

## La Toscana Fra Occulto Insolito E Paranormale

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Offers a study of culture in the sixteenth century as seen through the eyes of one man, the miller known as Menocchio, who was accused of heresy during the Inquisition and sentenced to death. This book illustrates the confusing political and religious conditions of the time.

In this book, participation in the arts is analyzed as a substantial contributory factor to European citizenship, and also as a tool for improving individual and societal wellbeing through educational and inclusive policies. It offers an up-to-date overview of ongoing research on the measurement and analysis of, and prospects for, traditional and new forms of cultural engagement in Europe. It describes and assesses available methods and participation in the arts and seeks to determine how and to what extent the various drivers, policies and barriers matter. This publication is the final output of the work done by the members of the EU Project "Assessing effective tools to enhance cultural participation," which brought together social scientists and cultural practitioners in joint projects, conferences and seminars, to reflect on the current situation and the challenges faced by managers of cultural and arts institutions and cultural policy makers.

Your Face Tomorrow, Javier Marías's daring novel in three parts culminates triumphantly in this much-anticipated final volume. *Poison, Shadow, and Farewell*, with its heightened tensions between meditations and noir narrative, with its wit and ever deeper forays into the mysteries of consciousness, brings to a stunning finale Marías's three-part *Your Face Tomorrow*. Already this novel has been acclaimed "exquisite" (*Publishers Weekly*), "gorgeous" (*Kirkus*), and "outstanding: another work of urgent originality" (*London Independent*). *Poison, Shadow, and Farewell* takes our hero Jaime Deza—hired by MI6 as a person of extraordinarily sophisticated powers of perception—back to Madrid to both spy on and try to protect his own family, and into new depths of love and loss, with a fluency on the subject of death that could make a stone weep.

Strokes or cerebrovascular accidents are a result of poor blood flow. Most types of strokes are caused by thrombosis, embolism, systemic hypoperfusion or cerebral venous sinus thrombosis. The ever growing need of advanced technology is the reason that has fueled the research in this field in recent times. This book elucidates in detail the various diagnostic tools of stroke like NIHSS, CT scans, MRI scans, Doppler ultrasound etc. It is a compilation of chapters that discuss most vital concepts and emerging trends in the field of stroke, especially related to its diagnosis and treatment. This book is meant for students and medical practitioners who are looking for an elaborate reference text on this topic.

In this fascinating collection of essays, an international group of scholars explores the sonic consequences of transcultural contact in the early modern period. They examine how cultural configurations of sound impacted communication, comprehension, and the categorisation of people. Addressing questions of identity, difference, sound, and subjectivity in global early modernity, these authors share the conviction that the body itself is the most intimate of contact zones, and that the culturally contingent systems by which sounds made sense could be foreign to early modern listeners and to present day scholars. Drawing on a global range of archival evidence—from New France and New Spain, to the slave ships of the Middle Passage, to China, Europe, and the Mediterranean court environment—this collection challenges the privileged position of European acoustical practices within the discipline of global-historical musicology. The discussion of Black and non-European experiences demonstrates how the production of 'the canon' in the cosmopolitan centres of colonial empires was underpinned by processes of human exploitation and extraction of resources. As such, this text is a timely response to calls within the discipline to decolonise music history and to contextualise the canonical works of the European past. This volume is accessible to a wide and interdisciplinary audience, not only within musicology, but also to those interested in early modern global history, sound studies, race, and slavery.

It is a sultry August at the very end of the twentieth century, and Tristano is dying. A hero of the Italian Resistance, Tristano has called a writer to his bedside to listen to his life story, though, really, "you don't tell a life...you live a life, and while you're living it, it's already lost, has slipped away." *Tristano Dies*, one of Antonio Tabucchi's major novels, is a vibrant consideration of love, war, devotion, betrayal, and the instability of the past, of storytelling, and what it means to be a hero. From the Trade Paperback edition.

What is the nature of unidentified aerial phenomena? Forty years ago a small cadre of dedicated researchers began actively investigating cases, interviewing witnesses, and exchanging data through a small, informal network of international contacts. Today this low-profile network, or "invisible college," has grown into a larger, multi-nation volunteer research effort joined by many individuals. But the questions first raised 40 years ago remain current—and unanswered. "I believe that a powerful force has influenced the human race in the past and is again influencing it now. Does this force

represent alien intervention, or does it originate entirely within human consciousness? This is the question that forms the basis of the work of the Invisible College of UFO researchers." -- Jacques Vallee "THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE is unlike any other UFO book ever written. Dr. Vallee questions what everybody else takes for granted, doubts what everybody believes, drenches us with data that doesn't 'fit' any of the theories of either the True Believers or the die-hard non-believers and then offers a hypothesis on his own." -- Robert Anton Wilson "An important book-not only are UFOs and psychic events inextricably linked, as Dr. Vallee so nicely points out, but neither can be understood without an appreciation of the role of myth, tradition, and belief system. Must reading for the serious student of contemporary events." -- Edgar Mitchell "Certainly one of the most interesting, thought-provoking books so far written on UFOs." -- Colin Wilson Dr. Jacques Vallee began his professional life as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory in 1961. While on the staff of the French Space Committee, he witnessed the destruction of the tracking tapes of unknown objects orbiting the earth, initiating a lifelong interest in the UFO phenomenon. Vallee arrived in the U.S. in 1962 and worked in astronomy at the University of Texas at Austin before receiving a Ph.D. in computer science from Northwestern University in 1967. There he became a close associate of J. Allen Hynek, then scientific consultant for the U.S. Air Force on Project Blue Book-the result was *The Invisible College*. Dr. Vallee is presently a venture capitalist living in San Francisco. His website is [www.jacquesvallee.com](http://www.jacquesvallee.com).

*The Years of Alienation in Italy* offers an interdisciplinary overview of the socio-political, psychological, philosophical, and cultural meanings that the notion of alienation took on in Italy between the 1960s and the 1970s. It addresses alienation as a social condition of estrangement caused by the capitalist system, a pathological state of the mind and an ontological condition of subjectivity. Contributors to the edited volume explore the pervasive influence this multifarious concept had on literature, cinema, architecture, and photography in Italy. The collection also theoretically reassesses the notion of alienation from a novel perspective, employing Italy as a paradigmatic case study in its pioneering role in the revolution of mental health care and factory work during these two decades.

The #1 New York Times bestseller from Walter Isaacson brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in this exciting new biography that is "a study in creativity: how to define it, how to achieve it...Most important, it is a powerful story of an exhilarating mind and life" (The New Yorker). Based on thousands of pages from Leonardo da Vinci's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson "deftly reveals an intimate Leonardo" (San Francisco Chronicle) in a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirted with fantasy. He produced the two most famous paintings in history, *The Last Supper* and the *Mona Lisa*. With a passion that sometimes became obsessive, he pursued innovative studies of anatomy, fossils, birds, the heart, flying machines, botany, geology, and weaponry. He explored the math of optics, showed how light rays strike the cornea, and produced illusions of changing perspectives in *The Last Supper*. His ability to stand at the crossroads of the humanities and the sciences, made iconic by his drawing of *Vitruvian Man*, made him history's most creative genius. In the "luminous" (Daily Beast) *Leonardo da Vinci*, Isaacson describes how Leonardo's delight at combining diverse passions remains the ultimate recipe for creativity. So, too, does his ease at being a bit of a misfit: illegitimate, gay, vegetarian, left-handed, easily distracted, and at times heretical. His life should remind us of the importance to be imaginative and, like talented rebels in any era, to think different. Here, da Vinci "comes to life in all his remarkable brilliance and oddity in Walter Isaacson's ambitious new biography...a vigorous, insightful portrait" (The Washington Post).

Collecting and displaying finely crafted objects was a mark of character among the royals and aristocrats in Early Modern Spain: it ranked with extravagant hospitality as a sign of nobility and with virtue as a token of princely power. *Objects of Culture in the Literature of Imperial Spain* explores how the writers of the period shared the same impulse to collect, arrange, and display objects, though in imagined settings, as literary artefacts. These essays examine a variety of cultural objects described or alluded to in books from the Golden Age of Spanish literature, including clothing, paintings, tapestries, playing cards, monuments, materials of war, and even enchanted bronze heads. The contributors emphasize how literature preserved and transformed objects to endow them with new meaning for aesthetic, social, religious, and political purposes – whether to perpetuate certain habits of thought and belief, or to challenge accepted social and moral norms.

THE YEAR 1866 was marked by a bizarre development, an unexplained and downright inexplicable phenomenon that surely no one has forgotten. Without getting into those rumors that upset civilians in the seaports and deranged the public mind even far inland, it must be said that professional seamen were especially alarmed. Traders, shipowners, captains of vessels, skippers, and master mariners from Europe and America, naval officers from every country, and at their heels the various national governments on these two continents, were all extremely disturbed by the business. In essence, over a period of time several ships had encountered "an enormous thing" at sea, a long spindle-shaped object, sometimes giving off a phosphorescent glow, infinitely bigger and faster than any whale. The relevant data on this apparition, as recorded in various logbooks, agreed pretty closely as to the structure of the object or creature in question, its unprecedented speed of movement, its startling locomotive power, and the unique vitality with which it seemed to be gifted. If it was a cetacean, it exceeded in bulk any whale previously classified by science. No naturalist, neither Cuvier nor Lacépède, neither Professor Dumeril nor Professor de Quatrefages, would have accepted the existence of such a monster sight unseen—specifically, unseen by their own scientific eyes. Striking an average of observations taken at different times—rejecting those timid estimates that gave the object a length of 200 feet, and ignoring those exaggerated views that saw it as a mile wide and three long—you could still assert that this phenomenal creature greatly exceeded the dimensions of anything then known to ichthyologists, if it existed at all. Now then, it did exist, this was an undeniable fact; and since the human mind dotes on objects of wonder, you can understand the worldwide excitement caused by this

unearthly apparition. As for relegating it to the realm of fiction, that charge had to be dropped. In essence, on July 20, 1866, the steamer Governor Higginson, from the Calcutta & Burnach Steam Navigation Co., encountered this moving mass five miles off the eastern shores of Australia.

Con la prefazione di Franco Lo Piparo. La scoperta del tutto casuale di un quadro sulla bancarella di un mercatino delle pulci olandese nel 1980 rappresenta l'innesco di un percorso "investigativo" sull'autenticità dell'opera che, progressivamente, si trasforma nella ricerca e nello studio delle condizioni a contorno della creazione del quadro stesso. Ne deriva una rappresentazione non soltanto della biografia di Amedeo Modigliani e di Aldo Palazzeschi, lo scrittore raffigurato nel quadro, ma anche del loro possibile incontro nel 1914 a Parigi – di cui non esiste testimonianza storica – e quindi della straordinaria molteplicità di artisti e intellettuali che animano la vita culturale della capitale francese e d'Europa all'inizio del XX secolo (sembra d'essere sul set di "Midnight in Paris" di Woody Allen, film che brulica di bistrot, pittori, musicisti e scrittori arrivati da ogni dove in cerca d'identità e fortuna). All'intreccio del romanzo, insieme detective story e saggio accademico, s'aggiunge una riflessione (che ricorda molto quella di Sciascia e prima ancora di Pirandello) sul significato della verità nel continuo rimescolamento fra realtà e finzione. Il risultato è una sorta di originale e avvincente "docufiction" che vuole essere il contributo personale dell'autore alle celebrazioni per il centenario della scomparsa di Modì (2020).

World War I marks a well-known turning point in anthropology, and this volume is the first to examine the variety of forms it took in Europe. Distinct national traditions emerged and institutes were founded, partly due to collaborations with the military. Researchers in the cultural sciences used war zones to gain access to »informants«: prisoner-of-war and refugee camps, occupied territories, even the front lines. Anthropologists tailored their inquiries to aid the war effort, contributed to interpretations of the war as a »struggle« between »races«, and assessed the »warlike« nature of the Balkan region, whose crises were key to the outbreak of the Great War.

"One of the most important devotional works of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, this book provided a major source for both visual and literary artists, as well as for preachers, contemplatives, and believers. The amazing number of manuscript sources attests to its far-reaching influence. Gospel accounts of Christ's life are supplemented by apocryphal material from a variety of sources, to provide in an inviting style a highly readable biography. The translation brings to life the pathos, humor, and wisdom of Caulibu's book while maintaining impeccable scholarship. The volume is further enhanced by eight full-color plates selected from the miniatures in MS 410, Corpus Christi College, Oxford."

This book is about the Renaissance revitalization of classical drama. Using a cultural and theatrical approach, it shows how Italian playwrights made ancient tragedy relevant to their audiences. The book challenges the traditional critical approach to the Italian Renaissance tragedy as a mere literary work, and calls attention to the complementary function of the theatrical text, which is 'reconstructed' from the stage directions embedded in the discourse of the characters.

This Seventh Edition of the best-selling intermediate Italian text, DA CAPO, reviews and expands upon all aspects of Italian grammar while providing authentic learning experiences (including new song and video activities) that provide students with engaging ways to connect with Italians and Italian culture. Following the guidelines established by the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning, DA CAPO develops Italian language proficiency through varied features that accommodate a variety of teaching styles and goals. The Seventh Edition emphasizes a well-rounded approach to intermediate Italian, focusing on balanced acquisition of the four language skills within an updated cultural framework. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Professor Goody's research in West Africa resulted in finding an alternative way of thinking about 'traditional' societies. Cited by the New York Review of Books as "the best brief for visitation," this classic study presents an analysis of UFO reports and concludes that many sightings cannot be easily dismissed.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "Is it as good as Red Dragon and Silence of the Lambs? No . . . this one is better."—Stephen King, The New York Times Book Review You remember Hannibal Lecter: gentleman, genius, cannibal. Seven years have passed since Dr. Lecter escaped from custody. And for seven years he's been at large, free to savor the scents, the essences, of an unguarded world. But intruders have entered Dr. Lecter's world, piercing his new identity, sensing the evil that surrounds him. For the multimillionaire Hannibal left maimed, for a corrupt Italian policeman, and for FBI agent Clarice Starling, who once stood before Lecter and who has never been the same, the final hunt for Hannibal Lecter has begun. All of them, in their separate ways, want to find Dr. Lecter. And all three will get their wish. But only one will live long enough to savor the reward. . . . Praise for Hannibal "Interested in getting the hell scared out of you? Buy this book on a Friday . . . lock all doors and windows. And by Monday , you might just be able to sleep without a night-light."—Newsday "Strap yourself in for one heck of a ride. . . . It'll scare your socks off."—Denver Post "A stunner . . . writing in language as bright and precise as a surgeon's scalpel, Harris has created a world as mysterious as Hannibal's memory palace and as disturbing as a Goya painting. This is one book you don't want to read alone at night."—The Atlanta Journal-Constitution "Relentless . . . endlessly terrifying . . . 486 fast-paced pages, in which every respite is but a prelude to further furious action . . . Hannibal begins with a murderous paroxysm that leaves the reader breathless. . . . Hannibal speaks to the imagination, to the feelings, to the passions, to exalted senses and to debased ones. Harris's voice will be heard for a while."—Los Angeles Times "A pleasurable sense of dread."—The Wall Street Journal "Enormously satisfying . . . a smashing good time, turning the pages for thrills, chills, horror and finally, a bracing, deliciously wicked slap in the face . . . perhaps the very best the thriller/horror genre is capable of producing."—San Diego Union-Tribune

This collection of essays provides a comprehensive account of the culture of modern Italy. Contributions focus on a wide range of political, historical and cultural questions. The volume provides information and analysis on such topics as

regionalism, the growth of a national language, social and political cultures, the role of intellectuals, the Church, the left, feminism, the separatist movements, organised crime, literature, art, design, fashion, the mass media, and music. While offering a thorough history of Italian cultural movements, political trends and literary texts over the last century and a half, the volume also examines the cultural and political situation in Italy today and suggests possible future directions in which the country might move. Each essay contains suggestions for further reading on the topics covered. The Cambridge Companion to Modern Italian Culture is an invaluable source of materials for courses on all aspects of modern Italy.

Two weeks out of port, a haunted ship is becalmed and surrounded by a dense mist. A master of seafaring yarns recounts the crew's chilling fate in this compulsive page-turner.

In this brilliant meditation on conceptions of history, Le Goff traces the evolution of the historian's craft. Examining real and imagined oppositions between past and present, ancient and modern, oral and written history, *History and Memory* reveals the strands of continuity that have characterized historiography from ancient Mesopotamia to modern Europe.

From that long investigation of mine the conclusions that I summarize and explain in this book arose and which, I will say immediately, are the following: It is true that the poetry of the "Fedeli d'Amore", especially that of Dante and his most immediate predecessors, of the his contemporaries and his successors, is written in a secret jargon for which at least thirty words (Rossetti had already pointed out some, deceiving himself about others) constantly have, in addition to the apparent meaning concerning love matter, a second and sometimes also a third conventional meaning, concerning the ideas of an initiatory doctrine and the life of a group of initiates. These words are precisely those that with exasperating monotony fill the lines of these "Faithful", very often presenting nonsense in the literal plane, namely: love, madonna, death, life, women, madness and madness, cold, gaiety, gravity, boredom, nature, weep, stone, rose, flower, source, greeting, wild, shame and others of less frequent use. It is true that all the women of the dolce stil novo are in reality one woman and that is the holy Wisdom, which in the special use of the dolce stil novo conventionally takes a different name for each different lover and is called Beatrice for Dante, Giovanna for Guido Cavalcanti, Lagia for Lapo Gianni, Selvaggia for Cino and so on. And since, as I said above, the doctrine cultivated by a sect and the sect itself are confused under the same designation, these women also serve to designate the sect of the "Fedeli d'Amore". Dante's *Vita Nuova* is all written in this jargon: it is all symbolic from the first to the last word and concerns the initiatory life of Dante and his relations not with the wife of Simone de' Bardi, but with the Holy Wisdom and with the group that cultivated it. Therefore the Beatrice of the New Life does not differ substantially from the one who appears triumphant on the chariot of the Church in the apocalyptic vision of the *Divine Comedy*. The darkest poems of the "Fedeli d'Amore" and especially Dante's obscure songs, over which those who were ignorant of the jargon have struggled in vain, read according to the jargon, melt their clarity, coherence, unsuspected depth. Not only that, but with the knowledge of the secret meaning of these few words of jargon, they clear up in our eyes and completely transform into their spirit, other very obscure works by Dante's contemporaries, such as the *Documents of love* by Francesco da Barberino, the *Intelligence* by Dino Compagni, the *Acerba* by Cecco d'Ascoli, works which, while differing outwardly from the love poetry of the sweet styl novo are informed by the same profound mystical spirit, by the same secret doctrine, they come out, in other words, from the bosom of the same sect. These poems, once translated into their real meaning with the key of jargon, in place of that vague, stylized, monotonous, cold, artificial love, which they almost always show according to the letter, reveal to us an intense and deep life of love. for a mystical idea, considered the true essence of Catholic revelation, of a struggle for it, against the carnal and corrupt Church, conventionally called "Death" or "the Stone" and which is depicted as an opponent of the sect of the "Fedeli d'Amore" and as a concealer of that holy Wisdom that the "Fedeli d'Amore" pursue under the figure of the woman; they reveal to us a series of mystical kidnappings, of cries invoking help against the persecutions and threats of adversaries, of excitements with which the followers comfort each other to remain faithful to the holy idea, and other very high and very deep things, before which the fictitious love poem, which is on the surface, falls, and almost always without our regret, like a very insignificant rind, leaving us astonished that we could have believed that all this was really love poetry.

A 1993 analysis of the role of cultural factors in the experience of illness, countering the scientific view of folk medicine as superstitious practice.

Un bel mattino passeggiavo con mio padre, secondo il nostro costume; eravamo inseparabili; s'egli andava in un luogo senza di me, di lì a un poco mi vedevano spuntare; pareva che sapessi di doverlo perdere così presto. Ero in su que' bei diciott'anni, e su que' bei colli veronesi. La strada che talora serviva di letto al torrente, serpeggiava profonda, sassosa, sdrucchiola, tutta segnata sulla creta, dalle unghie fesse delle pecore, e dalle scarpe ferrate dei montanari. Due file di càrpini e di querce scapitozzate con macchie di rovi legate insieme da volubili madriselve sorgevano ombrose sull'alto delle due ripe, più a guisa di parete che di siepe, lasciando cadere dai cigli corrosi le pendole barbe delle radici nude.

"This survey traces the development of portrait painting in Northern and Southern Europe during the Renaissance, when the genre first flourished. Both regions developed their own distinct styles and techniques, but each was influenced by the other. Focusing on the relationship between artists of the north and south, renowned specialists analyse the notion of likeness - at that time based not only on accurate reference to posterity, but incorporating all aspects of human life, including propaganda, power, courtship, love, family, ambition and hierarchy. Essays and individual catalogue entries present new research on works by some of the greatest portraitists of the period, including Giovanni Bellini, Sandro Botticelli, Lucas Cranach, Albrecht Durer, Jan van Eyck, Hans Holbein and Titan, all magnificently illustrated."--Jacket.

Questo volume raccoglie gli atti del convegno di studi dedicato a I luoghi del sacro organizzato da Georgetown University e dal Center for the Study of Italian History and Culture tra il 12 e il 13 giugno del 2006. In questa occasione un gruppo di studiosi provenienti da varie parti d'Europa e degli Stati Uniti ha discusso i rapporti tra città e sacro nel periodo compreso fra Medioevo ed Età moderna e ha preso in esame la sacralità in tutte le sue forme, soprattutto in rapporto con la ritualità. Il volume si accosta alla dimensione simbolica dello spazio urbano e alla sua intrinseca funzione sociale, religiosa e politica, seguendo il contesto geo-politico italiano e ponendo in correlazione situazioni diverse per approdare a quel comparativismo finora negletto a favore dell'indagine delle singole realtà. Questo studio analizza lo spazio come rappresentazione collettiva e come sistema segnico attraverso il quale si conferisce significato ad un ambiente, coerenza ad un ordine sociale e validità ad un sistema di valori, imponendo un confronto non marginale con questioni di natura epistemologica e metodologica, mettendo inoltre a punto idonei strumenti interpretativi.

This collection of case studies from around the world uses a new approach in historical anthropology, one that focuses on heterogeneity within cultures rather than coherence to explain how we commemorate certain events, while silencing others.

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Previously published as *How to Fake a Moon Landing*, and nominated for the Great Graphic Novels for Teens List from Young Adult Library Services Association, this new edition has been updated to include a clinical exposé of fracking. A graphic milestone of investigative reporting, Cunningham's essays explode the lies, hoaxes, and scams of popular science, debunking media myths and decoding some of today's most fiercely-debated issues: climate change, electroconvulsive therapy, the moon landing, the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine, homeopathy, chiropractic, evolution, science denialism, and, new for this edition, fracking. Thoroughly researched and sourced, Cunningham's clear narrative, graphic lines, and photographic illustration explain complicated and controversial issues with deceptive ease.

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