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LORIANO MACCHIAVELLI: SARTI ANTONIO'S INVESTIGATIONS



SARTI ANTONIO AND THE BLOODY DIAMOND

It is a sunny Sunday afternoon in Bologna when the dead body of Rocco Logiudice is found in the locker room of a baseball field. The victim is the team's best pitcher and his death is surrounded by a series of questions that sergeant Sarti Antonio will have to answer.

The first and most obvious suspect is Rocco's biggest rival, Carlo Seghedoni, however his motive is not convincing and the mysterious disappearance of the victim's bat and hat push Sarti Antonio in a different direction.

When the main witness, a teenage boy named Stecco, whom Sarti Antonio has befriended on the baseball field, also disappears, the plot thickens and the sergeant has to rely on his phenomenal memory and on a lot of coffee to solve the mystery.

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SARTI ANTONIO AND THE BALAD FOR GUITAR AND KNIFE

It is already late at night when sergeant Sarti Antonio is called on a crime scene in a bar in downtown Bologna. There has been a shooting and the only eyewitness seems unreliable: an old man called Guitar, who gets by playing around in bars. A short while after, The Neapolitan, a mobster from a local gang, is found stabbed to death. The two crimes are connected: The Neapolitan had been the one to fire four shots in the bar and to give Guitar a brand new instrument after his had disappeared.

Is this connected to his murder? Sarti Antonio's investigation won't be easy, especially since his superior is sure to have found the offender: Pasquale, a young foreigner, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Sarti Antonio is under pressure and the fact that Pasquale's younger brother's best friend is Stecco, the teenage boy he has worked with on a previous case, does not help at all.

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SARTI ANTONIO AND THE CHINESE MYSTERY

August is a very peaceful month in Italy as everyone is relaxing on holiday, except for Sarti Antonio, who is working in the scorching heat of a deserted Bologna.

A thief breaks into a famous palace and steals an ancient crucifix leaving a Polaroid picture with a mysterious code message scribbled on it: LH 260 DC.

In the following days, similar thefts occur all over the city.

Is the thief mocking the police or is the code an actual lead to follow to solve the crime?

Sarti Antonio is groping for clues and relies on the help and enthusiasm of his teenage friend Stecco, who will, unexpectedly, be the one who unveils the truth.

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Loriano Macchiavelli is among the most popular Italian detective story writers. He has been writing detective stories since 1974, many of which revolve around the character of sergeant Sarti Antonio. He has won several national literature awards (Children Literature Award, 1992; Alassio Literary Award, 1997).

Many of his novels have been published in France, Germany, Russia, Hungary and Japan. Since 1994 he has been writing detective stories for children for Sonda and he has adapted Sarti Antonio's character for a younger audience.

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