy and has maintained a constant reputation for excellence and quality, with editorial commitment and the discovery of artistic merit its hallmarks. Its catalogue includes more than 10,000 titles featuring all fictional (Literature - Theatre - Poetry) and non-fictional fields (Scientific - Italian and Foreign Classics) and a market share of 5.6%; a result that confirms the solidity of an editorial policy, from the publication of new talent to a focus on all elements of the contemporary. One of the continuing strengths of Einaudi’s production is foreign fiction, ranging from the consolidation of established writers such as Philip Roth, Ian McEwan, Paul Auster, Bret Easton Ellis, Anita Desai, Abraham Yehoshua and J.M. Coetzee to the discovery and affirmation of new authors. At the same time there is a constant attention to Italian literature that has allowed the company to remain at the forefront in terms of quality with the authors such as Natalia Ginzburg, Primo Levi, Cesare Pavese, Mario Rigoni Stern, and the new and highly personal voices of Niccolò Ammaniti, Alessandro Baricco, Marco Balzano, Gianrico Carofiglio, Paolo Cognetti, Donatella Di Pietrantonio, Carlo Lucarelli, Giancarlo De Cataldo, Paolo Giordano, Carlo Lucarelli, Valeria Parrella, Wu Ming.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
La luna e i falò by Cesare Pavese (1950; latest ed. 2014).
Se questo è un uomo by Primo Levi (1958; ultima ed. 2014).
Diario di Anna Frank by Hanneli Walther (1947; latest ed. 2015).
Una questione privata by Dino Buzzati (1958; latest ed. 2014).
Pastorale americana by Umberto Eco (1971; latest ed. 2015).
Open. La mia storia by Andrés Agassi (2011; latest ed. 2015).
Cromorama. Come il colore ha cambiato il nostro sguardo by Riccardo Falcinelli (2015).
Le otto montagne by Paolo Cognetti (2017).
Divorare il cielo by Paolo Giordano (2018).
Donne che non perdono by Camilla Lackberg (2018).
Il morso della reclusa by Fred Vargas (2018).
Proletcult by Wu Ming (2018).
Resto qui by Marco Balzano (2018).
Sabbia nera by Cristina Cassar Scalma (2018).
La versione di Fenoglio by Gianrico Carofiglio (2019).
Fedellà by Marco Missiroli (2019).
L’animale che mi porto dentro by Francesco Piccolo (2019).
L’assassinio del Commendatore by Marcello Fois (2017).
Istruzioni per diventare fascisti by Michela Murgia (2017).
Una questione privata by Dino Buzzati (1958; latest ed. 2014).

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Don’t Tell Anyone by Riccardo Gazzaniga (2016). The summer Luca turns thirteen, he discovers girls, desire, and the complicity of friends. But he also discovers how close by evil might be.
About Saying Goodbye by Marcello Fois (2017). A young police commissioner with a tormented past investigates the case of a missing child. He will discover many more things than he would have liked to. A great author’s great return to noir.
Bella mia by Donatella Di Pietrantonio (2018). From the author of L’Arminuta, the story of a woman who must improvise that she is a mother. This is what happens to Caterina, the protagonist of this intense story, when Olivia, her twin sister, is killed in the earthquake at L’Aquila, during the long night of April 6, 2009, leaving her son Marco a semi-orphan.
It Depends on What You Mean by Bad by Gaia Rayneri (2018). After the successful debut of Pulce non c’è, Gaia Rayneri once again recounts the sharp side of goodness and the madness of adulthood. A harsh Bildungsroman which looks into the black mirror of adolescence.
The Game of the Gods by Paolo Mauriessig (2019). Chaturanga is the oldest game in the world, the forebear of chess. To learn the art of the game is an arduous task, but to Malik Mir Sultan Khan it was all so easy. The gods, or fate, had given him a natural talent which, in just a few years, led him to become the most invincible chess player of his time.

NON-FICTION
Gentle Listening. Clinical Stories by Eugenio Borgna (2019). One of Italy’s most important psychiatrists shares his experiences as a doctor, putting himself personally on the line. These six stories, which span Borgna’s whole professional career, represent an entire life dedicated to easing the suffering of others. A life spent listening to other people, paying attention to them and caring for them.

I, Khalid, Sell People. I Am Innocent by Francesca Mamocchi (2019). What pushes a young Libyan man to become a human trafficker? For the first time the migrants’ tragedy is told from the contradictory, astonishing point of view of a trafficker: a victim of blackmail in a country plunged in chaos.
The Perfect Collection. Story of a Book Thief by Lisa Moscati (2020). The adventurous life of Guglielmo Libri-Carucci della Sommala, 1803 – 1869, known not only for its relevance in the European patriotic and scientific milieu of the first half of the nineteenth century, but also for its intense activity as a collector and merchant, as well as for its reputation as a thief of books and manuscripts, perhaps the most famous of the his era.

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COMPANY PROFILE

GeMS, Gruppo editoriale Mauri Spagnol, is part of Messaggerie Italiane Spa, a leading player in the book industry since 1914 with a revenue of about €500 million.

GeMS is the 2nd largest book publishing group in Italy, with publishing houses such as Gazzanti, Longanesi, Saroni, TEA, Vallardi, Bollati Boringhieri, Ponte alle Grazie, Salani, Longanesi, and with GeMS revenue of about €500 million.

Italiane Spa Spagnol GeMS, Gruppo editoriale Mauri

COMPANY PROFILE

Tuti, Valter Longo, Marco Vichi. Alessia Gazzola, Andrea Vitali, Ilaria Tiziano Terzani, Chiara Gamberale, Claudio Magris, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Helena Janeczek, Gianluigi Nuzzi, Roy. Among the Italian authors published by GeMS, the unfathomable loneliness of

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS


I casi dell’ispettore Lynley by Elisabeth George (1st title of the series 1988).


La serie di Dirk Pitt by Clive Cussler (1st title of the series 1997).


La serie di Jack Reacher by Lee Child (1st title of the series 2000).

Il racconto dell’ancella by Tiziano Terzani (2006).

La cattedrale del mare by Ildefonso Falcones (2007).

La Biblioteca dei morti by Glenn Cooper (2009).

Chiamami con il tuo nome by André Aciman (2011).

Il profumo delle foglie di lume by Clara Sánchez (2011).

La serie dell’Allieva by Alessia Gazzola (1st title of the series 2011).

Fai bei sogni by Massimo Gramellini (2012).

Sua Santità by Gianluigi Nuzzi (2012).

Il suggeritore by Donato Carrisi (2013).

Io sono Malala by Malala Yousafzai (2013).


Il magico potere del riordino by Marie Kondo (2014).

La ragazza nella nebbia by Donato Carrisi (2015).

Non luogo a procedere by Claudio Magris (2015).

Ecomi by Jonathan Safran Foer (2016).

La dieta della longevità by Marie Kondo (2016).

Il bisogno di pensare by Vito Mancuso (2017).

La ragazza con la Leica by Chiara Gamberale (2017).

Il presidente è scomparso by Donato Carrisi (2017).

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L’ultimo piatto by Chiara Gambarle (2017).

Toro and Daniel Kraus (2018). In order to give his solitude a definite

Soiled Blood by Enrica Aragona (2019). In a violent, marginalised Rome, at the end of the 1970s, a relationship of redemption and friendship develops at first between two children, then two young girls, and finally two women.

Unreal City by Cristina Marconi (2019). The life of a young woman who moves to London in 2007, of her life with no room for risk. After a lifetime spent surprising her friend, Caterina is now the one who needs Ludovica to do something unexpected and a little bit crazy.

The Whole of Life Behind a Finger by Verde and Oriani (2019). In order to give his solitude a definite

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COMPANY PROFILE
Since our foundation, we at Kadokawa have diversified our business, reinventing our company to adapt with changing times. Currently, our core business is book publishing, printing approximately 5,000 new titles per year, including novels, children’s books, light novels, business books, comics, etc. Concurrently, we produce a broad range of media, including e-books, animation, feature films, video games, merchandising and advertising. As with all of our products, we strive to create quality content and run a cross-media operation to maximize their value. As for our foreign operations, we anticipate a rapid expansion of our markets. Along with Mainland China and Taiwan, both of which serve as gateways of our operations in Asia, we have also established hubs in Malaysia, North America, and Thailand. We aim to please our customers in Japan and abroad. For this purpose, we not only produce our content in the most suitable way within our group, but also enhance our multi-faceted operations by linking digital, international and new businesses.
Kadokawa has signed the “Tokyo 2020 Official Supporter Agreement” with the Tokyo Organizing Committee of Tokyo 2020 Games to join the “Tokyo 2020 Sponsorship Programme” and become a Tokyo 2020 Official Supporter in the category of “Books and Magazines Publishing Services”.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Sword Art Online: Aincrad by Reki Kawahara (2009). In the year 2002, gamers rejoice as Sword Art Online - a VRMMORPG (Virtual Reality Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game) like no other - debuts, allowing players to take full advantage of the ultimate in gaming technology: NerveGear, a system that allows users to completely immerse themselves in a wholly realistic gaming experience. But when the game goes live, the elation of the players quickly turns to horror as they discover that, for all its amazing features, SAD is missing one of the most basic functions of any MMORPG - a log-out button. Now trapped in the virtual world of Aincrad, their bodies held captive by NerveGear in the real world, users are issuing a chilling ultimatum: conquer all one hundred floors of Aincrad to regain your freedom. But in the warped world of SAO, “game over” means certain death - both virtual and real... This book series offers animation and videogames and become a worldwide phenomenon.

On the Brink: The Inside Story of Fukushima Daiichi by Rysho Kadota (2016). March 11, 2011, 2:46 pm. Japan’s Tohoku Region. The strongest earthquake in Japan’s history struck. This book gathered research and interviews with over 90 people, this apically told tale of the nuclear power plant accident pieces together the tense situation, the mounting damage, and the inspiring human drama that are known only to the people who were on the scene. A feature film based on this book will be released next year.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FICTION
Spice and Wolf by Isuna Hasekura (2013). The life of a traveling merchant is a lonely one, a fact with which Kraft Lawrence is well acquainted. Wandering from town to town with just his horse, cart, and whatever wares have come his way, the peddler has pretty well settled into his routine - that is, until the night Lawrence finds a wolf goddess asleep in his cart. Taking the form of a fetching girl with wolf ears and a tail, Holo has wearied of tending to harvests in the countryside and strikes up a bargain with the merchant to lend him the cunning of “Holo the Wisewolf” to increase his profits in exchange for taking her along on his travels. What kind of businessman could turn down such an offer? Lawrence soon learns, though, that having an ancient goddess as a traveling companion can be a bit of a mixed blessing. Will this wolf girl turn out to be too wild to tame?

Century Law by Muneki Yamada (2019). This highly suspenseful science-fiction novel is set in a future when humanity has discovered how to stop the aging process and yet must deal with the consequences. People face multiple national crises that must be overcome.

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Aokute Itakute Moroi by Yoru Sumino (2018). The most fresh youth novel by Yoru Sumino, the author of Let Me Eat Your Pancreas. “I’ve had a discipline that I must avoid encountering people as much as possible. And, in the spring of the first year in my university, I met Hisano Akiyoshi. She repeatedly made speeches with no point, shamelessly, so naturally classmates started staying away from her. But she was more straightforward than others. Inspired by her vision and passion, she and I established the syndicate ‘MOAI’. Three years have passed since the establishment, and she, who used to speak about future goals together, is no longer here. Her lies stabbed my heart. ‘I’ll make lies she’s left come true.’ For me, that implies the rebellion of the world.” Sumino’s work softly portrays ambiguous feelings appearing in the mind of teenagers, which they cannot express to others. He makes his position solid and fans are enthusiastic for his works, as representing feelings of youth.

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MADELEINE MILBURN LITERARY, TV & FILM AGENCY

COMPANY PROFILE
The Madeleine Milburn Literary, TV & Film Agency is a leading literary agency based in the UK. The agency represents award-winning and bestselling authors of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction who consistently feature on the Sunday Times, New York Times and international bestseller lists. The Madeleine Milburn Literary Agency is renowned for talent spotting new writers in commercial and upmarket fiction and non-fiction, negotiating major deals across all media including print, digital, translation and Film & TV, and turning books into bestsellers. With a fierce reputation for launching authors' careers, the agency is always looking for new writers across all genres, and have had notable successes in upmarket and commercial fiction including crime, book club, women's fiction, historical, romantic comedy, gothic and psychological suspense. The agency also handles children's books, teen, young adult, cross-over fiction, as well as exciting new non-fiction authors with a focus on narrative non-fiction, history, self-help, inspiring memoir and biography. The agency works directly or in partnership with film agents in London and LA, to option Film & TV rights to leading production companies and film studios. In 2018, Madeleine won Literary Agent of the Year at the British Book Awards. The agency, now in its seventh year has been described by The Bookseller as ‘a major force in publishing’.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
The Widow by Fiona Barton (2016). Sunday Times bestselling debut. We’ve all seen the man – the monster – accused of a terrible crime. But what about the wife who stands by him? A loving husband or a heartless killer... she’d know, wouldn’t she?
The Chalk Man by C.J. Tudor (2018). Sunday Times bestselling debut. Teenage Eddie met the Chalk Man in 1986 and started the drawings: a way to leave secret messages for his friends. It was fun, until the chalk man led them to a body. Thirty years later, Ed receives a stick of chalk, and a drawing of a figure in the mail. Sleep by C.L. Taylor (2009). Author of six Sunday Times bestsellers. To escape her past, Anna takes a job at a hotel on the remote Scottish island of Rum, but when seven guests join her, what started as a retreat from the world turns into a deadly nightmare. Seven guests, Seven secrets, One killer.
The Doll Factory by Elizabeth Macneal (2019). Sunday Times bestselling debut, and the intoxicating story of a young woman who aspires to be an artist, and the man whose obsession may destroy her world forever in 1850s London.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Is This What You Want? by Holly Bourne (2020). A dark romcom exploring female trauma as a woman dates under the persona of the ‘ideal woman’.
Saving Missy by Beth Morrey (2020). An older woman learns that it’s better to leave the past behind and to trust in the kindness of strangers.
The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley (2020). In the vein of Love Actually, the contents of a solitary notebook brings together an unlikely group of six friends.
The Other People by C.J. Tudor (2020). A man turns to The Other People for help after his daughter is taken. But they want others to understand pain and death, too.
The Wreckage by Robin Morgan-Bentley (2020). One traumatic accident leads into the depths of obsession for an anxious male protagonist.
The Recovery of Rose Gold by Stephanie Wrobel (2021). Despite being poisoned by her mother for 18 years, a young debutante makes a calculated decision to take her in after her prison sentence.

NON-FICTION
Am I Ugly by Michelle Elman (2017). A memoir of one woman’s journey through 15 surgeries and body-confidence issues to embrace her scars and her body as beautiful.
The Electricity of Living Thing by Katherine May (2018). With an Asperger’s diagnosis at age 37, this is one woman’s journey to make sense of herself; the story of a walk in the wilds that changes the way she sees the world forever.

Let Me Back Into The Forest by Jessica Owle. A memoir following a journey from being the daughter of a competitive father struggling with alcoholism, to becoming an internationally acclaimed rally co-driver, and finding a balance between a dangerous sport and motherhood.
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MARCEL HARTGES LITERATUR- UND FILMAGENTUR

COMPANY PROFILE
The agency was founded by longstanding editor and publisher Marcel Hartges in Munich in January 2016. Ferdinand von Schirach, Alissa Ziegler, Sami Nouri, and Michael Kobr, among others, were among the first authors to join the agency. We represent authors of fiction, non-fiction books and screenplays. In addition to sending manuscripts to publishers in Germany and further afield, another key area of our work is in representing our clients’ film and translations rights. We cooperate with Kiepenheuer & Witsch and various agencies abroad. Film, theatre as well as foreign rights play such an important role for us that we do not want to leave them to publishers as so-called “subsidiary rights”. Marcel Hartges, born in Mönchengladbach, studied German, Spanish, and sociology in Bonn and Berlin. He worked as an editor and later as head of the paperback publishing house at Rowohlt Verlag. From 2006 to 2009 he was publisher at DuMont Literatur- und Kunstverlag, from 2009 to 2016 publisher of Piper Verlag. Hartges also worked for the first time as an editor at the filming of Ferdinand von Schirach’s The Collini Case.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Guilt by Ferdinand von Schirach (2010). Adapted for Series by Constantin. Each standalone story is linked by the theme of guilt and the character of defense attorney Friedrich Kornberg, played by award winner Moritz Bleibtreu.
The Collini Case by Ferdinand von Schirach (2012). Adapted for film by Constantin. In this courtroom drama, Elias M’Barek plays the role of Leinen, an inexperienced lawyer who is assigned a case that will spiral into a judicial scandal. His client is a retired Italian worker called Collini (Franco Nero), who has allegedly murdered a prominent industrialist. The Verdict by Ferdinand von Schirach (2015). Adapted for film by MOOVIE. Can it be justified to shoot down a civilian plane, converted by terrorists into a deadly suicide missile? The Verdict is a legal thriller testing the fundamental values of democracy.
We’re then next of kin by Johann Scheerer (2018). Adapted for a film by 23/5 Filmproduktion. The dramatic story of the Reemtsma abduction, told by the ten 13-year-old son.
How to kill with mindfully by Karsten Dusse (2019). Adapted for a film by Constantin Television. The lawyer Diemel is forced by his wife to attend a mindfulness seminar. Diemel can integrate what he learns into his job: when his client, a brutal criminal, begins to cause him problems, he simply kills him – with all due care.
Others do it for a living by Andrea Sawatzki (2019). Adapted for film by Ziegler Film. A family comedy about the married couple Bundschuh.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Battlestars by Alexa Hennig von Lange (2018). The story of a generation of parents who wanted to live together more freely. The ideologies they followed, the love that united them, the mistakes they made and the decisions their children made because of this.
The Hungry and the Sated by Timur Vermes (2018). A social satire: current, radical, oppressive and funny, all at the same time. It begins where the fun ends.
Great Freedom by Rocko Schamoni (2019). The story of Wolli Köhler, a dazzling figure of the Hamburger Kiez of the 60s and 70s.
It’s time by Ildikó von Kürthy (2019). Judith’s mother dies and after twenty years she returns to her old homeland, where she has left a well-kept secret, an empty grave and a pile of hopes behind.
The Christmas-Story by Alexa Hennig von Lange (2009). It’s Christmas and three sisters pack their children and partners to drive home to celebrate with their parents. But to their great surprise, the house is abandoned. They can only find a message on the fridge, which leads them on a search for clues in the house of their childhood.
Forever the Alps by Benjamin Quaderer (2020). The whistleblower from Lichtenstein Johann Kaiser lives under a false name in the Witness Protection Program in Australia. In order to wash himself away from the accusations of guilt he tells of the circumstances that led him to commit the data theft.

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MEDIATOOM AUDIOVISUAL RIGHTS

COMPANY PROFILE
Mediatoon Audiovisual Rights is the indoor agency of the 3rd biggest publishing group in France: Média Participations.

We represent the largest catalog in Europe of comic books and graphic novels (from Dupuis, Dargaud, Le Lombard, more than 4,000 titles!). In 2018, Média Participations acquired some traditional literary powerhouses. Mediatoon also represents now an extended catalog from various publishing houses such as Le Seuil, La Martinière, Anne Carrière, Fleurs, Mango and Plein Jour), which means more than 100,000 fiction and non-fiction books!

Mediatoon Audiovisual Rights currently has more than 130 cinema and TV projects in the works in France and around the world. In two years, more than 10 films were released in cinemas adapted from their catalogues. It was the driving force behind Luc Besson’s futuristic Valerian in 2017, and Iannucci’s hilarious The Death of Stalin in 2018!

Mediatoon Participations remains also a leader on the animation market; its two production companies based in France and Belgium have produced more than 2,000 hours of content. Média Participations is also very active in the digital sector, its digitized comics platform “Izneo” offers more than 7,000 digitized works, and the “AND” VOD platform offering hundreds of hours of Japanime.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Progress of the Night by Jakuta Alikavazovic (2017). Paul and Amelia are both orphans by mother’s side. She is rich. He is poor. The heiress and the bellboy are opposites but deeply in love. One day Amelia disappears. How can life go on when the love of your life is gone?

He (is) Me by Philippe Selton (2018). Costa thinks he is a “fucking good actor”, but he’s more of an alcoholic and bitter loser. Nothing in common with Henk, this elegant and successful Dutch… killer. Except that they might be the same person! A psychological thriller that makes you doubt your own sanity!

Across the Lake (De l’autre côté du lac) by Xavier Lapeyrroux (2019). When the neighbours’ son accidentally kills his own twin brother, Hermann, caring husband and father, starts to be tormented by his family’s security. How about protecting his loved ones by creating dopplegangers?!!

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
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Authorised Happiness / SOS Bonheur by Van Hamme, Desberg and Griffo (2017). Captain Carelli discovers that the well-run machinery of his dream society hides troubling secrets… When society pushes the ideals of equality to their breaking point, the result can easily become plain absurd, and the daydream can turn into nightmare!

Full Board by Jacky Schwartzmann (2018). A gigoló on the wane, a writer off the mark, a resort at a loss… Unlikely characters call for unlikely meetings! When Dino, kicked out by his sugar mama, gets stuck in a holiday resort, he has no idea his upright and highbrow neighbor is a serial killer…

Lethal Lullaby by Ralph Meyer and Philippe Tome (2018). “Revenge is a prison you decide to share with your tormentor”. Three broken destinies, three suspended lives, three souls motivated by hate and revenge… It can only end in blood.

Massif Central by Christian Oster (2018). A man leaves his girlfriend realizing he doesn’t love her anymore. From that moment on, the shadow of another man, her first love, looms like a permanent threat above him. Is this feeling real or is he becoming insane?

The Snow Blanket (Le Manteau de neige) by Nicolas Leclerc (2020 postponed). Katia was a discreet yet normal teenager, but when her catatonic grandmother suddenly wakes up and cuts her grandfather throat to death, she is traumatized and starts being haunted by terrifying visions. Only deeply buried family secrets may explain what really happened…

NON-FICTION

Stony the Road we Trod by Sylvain Pattieu (2017). On July 31, 1972, pushed to the limit by decades of racial segregation, a young couple of Black African Americans hijacks a plane to reach the Black Panthers of Algeria.

Black Out by Cécile Delarue (2018). 18 black women attacked and raped. 2 survived. 1 killer: the Grim Sleeper. “NHI: No Humans Involved”: the cynical label used to classify these invisible cases. Because who cares about black victims in the US of the 90’s, more racist and segregated that ever?! A true story.

Guantanamo Kid by Tubiana and Franc (2018). The true journey from horror to hope of Mohammed El Gorani, arrested under false pretenses at only 14 years old and imprisoned at Guantanamo for almost 10 years. An unforgettable tale told with a unique voice and a moving sense of humor. A reminder of the need for more humanity.

Le fil de nos vies brisées by Cécile Hénion (2019). Allepo, one city, hundreds of lives destroyed. 35 incredible destinies as told by one of the best international war reporter of our time. 15 true stories of insanity, absurdity, hope, love and resilience.

They Killed Mister H by Maurin Picard (2019). An exceptional investigation that sheds light on a death that has always remained in the dark: that of the General Secretary of the UN, Dag Hammarskjöld. The names and faces of his assassins, some of them French, are finally revealed.
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MICHAEL GAEB LITERARY AGENCY

COMPANY PROFILE
Michael Gaeb Literary Agency, a full-service agency based in Berlin, was founded in 2003. We represent German-writing and Latin-American authors. We are handling foreign rights and film representation worldwide for the most part of our authors as well as German representation for a selection of Italian, French and Hispanic publishers and agencies. As primary agents, we are engaged in every aspect of our authors’ careers, from the editorial work of developing a book proposal or editing a fiction or non-fiction manuscript to negotiating book deals, assisting with strategic career decisions and helping to promote the books once they are published. Our authors cover a broad spectrum of literary fiction, commercial fiction (thrillers and crime, women’s fiction and art). In our international work, politics, current affairs, history and historical novels, as well as children’s fiction), popular and serious non-fiction (in the field of narrative non-fiction, philosophy, politics, current affairs, history and art). In our international work, our greatest achievements have lately been with philosophical titles from Germany. Regarding film rights, we’ve recently closed very nice deals for our Latin-American literary fiction authors.

Andrea Vogel joined the agency in 2014. She is primarily responsible for the foreign rights. She is also handling film & television rights, as well as the representation of our Italian clients on the German market and helping with finding new authors.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Die, my love by Ariana Harwitz (2012). Nominated for the Man Booker International Prize 2018. Published in 16 countries. In the French countryside, a woman is battling her demons. Motherhood, womanhood, the banality of love, the terrors of desire. Ref: John Cassavetes, Lars von Trier.

A Love, in Thoughts by Kristine Bilkau (2018). Award-winning, bestselling author, published in 4 countries. Antonia and Edgar share the dream of a future together during the years before the social upheaval of 1968. 50 years later, a daughter says goodbye to her dying mother finding hundreds of old love letters.

The Republic of free Spirits by Peter Neumann (2018). Bestseller, published in 6 countries. The story of an extraordinary thinkers’ commune, the Silicon Valley of 19th-century, which made intellectual history.


Greed by Marc Elsberg (2019). Internationally bestselling author, published in 20 countries. His first thriller has been optioned by Netflix.

Stars Can Only Be Seen in the Dark by Meike Werkmeister (2019). Bestseller. A sensuous and moving summer novel about two friends, an old secret, love and finding happiness on the beautiful North Sea island of Norderney.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION


Next Door lived a Girl by Stefan Kiesbye (2008). A glimpse into an abyss of betrayal and violence. German mystery, for fans of Dark, set in a working-class town in post-World War II Germany.

Bodies of the Summer by Martin Felipe Castagnet (2012). What happens if death doesn’t exist anymore, and you get to choose a second hand body after life? An Argentinian Black Mirror-like Experience.


The Iceland Sisters’ Promise by Karin Baldvinsson (2009). An Icelandic version of The Piano. A family story spanning 60 years. Two very different sisters and their pursuit of happiness.

NON-FICTION

An Underground Life. Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin by Gad Beck (2004). Berlin, World War II: Gad Beck manages to evade the Nazis and lives illegally underground. Coming of age as a gay man during the war, he helps organize a Jewish youth group, free friends from the Gestapo, and maintains a series of romantic relationships. When anti-Jewish policies begin to be enforced, Beck helps set up resistance efforts to hide refugees, smuggle food and drugs into labor and concentration camps. Actively homosexual from an early age, Beck argues forthrightly that his sexuality and love for men infuses most of his life and gives him the ability to fight for his own life and for others.

Time of the Magicians by Wolfram Eilenberger (2018). International Bestseller, published in 22 countries. A vivid History of Ideas about four German philosophers during the ten years following World War I. We accompany Ludwig Wittgenstein to the village school in rural Austria, promenade with Walter Benjamin through the arcades of Paris, listen with Martin Heidegger to the whispering pine trees surrounding his hut in the Black Forest, and commute with Ernst Cassirer between Berlin and Hamburg. Along the way, marriages are made, lovers buried, hashish is smoked, and wood chopped. 1919-1929 mark the early highpoint of all schools of thought shaping philosophy to this day, including the critique of technology, crisis of democracy, culture wars, religious fundamentalism, discourse of sustainability.

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NEFELI PUBLISHING

COMPANY PROFILE
Nefeli Publishing is based in Athens, Greece and is currently one of the most dynamically emerging publishing houses in the Greek market. Since its founding in 1979, it has published more than 1500 titles, introducing writers and works of seminal importance in most subject areas. By maintaining long standing dedicated title series with an emphasis on subject depth and thoroughness, Nefeli has been a major contributor to the promotion of literature and academia in Greece and is reputed for its quality, both in terms of production values and in regard to the choice and editing of the texts.

Our catalogue of translated literature includes many internationally acclaimed authors such as Marquez, Pessoa, Joyce, Cummings, McEwan, Morrison, Unsworth, Nabokov, Gombrowicz, Kharms, Aragon, Vian, Greene, Steinbeck, Brecht, Transströmer, Ashbery, and Fallaci. Among our classics series are authors like Shakespeare, Kafka, Rilke, Blake, Flaubert, Goethe, Gogol, Molíère, Twain, Racine, Strindberg, Rostand, Bächner, Calderón de la Barca, Goldoni, Lessing, Gorki, Heym, Shelley, de Maupassant, Marquis de Sade, Thackeray, Schnitzler and the Goncourt brothers — beautifully translated and carefully edited. Our philosophy is one of nurturing the fundamental values of publishing, whilst making the necessary adaptations in order to face future challenges in an ethical and sustainable manner. Our focus on beautiful typography and good design makes our projects stand out and underlines their importance. Our central focus this year will be the Short Form in Fiction and the Historical Non-fiction.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Focussing on the short form, magic realism and contemporary fiction:
Joke by Yannis Palavos (2012). Palavos was born in 1980 and ranks among the most acclaimed and best selling short story collections published in Greece in recent years. It is one of the few short story collections to have won both major prizes in Greece: the National Book Award – the highest national literary honor – and the award given by the prestigious Anagnostis Literary Review. Joke comprises 17 stories influenced mainly by magic realism, dirty realism and the rich Greek short story tradition that highlights rural life. Many of the stories in the collection unfold in the backwater towns of rural Greece, while others take place in Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece’s largest cities. All 17 stories are characterized by their sparing and unadorned language, their bitter sense of humor and the tenderness of their characters. Palavos’s stories give us the excuse to experiment, however modestly, and let language do the work we can’t do any other way, at least not yet.
All Stories by Gabriel García Márquez (2014). Magic realism at its best, by the biggest maestro of all. Nobel Prize winner Márquez is “the most popular and perhaps the best writer in Spanish since Cervantes”. What really is at stake here is a psychological suppleness which is able to inhabit unsentimentally the daytime world. We published his short stories in Greece in small collections back in the 1980’s and 3 years ago we completely revised the translations and published one big volume, which is popular in the Greek market ever since.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
FICTION
Philhellinon by Vicky Tsipeliou (2018). This is the new novella of the Greek Academy Award laureate Vicky Tsipeliou. The mother: Mother-Church, Mother-Greece, Mother-Europe, Mother-insecurity, a Nation getting older by itself. A modern, fascinating narrative on the problems of Greek family and the Philhellenic views of the others — our most own strangers.
The Child by Yannis Palavos (2019). The new short story collection of the highly acclaimed young author Yannis Palavos was published in April and has sold over 4,000 copies in 3 months. Loved both by critics and readers, the author confirms with his second book his charisma and mastery of language and form, praised for his first book Joke. With a modest style, a language that serves ideally his narrative spirit, carefully sculptured in every detail, fast paced and with an exemplary use of deduction. Twelve short stories, sung with a soulful lament at the edge of logic and dream. Twelve stories that will hunt you, an ideal material for short film and VR.
The Land of Anger by Christos Chrissopoulos (2019). This is the new novella by the internationally acclaimed Christos Chrissopoulos (his novella The Parthenon Bomber was recently published by Penguin). The book was first published in France under the title Terre de colère and its theatrical adaptation was performed in France in 2018 and 2019. As years go by, the anger rises, it passes from parent to child, like a holy stock it grows deeper from generation to generation... Of all sentiments, anger is most contagious. There was a time when anger was the privilege of the big city centres, when it stayed behind hermetically closed doors, when anger was bad — now, it is everywhere. A contemporary story of high tension.
The Loneliness of Dogs by Panos Tsiros (2019). This is the new short story collection of Panos Tsiros (b. 1970). Short, slightly strange stories about the loneliness of people, dogs and other pets.

NON-FICTION
1919 — The Suspended Step to Asia Minor (2019). One of the most successful history books of 2019 in the Greek market, it fully covers the story of one of the most ambitious military campaigns in the history of contemporary Greece, that ended in a great disaster with over 1 Million fugitives. The narrative is short and simple and it covers the events and causes objectively and thoroughly. The Greco-Turkish War of 1919–1922 was fought between Greece and the Turkish National Movement during the partitioning of the Ottoman Empire after World War I between May 1919 and October 1922. It is known as the Western Front of the Turkish War of Independence in Turkey and the Asia Minor Campaign or the Asia Minor Catastrophe in Greece.
ITALY

NOTTETEMPO

COMPANY PROFILE
Founded in 2002, nottetempo is a proudly independent publishing house with around 500 titles in its catalogue. The editorial project combines high-quality literary fiction with the pleasure of reading, good literature with the experience of intensity and lightness. Mostly focused on contemporary authors from Italy and from all over the world, nottetempo’s strong international list of both fiction and non-fiction aims at quality, variety and commitment. Among our authors are Mario Benedetti, Iris Murdoch, Alberto Manguel, Naomi Alderman, Olga Tokarczuk, Susan Sontag, Pavel Sanaev, Milena Agus, Rosalba Rossetti, Durbavka Ugresi, Yan Lianke, Xu Xing, Karen Alvegten, Judith Schalansky, Nicolas Fargues, Kim Thúy and Burhan Sönmez. Alongside the contemporary and international fiction list, are some classics: Stevenson, Dickens, Colette, Yourencar. We also have several non-fiction series (reportages, philosophy, current affairs and others) that gather great interest (reportages, philosophy, current affairs and others) that gather great interest.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
E quel che resta è per te by Xu Xing (2006).
Disobbedienza by Naomi Alderman (2007).
Gotland by Mariusz Szczygiel (2009).
Zerlay by Kveta Legatova (2009).
Fra-intendimenti by Kaha Mohamed Aden (2010).
Il ritorno by Alberto Manguel (2010).
L’incontro by Gabriela Adamesteanu (2010).
Quando verrà la rivoluzione avremo tutti lo skateboard by Said Sayrafiezadeh (2010).
Riva by Kim Thúy (2010).
Cambiamenti by Mo Yan (2011).
La scoperta del mondo by Luciana Castellina (2012).
Scusate la polvere by Elvira Seminara (2011).
Seppellimenti dietro il battiscopa by Pavel Sanaev (2011).
Tamara Drew by Posy Simmonds (2011).
Guida il tuo carro sulle ossa dei morti by Olga Tokarczuk (2012).
L’albero e la vacca by Adrián N. Bravi (2013).
La tregua by Mario Benedetti (2014).
Ovunque, proteggici by Elisa Ruotolo (2014).
La questione più che altro by Ginevra Lamberti (2015).
Paese senza cappello by Daniele Laffèrrière (2015).
Sentì le rane by Paolo Colagrande (2015).
Tram 83 by Fiston Mwanza Mujila (2015).
Il grande animale by Gabriele Di Fronzo (2016).
Istanbul Istanbul by Burhan Sönmez (2016).
Londra per famiglie by Mila Venturini (2016).
Incerta Gloria by Joan Sales (2018).
I quattro libri by Yan Lianke (2018).
Mrs Caliban by Rachel Ingalls (2018).
Cosa resta della notte by Ersi Sotiropoulos (2019).
Pietra nera by Alessandro Bertante (2019).

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION
La contessa di ricotta (Countess Butterfingers) by Milena Agus (2009). Countess Butterfingers’ heart is so big it’s about to burst. She has two sisters, one beautiful and the other lonely. They all live in a crumbling aristocratic palace in an ancient area of Cagliari where rich and poor are mixed. When her eyes meet those of her shady neighbour she realizes that even wonderful surprises can break your heart. A story of rare and simple beauty about the nature of love and passion told with warmth, humour and deep insight. An international bestseller published in 24 languages.

Due di tutto e una valigia (Two of Everything and a Suitcase) by Mila Venturini (2010). A novel. In a hospital, waiting for her father to be operated, twenty-year-old Sara looks back at those days when she and her brother went through their parents’ divorce. A drama turns out to be a brilliant family comedy as the kids discover the advantages of the situation: infinite possibilities of transgression!

Amori comunisti (Communist Love) by Luciana Castellina (2018). Amori comunisti (Communist Love) by Luciana Castellina (2018). Speaking of the loves between Nazim Hikmet and Munevver Andaç, between Argyró Poikronaki and Nikos Kokulís and between Sylvia and Robert Thompson, the author builds a story interwoven with real memories and personal encounters, around the three couples from Turkey, Greece and the United States. Complicated lives in a crumbling aristocratic palace in an ancient area of Cagliari where rich and poor are mixed. When her eyes meet those of her shady neighbour she realizes that even wonderful surprises can break your heart. A story of rare and simple beauty about the nature of love and passion told with warmth, humour and deep insight. An international bestseller published in 24 languages.

FICTION
La lettrice di Checov (Checov’s Reader) by Giulia Corsalini (2018). Leaving her dying husband back in Kiev, Nina emigrates to Italy to support her daughter’s studies and here she meets a professor who helps her transform her love for literature into a job. Pursuance of happiness versus sense of duty, familial bonds versus reasons of the heart. A novel that celebrates the power of literature to change a person’s life and destiny.

Il vendicatore di Paolo Colagrande (2018). A story that touches upon universal themes such as the roots of evil in human beings, a well-built rhythm through the succession of scenes and a crescendo of events in an epic setting. In the shortlist for the BookCiak award at the 2018 Venice Film Festival and winner of the Segaredo Zanatti award - A Book, a film. Published also in Spain and France.

Glì insaziabili (Insatiable) (2019). Eight Italian authors and eight Chinese authors around the double red line represented by Eros and Food: themes that deeply concern two distant cultures, yet full of fertile land for comparison, knowledge and enrichment for each culture. The book, published both in Italy and in China, is a game of mirrors, joints and visions on two topics that are governed by rituals and pleasure.
FRANCE

PLACE DES ÉDITEURS

COMPANY PROFILE

Place des Éditeurs is held by EDITIS and includes four imprints: Plon, Perrin, Belfond and Presses de la Cité. Place des éditeurs publishes more than 400 new titles each year: and its catalogue includes literature, history, French and Foreign fiction and non-fiction. Belfond has published 20 novels by the master of suspense Harlan Coben, and the books by Haruki Murakami or Douglas Kennedy. As to books in French, Belfond publishes literary works, sagas, major novels and historical novels. With over 10 million copies sold, Françoise Bourdin is one of the foremost writers of women's fiction. With a catalogue featuring international bestselling authors (Danielle Steel, Jonas Jonasson, Elizabeth George, Michel Bussi), new voices and forgotten writers, Presses de la Cité offers a global reading experience. Editions Perrin has, from its beginnings (1827), catered to a readership of history lovers, researchers and teachers. An initial speciality was the publication of the speeches of the Académie Française and early works included those of: Voltaire, Augustin Thierry, François Mauriac and René Groussard. Today, Perrin is the leading history publisher in France. Plon is a leader in France in the field of the political, economy and societal documents. Its prestigious collections count authors such as Claude Lévi-Strauss or Simone Veil, and the works of several French Presidents. Plon also publishes commercial fiction with authors as Raphaëlle Giordano.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS

BELFOND – FRENCH AUTHORS

Gran paradiso and Si loin, si proches by Françoise Bourdin (2018 & 2019).


UnPer by Isabelle Desesquelles (2019).

BELFOND – FOREIGN AUTHORS


Par accident by Harlan Coben (2018).

Le Chant des revenants by Jesmyn Ward (2019) - Grand Prix des Lectrices ELLE.

Surprends-moi by Sophie Kinsella (2019).

PRESSES DE LA CÔTE – FRENCH AUTHORS

Sang famille by Michel Bussi (2018).

PRESSES DE LA CÔTE – FOREIGN AUTHORS

Le vieux qui voulait sauver le monde by Jonas Jonasson (2018).

La punition qu’elle mérite by Elizabeth George (2019).

Maître de son destin by Barbara Taylor Bradford (2019).

Perrin


Franck Ferrand raconte by Franck Ferrand (2019).


PLO


Madame la Présidente by Ava Djamshidi and Nathalie Schuck (2019).

Un mariage américain by Tayari Jones (2019).

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FICTION

PRESSES DE LA CÔTE

D’autres viendront (Other People Will Come) by Richard Boidin (2019).

Three Africans stand accused of crimes against humanity. There are the accomplices of an African-American doctor who is alleged to be the author of an explosive tract – The Manifesto for Life. Hélène Morel, whose mixed-race grandson Julien has disappeared in the heart of Africa, is attending the trial. Five months earlier, Julien Morel, a United Nations employee, received a photo from one Joseph Klein which prompted him to travel to the heart of the equatorial forests in the hope of finding alive his mother and sister, who had officially been declared victims of the Rwandan genocide. The trial and Julien’s disappearance become inextricably linked. In the heart of Equatorial Africa, along the enigmatic Congo River, D’autres viendront is a powerful novel.

J’ai dû rêver trop fort (I Must Have Dreamt Too Deeply) by Michel Bussi (2019). Via four stopovers and a game of mirrors between 1999 and 2019, Michel Bussi’s latest novel blends emotion and suspense, as it builds to a remarkable final twist in the tale. This top-drawer mystery story by Michel Bussi is, as usual, replete with human interest, emotion and universal appeal.

Les Gardiennes du silence (The Guardians of the Silence) by Sophie Erdelys (2019). One island, two monasteries, three murders, four centuries of an occult order composed of mute women... Chloe, an ordinary young woman, archivist, will face an incredible adventure, and her own past. A very tasty, and original domestic thriller.

BELFOND

Je t’aime (I Love You) by Barbara Abel (2018). To lie by omission, merely out of love. And to become by proxy the worst of murderers. The fates of four women collide, entangle and rip apart. Women who are often better at hating than loving. Because in Barbara Abel’s novels, nothing is more akin to love than hate.

Je voudrais que la nuit me prenne (I want the night to take me) by Isabelle Desesquelles (2018). A dizzying and poetic immersion in the universe of childhood. Je voudrais que le nuit me prenne tells of the dangers of happiness. Against a backdrop of troubled feelings shot through with rays of joy, Isabelle Desesquelles explores the fragile bonds which connect us to our loved ones and the formidable power of memories. A deeply moving novel which is a celebration of memory, the only antidote to the loss of happiness. Prix Femina des lycéens 2018.

Regression by Fabrice Papillon (2019). Yamina is a gendarmerie captain in Corsica. She discovers a slaughterhouse. Among the remains strewn across the floor of the cave is a thorax out of which the heart has been ripped and a severed skull containing a cooked brain. Meanwhile, the police find the missing heart at a famous prehistoric site on the island, as if it were an offering to ancestral warriors. The situation rapidly spirals out of control: similar crime scenes are discovered at other prehistoric sites in Spain, at Stonehenge in England and even in Germany… A gripping scientific thriller by the author of Le Dernier Hyver.

PLO

L’Expérience de la pluie (The Experience of the Rain) by Clélie Avit (2019). Arthur is 6 years old. He lives with his mother, Camille, in a bubble she created just for them. That way, the world’s noise, violence and people can’t reach them. But one evening, as he’s leaving the office, Aurélien crosses their path. A luminous novel; the enduring characters, at once strong and weak, are just like us.

On ne meurt pas d’amour (We Don’t Die of Love) by Géraldine Dalban-Moreynas (2019). A man and a woman live in the same building, but in a different apartment. They are both part of a couple, but with different people. One day, they bump into each other for the first time on Sunday November at the street entrance. It is love at first sight. And it hurts a lot. Later on, they agree that it was doubtless at that instant that it all began… A heartbreakingly love story for a strong first novel.

Pour que le jour de votre mort soit le plus beau de votre vie (May the Day You Die Be the Most Beautiful Day of your Life) by Lionel Abbo (2019). The chaotic life of Adolph Goldstein, a thirty-something Jew who became an undertaker out of opportunism, and who gradually drifts towards practices that are ever-less conventional but far more exciting. Exhilarating!
ITALY

RIZZOLI
(MONDADORI LIBRI SPA)

COMPANY PROFILE
Founded in 1927 by the Italian entrepreneur Angelo Rizzoli, the company has always been a leading player in publishing industry. Now part of the Mondadori Group, with the different imprints Rizzoli, BUR, Fabbri, Etas, Lizard, we publish Italian and international fiction and non-fiction, including biographies, memoirs, art, science, philosophy, politics, illustrated, manuals, graphic novels and YA books. Among our authors of non-fiction, we have many international celebrities, including Daniel Goleman, Michio Kaku, Roger Penrose, Stephen Hawking, Michael Wolff, Hans Kung, Harold Bloom, Eric Hobsbawm, Anthony Beevor and Mark Bowden; among the Italians: Ulli Gruber, Oriana Fallaci, Indro Montanelli, Paolo Mieli, Vittorino Andreoli, Beppe Severgnini, Matteo Molinari. Rizzoli publishes major fiction authors too, such as Donna Tartt, Ransom Riggs, Jeffery Deaver, Kathy Reichs, John Green, Anthony Doerr, Colum McCann, and among the Italians, Dacia Maraini, Walter Siti, Nebiolo Bertoldi, Silvia Avallone just to mention a few. Rizzoli Lizard, the Italian leading brand in graphic novels and comics, includes some international bestselling authors such as Hugo Pratt and Hergé, Craig Thompson and Guy Delisle, in Fabbri, formerly brand dedicated to commercial women’s fiction and light non fiction. BUR is our renowned paperback imprint that celebrates in 2019 its 70th anniversary and that has marked the history of the culture of many Italian generations.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
Many of our books are being filmed in the country of their origin and distributed internationally. Here below a selection of novels, memoirs and non-fiction titles we published that already became or will soon be a film / TV series.

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert (2010).

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs (2011).

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (2014).

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (2014).

Don Quijote de la Mancha by Miguel de Cervantes (latest ed. in 2017).

The Amazement of the Night by Piergiorgio Pulixi (2018). From one of the greatest voices of the Italian poetry, set in the double-edged metropolis of Milan: half-dreamland, half-doomed world. The most vicious of the criminal minds plot in the shadows and police commissioner Rosa Lopez is at the forefront to stop it.

The Sleeping Man by Corrado De Rosa (2018). Corrado De Rosa, the most important forensic psychologist debuts as a novelist with the first instalment of a new endearing crime series. Antonio Costanza is 40 years old, has an ex-wife and a difficult relationship with his son. Like the author, he is a psychiatrist and court consultant for violent crimes. Everything changes following the murder of two prostitutes and the arrest of two suspects: both are guilty of something even worse. Antonio is forced to choose between law and justice.

Once is Enough by Piergiorgio Pulixi (2019). This book tells us what happens when the fear of change clashes with the need to move on.

FICTION

A Husband by Michele Vaccari (2018). Patrizia and Ferdinando have been married for more than twenty years and everything in their lives goes on like clockwork A holiday, their first and only, three days in Milan. But when they arrive in Piazza Duomo, a bomb explodes beneath the cathedral. Patrizia is one of the victims. Revealing the anguish and anxiety that belongs to all of us, Michele Vaccari tells us what happens when the fear of change takes over.

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NON-FICTION

Duel in the Ghetto by Maurizio Molinari (2017). The true story of Pacifico di Consiglio and his personal war against a fascist that hunts him. A dramatic sequence of events, full of intrigue and tips offs during the times of racial persecution. The book tells a little known story based on witness accounts and unpublished documents obtained from the families of the protagonists. Maurizio Molinari, journalist and writer, is director of La Stampa and has long been its correspondent in Jerusalem, for which he has authored the most followed blog GerusalemmeDebattieDay.

I Visconti by Daniela Pizzagalli (2019). The queen of historical biographies and one of the leading experts in Medieval and Renaissance History is back with the story of the Visconti family, a story of betrayals of vendetta and redemption, conflicts and intrigue, power and poisons, a story which lacks nothing in comparison to the most celebrated dynasties, from the Medicis to the Borgias. This book tells how they managed to audaciously arise in a completely fragmented peninsula, and how they created the most powerful Italian State of the time.

The Law of the Sea by Annalisa Camilli (2019). NGOs and human rights: sea taxis or the last border of civilization? A heartfelt and engaging journey about the routes taken by migrants, the boats that rescue them, the stories of the protagonists, and the central factory of false news that feeds the anti-NGO rhetoric of the sovereignist right wing all over Europe.

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COMPANY PROFILE
Salomonsson Agency was founded in 2000. Today, the agency has twenty-four employees and represents approximately fifty Nordic authors of literary fiction, crime fiction, children's fiction, and narrative nonfiction worldwide. In addition, Salomonsson Agency represents a curated list of critically acclaimed and commercially successful screenwriters, directors and composers working in Scandinavia and around the world. With passion, commitment and innovation, Salomonsson Agency brings the very best of Nordic content to the world.

PAST MAIN PUBLICATIONS
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (2013). The million-copy international bestselling phenomenon, Fredrik Backman’s heartwarming debut is a funny, moving, uplifting tale of love and community that will leave you with a spring in your step.

Knife by Jo Nesbo (2019). Following the dramatic conclusion of The Thirst, Knife sees Harry Hole waking up with a ferocious hangover, his hands and clothes covered in blood. Not only is Harry about to come face to face with an old, deadly foe, but with his darkest personal challenge yet. The twelfth instalment in Jo Nesbo’s internationally bestselling crime fiction series.

LATEST TITLES AVAILABLE FOR FILM ADAPTATION AT THE 76TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FICTION
I Will Miss You Tomorrow by Heine Bakkeid (2017). The first book about former interrogation leader Thorkild Aske.

The Red Address Book by Sofia Lundberg (2017). A heartwarming debut about 96-year-old Doris, who writes down the memories of her eventful life as she pages through her decades-old address book. But the most profound moment of her life is still to come.

The Wolf and the Watchman by Niklas Natt och Dag (2017). In his debut novel The Wolf and the Watchman, Niklas Natt och Dag paints a compelling portrait of late 18th century Stockholm. Through the eyes of the novel’s four narrators the powdered and painted veneer of the era is peeled back to reveal the frightful yet fascinating reality hidden beyond the dry facts of history texts. With one foot firmly planted in literary tradition and the other in hardboiled suspense literature, with The Wolf and the Watchman Natt och Dag has created an entirely new genre of suggestive and realistic historical noir.

Death Deserved by Jørn Lier Horst and Thomas Enger (2018). Death Deserved is Jørn Lier Horst and Thomas Enger’s first co-written novel and the first installment in a suspense series that combines the very best of both authorships.

All the Air That Surrounds Us by Tom Malmquist (2019). All the Air That Surrounds Us is a haunting deep dive into an unsolved murder and the author’s own relation to the hidden killer behind the murder: loneliness and alienation.
SINGEL UITGEVERIJEN

COMPANY PROFILE
Singel Uitgeverijen is one of the most prominent publishing companies in the Low Countries, and consists of the following houses: Nijgh & Van Ditmar (1833), Nijgh Cuisine (2018), Querido (1953), De Arbeiderspers (1929), Atheneum-Polak & Van Gennep (1962), De Geus (1983) and Volt (2007), boasting a combined history of five hundred years in the book trade. Singel publishes a wide variety of titles, ranging from literary fiction and non-fiction to upmarket commercial fiction, poetry, graphic novels and cookbooks. With publishing houses Querido and Volt, Singel Publishers also is the publisher of many classic and contemporary children’s books authors and illustrators.

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Lampie and the Children of the Sea by Annet Schaap (2018). Every evening Lampie the lighthouse keeper’s daughter must light a lantern to warn ships away from the rocks. But one stormy night disaster strikes. The lantern goes out, a ship is wrecked and an adventure begins.

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Rembrandt’s Biography by Machiel Bosman (2020). Machiel Bosman (1972) is a historian in the tradition of the great storytellers. His Elizabeta de Flines was nominated for the AKO Literature Prize, his book The Predator King was shortlisted for the Libris History Prize. He is currently working on a big Rembrandt Biography.
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The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning by Margareta Magnusson (2018). A New York Times bestseller, translated into 30 languages, this book provides a charming approach to putting your life in order so your loved ones won’t have to.

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Ghost in Love by Marc Levy (2019). From the international bestselling author Marc Levy, a comedy in the tradition of Frank Capra and Billy Wilder, that makes you want to believe in the impossible. What would you do if a ghost suddenly appeared in your living room, and asked you to do the unthinkable—so that he could fulfill his last wish? Would you be ready to drop everything and pack your bags, no matter how crazy it seemed? And how about if this ghost was your father…? Thomas, a piano virtuoso, embarks on a whirlwind adventure, with the ghost of his father: a life-changing journey to make up for lost time and a chance encounter...

In Between Days by Nataël Trapp (2019). In Nataël Trapp’s brilliant, page-turning novel, the philosophical question of “free will versus destiny” takes on a gripping, life-or-death urgency. “In less than an hour, I will be dead. It’s almost midnight, and I’ve done everything in my power—everything—not to end up here, in this place, at this time. The shadowy lake rippling in front of me, the pine trees shuddering in the wind, the stars scattered across the sky: they’re all proof that I’ve failed. Every second I expect to hear a soft footstep in the pine needles, the snap of a branch, some indication that I’m not alone. That I’m being watched. I’m going to die—and the worst part is, it won’t be for the first time.”

Kentucky by Simon Van Booy (2019). Carol was thirteen when her daddy lost her in a game of cards. A year later—pregnant and with nowhere to go—she is taken in by Bessie and Martha, who run a secret refuge for ‘lost’ women. 50 years on—in the same small town—Carol’s thirteen-year-old grandson rides his BMX and watches wrestling—mesmerized by Bo’s excess, while his community fights to stay employed in factories and on farms. Kentucky is the epic saga of one family’s struggle to survive in the rural Unites States.

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