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Le plurali is a feminist, independent, inclusive, curious publishing house.

Le plurali publishes **nonfiction and fiction books**, written exclusively by **female authors**. We have an eye for **unpublished manuscripts, translate books that you can't find in Italian** and republish stories that cannot be found in bookstores anymore. We also offer guides to orient yourself among feminist galaxies. The **symbol** we adopted for our brand is a **colorful stain: unique and original**, sometimes stains are born by chance, yet together with other stains they form a network and become signs, syllables, words and incredible stories of heroines of the present and past.

FEMINIST. We believe and invest in the **professional talent of women**. Behind every project there is always an author, a proofreader, a graphic designer and a dream that required passion and commitment. **We work for women and with women: we believe that our work should be valued, respected and rightfully compensated.**

INDEPENDENT. Guided by our intellect and intuition, **we think independently**. We **carefully choose each book** we publish and follow every project in its smallest details, from the very beginning until the end. We collaborate with a **small printing house** that prints on quality, ecological paper. We treat our books as if they were jewels and our **ebooks are produced in-house**, and following accessibility parameters.

INCLUSIVE. We identify ourselves in **intersectional and intergenerational feminism**, which takes into account the complexity of the different, global realities. There are about 3.64 billion women in the world; how could their stories ever be all the same? We adopt an inclusive language that valorizes, listens and does not judge.

CURIOS. We look into the future. We offer print and digital versions of all our books: we love to experiment with the digital and will soon be producing audio books, also. **We are always ready to dive into new genres with emerging or rediscovered authors.** Our catalog ranges from a guide to feminist cinema to the rising stars of Irish feminism. We are curious to flip through pages of new or forgotten experiences and collaborate with emerging groups.

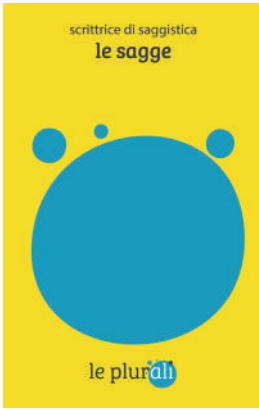
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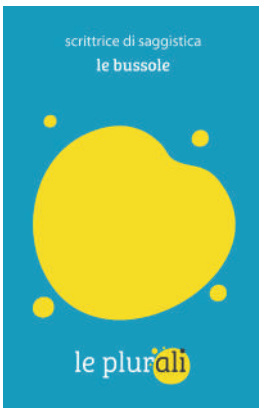


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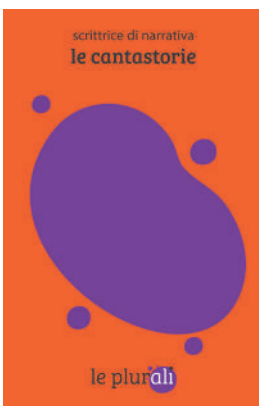
Le bussole

Le bussole (compasses) is a series of **pocket-sized feminist guides**. Handy and colorful, you can always carry them with you in order to orient yourself in the maze of feminist galaxies, finding the stars that best suit your needs. The pages of bussole talk about what you see around you: they can offer you solutions, but above all, they will raise some important questions. Like a compass, they will help you find direction in the waves of cinema, sexuality, health, finance and other important topics.



Le radici

Le radici (roots) is the series that unites unpublished texts from the past as well as those longer in circulation in Italy, published in the 20th century, or before. They can also be books that help you learn more about the lives of past female authors. These books are written by or talk about pioneers of feminism that perhaps no-one told you about. Knowing who was here before us is essential because it helps us consolidate our present as active and aware protagonists. From sixteenth-century proto-feminism to the novels of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries written by authors who unfortunately have been forgotten: you can expect to rediscover what should not have been lost and that le plurali have promptly brought back to your library or in your backpack.



Le cantastorie

Le cantastorie (storytellers) is our **contemporary fiction series**. You will find the voices of women who recount the world in different forms: novels, utopias, autobiographies and biographies. *Le cantastorie* evoke a traditional figure who forged the culture of a community through oral storytelling and the way in which society narrated itself. Authors from different cultural and ethnical backgrounds take their turn, each with her own unique voice and story to tell, born from the imagination and experiences of life.

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When we sit comfortably on the couch to watch a good movie, we want to have fun, be stimulated, immerse ourselves in the lives of others. But how are women portrayed on the big screen? Why does it often seem that female characters are stereotyped and created to please the male gaze? What role do women play behind and in front of the video camera?

In order to be fully consciencious viewers, we should wear a nice pair of feminist lenses. From Alice Guy, director of the first narrative film in 1896, to the New Queer Cinema, passing through the Feminist Film Theory, *Lady Cinema* is a brilliant guide to the history of women behind and in front of the screen. And even more: it offers many practical tools to evaluate the films we are watching, from the Bechdel test to the Smurfette principle, from the clit test to the rules of inclusiveness, with more than thirty in-depth sheets on films and directors from all over the world not to be missed. The preface by Marina Pierri, author and television critic, is the icing on the cake.



Valentina Torrini has a degree in Design and Management of Art and Entertainment Events with a specialization in Film Criticism. She lives in Florence and has been working in the cinema industry for thirteen years. She collaborated with *Feministyou.net* blog managing a feminist film critic section. In films, she looks for women who inspire her; her favorite character is Pauline in *L'Une chante, l'autre pas*, by director Agnès Varda.

«We have been used to watching superhero movies in which women are always the companions, girlfriends or aunts of the hero on duty; Lois Lane for Superman, the umpteenth lover for Batman, sweet aunt May for Spiderman, all of them more or less unaware of the double identity of their relative. They must have blinded eyes and plugged ears so as not to notice that the legendary Clark, Bruce, or whoever he is, is hiding under a mask, which is often pretty transparent.»

«We cannot cancel more than a hundred years of male-dominated cinema, but we can look at it with different eyes, activating our feminist lenses.»

There is a deception that needs to be identified and Valentina Torrini does exactly that in Lady cinema: Representation is not reality, it is what is convenient for the society to project of reality.

Marina Pierri



Read *Lady cinema* if

- you want to know what is the Smurfette Principle
- you are tired of watching movies with unreal orgasms
- you are interested in getting to know more female movie directors
- you are looking for a list of feminist films to devour on the sofa

Similar books

- *Eroine. Come i personaggi delle serie TV possono aiutarci a fiorire*, Marina Pierri
- *Lo spazio delle donne*, Daniela Brogi
- *Cinema e piacere visivo*, Laura Mulvey

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come volano le api

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In an indefinite future, the world experiences the consequences of a disease caused by the unbridled exploitation of nature's resources: the halved population decides to create subhumans in breeding centers in order to avoid the extinction of the species. Centuries later, with the pandemic over, the breeding centers have turned into real hunting reserves where subhumans are captured and killed like animals. Not all humans, however, passively carry out their work in these hubs of death and sadistic fun: nurse Carla Ferretti's view on the reality will be forever changed by the silent but tenacious flight of the bees and her meeting with Bianca, a subhuman girl. The distant memory of her dead sister, a life-changing encounter with a bee farmer and the protest movements against the Reserves are the backdrop to *Come volano le api* that immerses us in its protagonist's fears and rebellious thoughts against the absurd decline of the human species.



Chiara Castello comes from the hills of lower Piedmont. She was born in the countryside, in a town in the midst of the last vineyards close to the mountains. She studied Translation and Interpretation and currently works on translations on the balcony of her house with her cat Sylvester. In her spare time she photographs, writes and produces good wine. She won the first prize in 2021 for the short stories section in *La Musa sui Colli* competition by Progetto Tortona (AL). *Come volano le api* is her first novel, written a year before Covid-19.

«Passing from a flower to another, flying low, bees savor the sweet pollen. I wonder if this is not exactly what *freedom* is: having wings and choosing how to use them. Not constantly flying a thousand meters above the ground piercing the clouds, but allowing yourself time to flutter down, basking just a palm length above those who are wingless.»

«I wake up and hear an arm falling onto the floor with the hand and all the fingers attached. I bend down, pick it up, put it back in its place and walk off along the corridor. I straighten the crucifix hanging on the kitchen wall, indifferent of the blood that gushes out.»

With this layered story, Chiara Castello reconnects to a precise literary vein: feminist, anti-speciesist dystopia. Her novel recalls a rich plurality of plots, interpretations, voices.
Giulia Abbate



Read *Come volano le api* if

- you want to dive into a post-pandemic world, where technology is in the hands of a few powerful people and everyone stopped asking questions
- you are passionate about bees, nature and conservation
- you have read *Sirene* by Laura Pugno and *Carla* in *Scrubs* struck you in the heart

Similar books

- *I Racconti dell'Ancella*, Margaret Atwood
- *The Last Man*, Mary Shelley
- *The Long Walk*, Stephen King

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giorgia fasoli

ben venga il piacere

guida pratica alla sessualità femminile e femminista

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Mirror, mirror on the wall, all the vulvas are beautiful, no matter if tall or small! The practical guide in your hands starts from the mirror through which we will discover together what wonderful worlds we have between our legs. Female sexuality is still incredibly wrapped up in dangerous taboos and stereotypes, that limit our lives, our happiness and the expression of ourselves. Giorgia Fasoli, psychologist and sexologist, dispels these clichés guiding us through topics that range from anatomy to the functioning of pleasure, from autoeroticism to porn, from sexual fantasies to menopause.

Sexuality is not just the sexual act itself, but includes many facets: emotions, values, gender roles, customs and cultural norms. This enjoyable guide is a journey into the feminine sexuality, regardless of sexual orientation, age, body weight, ability, in search of what works better for each of us. *Ben venga il piacere* leads us through the discovery and offers many reflections and lots of practical advice to try out. Keep in mind that there is no magic formula to experience pleasure but it is rather a path that, without shame and prejudice, we can all travel to get to know ourselves better and enjoy sex more.



Giorgia Fasoli is a clinical psychologist and sexologist. She became passionate about sexology after experiences in child abuse communities and hospitals, in Italy and in Canada. She participated in a project for abused women in Georgia and completed her specialist training in Milan and Padua. She collaborated with *Feministyou.net* blog and currently works as a freelancer in Verona and the province, where she also does sex education in schools.

She believes in a free and conscious sexuality, and in the importance of education to rediscover sexual pleasure without stereotypes, borders and taboos.

«The anatomics of the vulva are different for each woman, but as for the legs, the behind or the color of the eyes... there is no right or wrong, good or bad ones!».

«Who practices a lot,
learns a lot!»

A guide that appears to be a chat with a knowledgeable friend who cites sources but also refers to anecdotes, who is authoritative yet informal, while she talks about pleasure from a view point that might be new or already familiar, but always useful to refresh.

Stella Pulpo, Memorie di una vagina



Read *Ben venga il piacere* if

- you want to discover the entertainment park you have in between your legs
- you've been told at least once that "good girls don't do it"
- you loved *The vagina monologues* by Eva Ensler and you're still trying to find the answer to «if your vagina could talk, what would it say in two words?»

Similar books

- *Club Godo*, Jüne Plä
- *Senza tabù. Il mio corpo (come funziona). Il piacere (come si fa)*, Violeta Benini
- *Piacere mio. Guida straordinariamente pratica all'orgasmo*, Leni & Chiaralikiart

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federica lauto suite per irène

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Paris 1942, Irène Némirovsky has nine minutes to pack and leave her husband and two daughters, before being deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. In Auschwitz, every night, as an antidote to her pain, her mind traces the childhood memories: her life in Kiev and Moscow, her exile in Finland and Sweden and, finally, arriving in her beloved France.

This biographical novel imagined by Federica Lauto takes us on a journey into the inner world of one of the most important and prolific female authors of the twentieth century, whose days are intertwined with those of History with a capital "h": from the Russian Revolution to the Twenties and Thirties Central Europe, from Hitler's rise to power to the outbreak of World War II. Federica Lauto's tribute to Irène Némirovsky is based on her scrupulous and accurate research of the writer's life and novels, from which emerge conflicts in the family, and in particular with her mother, professional successes and disappointments. Furthermore, Némirovsky's desire to belong to the places where she lives arises and throbs. In particular Paris, a city that will make her feel both loved and rejected, like a daughter who was welcomed but never really wanted.



© Federica Lauto

Federica Lauto, former councilor for equal opportunity in Grado, is a writer and psychotherapist, passionate about singing and her beloved lagoon. During her studies she lived in Padua, where she worked for a school integration service for visually impaired children. She continues to travel between Grado and Bacchiglione with her cats. Federica is the organizer of the *L'isola delle donne* festival and was among the participants of the talent show for aspiring writers, *Masterpiece*, broadcast on Rai Tre in 2013/2014. Author of the collection *I racconti del viale* (Cleup, 2016), she is working on her next novel.

«Once again I was faced with the astonishment of a publisher. I was no longer a fifteen-year-old girl but he was expecting a Mr. Epstein and would never have imagined that a woman with short hair pinned to her head and a slender physique tried by childbirth could have written a novel about the world of finance. And yet it was exactly so.»

«My names are like layers that are laid on the skin one after the other, and then fall slowly like the leaves of asphodels, as soon as the right one is found. But my real name is Irène. This is the correct one, the way I call my soul, the profound essence of who I am.»

Reading this novel at a time when so much is happening in world history makes me feel as if I was profoundly participating in a distant life, in a life so distant as to be almost lost. Yet it is not lost: it is made undeterred, perennial, by the power of memory and story that Federica Lauto has been able to awaken in the pages of this novel.

Ilaria Gaspari



Read *Suite per Irène* if

- you like historical novels, *biopics* and getting to know history through the eyes of an author
- you adored *La Storia* by Elsa Morante and *Se questo è un uomo* by Primo Levi
- Russian landscapes fascinate you and you dream of strolling along the *Nevsky Prospekt*
- you want to discover a great author of the twentieth century that you found no trace of in school books

Similar books

- *La vasca del Führer*, Serena Dandini
- *Storia di una ladra di libri*, Markus Zusak
- *Quando le montagne cantano*, Qué Mai Nguyễn Phan

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Victim number eight is found like all of the others before her: carefully made up, dressed up and neatly laid on her bed. No signs of door break-ins or violence. Again, the victim is an elderly woman.

Ancora un'altra is a detective novel set in Genoa and follows in parallel the investigations of the inspector Elena Masala and the moves of the social and health worker Giulia Santelmi, engaged in a lethal and psychotic mission: to stop her patients' suffering, forever. But no crime is perfect and to complicate Giulia's plans, there are those of her brother, addicted to gambling and overwhelmed by debts.

With *Ancora un'altra* Sabrina Mills also lets us enter the personal story of the inspector, a transgender woman in love with her job and her husband, struggling with the custody of a young girl who is victim of family violence. The author intertwines, with ease and elegance, the different points of view and stories of the characters, blending the personal into the political and mixing suspense with burning social issues.



Sabrina Mills lives in Sassari. Committed to social work, she provides support and assistance to disadvantaged people.

In 2020 she re-published in self the short story *Destini Incrociati* and in 2021 she edited the anthology of short stories *22 Battiti d'Ali*. He received the first prize in the Bloggami2020 competition with the short story *Ho sognato di morire* and the third prize in the CISL Milano Metropoli "Prose and Poetry of Work" competition, with the short story *L'innocenza dell'inconsapevolezza*, both published in their respective anthologies.

«The phone vibrates in the back pocket of my jeans. The briefness of the silent movement warns me of the arrival of a message. The brain automatically disconnects attention from the words of the commissioner when I extract it. The lack of number and the first words of the text make me immediately understand what the message is about. The blood freezes instantly in my veins.»

«Sometimes things are done for the dead that would not have been done for the living.
Via Lagustena 136 - fourth floor.
She set up the dispatch for the next day, disconnected the device and returned home.
Now she just had to wait for the police to make the move.»

Ancora un'altra is a detective novel that introduces us to an often overlooked element, that is the "different" in our institutions and public offices. It is also a psychological novel that investigates the characters and their motivations in an introspective way.
Carola Baudo



Read *Ancora un'altra* if

- you want to be kidnapped by a psychological thriller
- a transgender inspector is the protagonist you were waiting to read
- you loved the Misery character by Stephen King
- you have watched all the episodes of the Petra tv series

Similar books

- *L'allieva*, Alessia Gazzola
- *La regola di Santa Croce*, Gabriella Genisi
- *Finché morte non ci separi*, Chiara Assi
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la monogamia dei calzini

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La monogamia dei calzini addresses the issue of the breakdown of relationships caused by events beyond our control, such as the advancement of an early neurodegenerative disease. It also touches on complex issues such as the importance of a common memory in any relationship, the acceptance of the disease and assisted suicide.

Fans of role-playing games, Alice and Alberto live a life in the memory of the nineties, eating potato chips and watching episodes of *Grey's Anatomy*. Then Alberto discovers he has an early form of Alzheimer's and this changes the cards on the table. Alice stands beside him, but does not hide her discomfort. She does not pretend or force herself to be a courageous heroine, devoted to sacrifice. On the contrary, she remains herself, without hiding her desires and frustrations.

With irony and delicacy Giulia Pretta presents us with a real character, without false romanticism, with nerdy features, passionate about comics and her work, sincere with others and with herself.



Giulia Pretta is born in Vercelli in 1987 and has lived in Padua since 2009. Graduated in archeology and cultural heritage and specialized in Protohistory of Corsica, she is determined to dispel the myth that says that you can't earn enough money with cultural work.

For years now, she has been touring museums and art exhibitions both as a visitor and as an operator. She has been collaborating since 2011 with the online magazines *Criticaletteraria* and *La Rivista Intelligente*. Since 2019 she has been teaching creative writing courses and is a fiction editor. She is co-founder of the Martin Eden writing school in Padua. *La monogamia dei calzini* is her second novel.

"I've always known that," he said in a very low voice. Then he looked up and smiled at her, the blond curls partly over his eyes.

"It's cold. We still have to write the will."

"We wrote it already".

"I'm leaving everything to you, right? Including my puzzles? ».

"Some of them are actually mine, but yes. Thank you".

«Alice, do you think it would have changed something?». Perhaps she could have shown up on the first date, instead of with that stupid *Diabolik*, with her genetic map, her tax declaration of the previous year, the report of the blood tests and any sexually transmitted diseases.

This novel manages to get us out of the stereotype and to show us that there may be a new path, taken by few but ever so viable, a road that goes beyond despair even if it is based on the psychological pain that the disease causes: that is why it is important to read this book.
Roberta Lepri



Read *La monogamia dei calzini* if

- you are crazy about the nineties
- you always find yourself with mismatched socks
- You loved the two protagonists of the film *Ella & John*

Similar books and films

- *La rondine sul termosifone*, Edith Bruck
- *Still Alice*, Lisa Genova
- *The Father*, Florian Zeller

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In the beginning of the 21st century, a town in southern Italy is dozing in an abandoned industrial area. Two women take refuge right there, in search of justice. A committee of bourgeois ladies want to do good, but without getting their hands dirty. A suburban neighborhood, a parish priest and a former trade unionist struggle against the consequences of a contaminated factory, where in the 1980s young workers began to scrape asbestos for the interests of unscrupulous industrialists.

In this motionless scenario arrives Beatrice, who fled from that town many years ago. She is imprisoned by guilt for having left her daughter Bianca, who suffers from a developmental disorder, in the care of others. Through helping the two women and a wounded community, Beatrice, without heroism, will gradually find the courage to face and accept a troubled motherhood.

With the refined writing of Emilia Bersabea Cirillo, *Azzurro amianto* transports the reader into a social, political and intimate affair, against the backdrop of a wounded territory, crossed by the desire for redemption of its protagonists and also of the author.



Architect, born in Atripalda (Av), Emilia Bersabea Cirillo lives in Avellino. She published her first novel in 1999. In 2010 she won the Prata Prize with *Una terra spaccata* (Edizioni San Paolo, Milan). With L'Iguana editrice she published the novel *Non smetto di aver freddo* in 2016 (Minerva Prize 2016 and Di Lascia Prize 2017). She founded "Paroletranoileggere", an association for the promotion of reading and the enhancement of women's knowledge in the Irpinia area (and beyond).

«Would she have been able to take care of two senseless women, she who had left her daughter in the care of others? "With strangers, it's easier to look good and approachable," she thought, "because they don't really belong to us. We can act on their bodies and their spirits because they are not flesh of our flesh".»

«"The problem," Renato added, "is always and only asbestos. It is inside the mattresses, in our homes, in the gardens, in the land of this neighborhood, and beyond. We work, we eat, we raise our children and we do not get rid of it, because it is invisible".»

It will be for his refined style and his "oversized" look, it will be for her attention to the female universe (but not only) and at their roots, Emilia Cirillo's novels are full of daily life, distillates of emotions and all those details that give consistency to the narration.
Marina Brancato



Read *Azzurro amianto* if

- you are passionate about novels with a political-social background
- you look for novels that talk about difficult or stereotype-free motherhood
- you want to know more about a black page of Italian history

Similar books

- *La figlia oscura*, Elena Ferrante
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- *Acciaio*, Silvia Avallone

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We live in a society where women are still seen primarily as partners, wives and mothers, and where "true love" is considered to be within a couple, possibly married and with children. But does it have to be like this?

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This irreverent guide presents, in fact, several different forms of "true love" from which to build what the author calls the *chosen family* of each one of us. And don't be fooled by the light and joking tone she uses; *Cenerentole moderne* contains theoretical insight into how and why the way we love is influenced by patriarchy and capitalism. Whether you are single or married, with or without children... are you ready to start writing a new happy ending for your own personal story?



Elide Pantoli is a feminist activist, founder of the "Modern Cinderellas Italia" project.

Elide is a relational anarchist, polyamorous, single, childfree and madly in love with her life, her network of friends and community. Her dream is to change the definition of "true love" imposed by patriarchal capitalism and begin to recognize that each of us loves in our own way. Elide has a PhD in structural engineering from the University of California San Diego. Proud to originate from Emilia-Romagna, she has lived in the United States for the past fifteen years.

«Well yes, our dear and legendary spinster is one of the most mistreated characters in Italian culture as well as abroad.

But first of all, let's get serious and ask ourselves a direct question: why are there so many false myths about spinsters, or single women?».

«Our culture is so obsessed with motherhood that it feels uncomfortable both with women who are not mothers and with mothers who claim the right to a life outside of this role.»

This book does it [provides a toolbox] admirably, mixing experience, history and research and moving towards a new way of understanding ourselves, (un)families and relationships, with no secret hidden in plain sight, if not the sheer joy to find ourselves free.

Jennifer Guerra



Read *Cenerentole moderne* if

- you are single or childfree and you are tired of hearing you "you will regret it one day"
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What is a Neapolitan noblewoman doing in England of Virginia Woolf? For the centenary of the death of one of the pioneers of Italian feminism, we'll help you enter into the century of the *belle époque* with the words of Clelia Romano Pellicano. Born in 1876, Pellicano lives between the new and the old world, like the title of one of her short stories. From the small village of Gi-oiosa Jonica, she took part in the emancipationist movements and represented the voice of the Italian citizens at the first congresses on universal suffrage. By reading this book, you will discover the life and voice of Clelia Pellicano with a targeted selection of short stories and journalistic writings on her experience as a lecturer and speaker. The condition of women (in marriage and in the various levels of society) are the subject of portraits, crude, as well as light-hearted, of her epoch, in which the hypocrisies and injustices of a rural and petty-bourgeois Italy at dawn of the twentieth century are unmasked.



Clelia Romano Pellicano was born in Naples in 1873 and died in Castellammare di Stabia on September 2nd in 1923. Pellicano, daughter of an American mother and an Apulian father, was a writer, better known under the pseudonym Jane Grey, a lecturer, as well as a pioneer of Italian feminism. Friend of Luigi Capuana, Grazia Deledda, admirer of Antonio Fogazzaro, the spearheads of the cultural scene of her time met and conversed together in her Roman living room. Italia delegate at the International Congress of London for the vote for women in 1909, Pellicano wrote about her experiences in important magazines of her time, such as *La donna*.

«In the villages, poverty is great, life is hard, too hard and tiring for aesthetics to occupy an important place. The value of the woman lies in something else: in her resistance as a beast of burden, in her virtues as a housewife; beauty is a negligible quality, of which only the rustic poets remember in love songs.»

«The most monstrous violation that a collective tyranny has ever committed in the field of thought has been committed on women, that of “sexualizing” even their brains, denying them the vital nourishment and free horizons necessary for their normal development.»

All of us Italian women must be grateful to Clelia Romano Pellicano, a strong and courageous woman, who was a forerunner of Italian feminism and succeeded in moving consciences deep down and claiming the fundamental role of women in society and all this using “only” the weapon of the word.
Valeria Marzoli



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Oltre Marie offers us a transversal look at the gender issue in science. The authors reflect on the rhetoric of neutrality and impartiality that characterizes the scientific world and on how science is told through the stories of brilliant individuals, thus fueling stereotypes, prejudices and false myths. Marie Curie herself is a symbol of this narrative: the exceptional scientist, the heroine who reached the pinnacle of success with her own strength. And if it wasn't like this? *Oltre Marie* proposes a new way of thinking and doing science: choosing the gender perspective in order to take into consideration as many views as possible and to finally guarantee a richer and more plural knowledge.



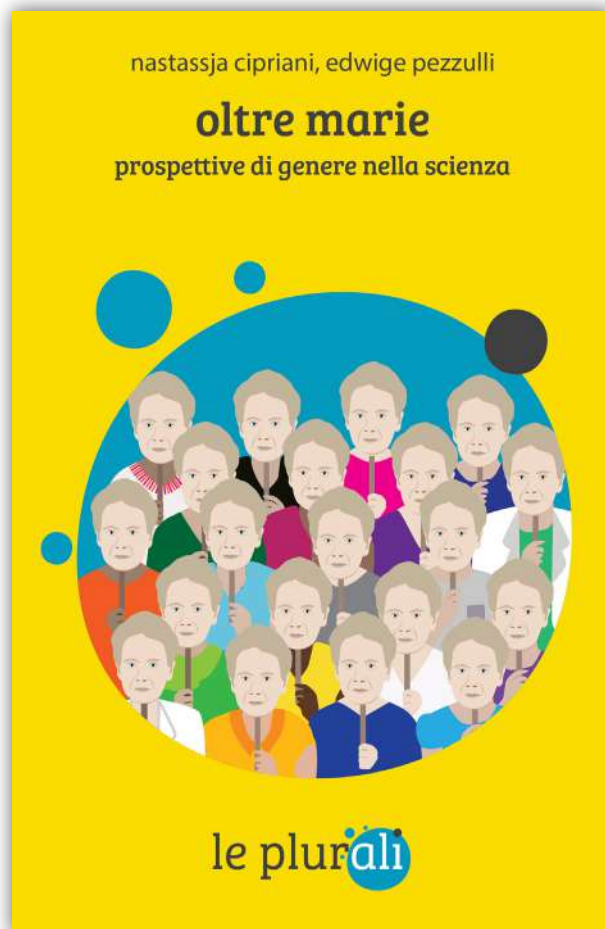
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«In other words, we must all commit ourselves to an ambitious common project: every night to undo the plot that has trapped us until today, learn to weave new threads and build together new spaces of the possible. In three words, **re-make culture.**»



Read *Oltre Marie* if

- you think science should be plural, inclusive and sustainable
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Deconstructing the stereotypes that we have internalized is a complex process and, in order to do so, we need unpublished narratives. Marianna the Influenza, with this **autobiographical essay**, attempts the task by telling the story of **her black and fat body**, in a racist and fatphobic context. In her journey of awareness she tackles some crucial themes: stigmatization of bodies, colonialism, colourism, racialization, diet culture, privilege, tokenism and the toxicity of body positivity. Marianna, crumbling the layered cake of discrimination, offers us a new approach: **body consciousness**, or the awareness of having a fat body in a fatphobic society. Because the problem is not *what* we are made of, but the society that tells us how we should be. Marianna the Influenza, with a **sarcastic and informal tone**, shows us how intersectionality is the only sustainable and non-exclusive way to understand and change the reality. A precious glossary and the qrcodes to listen to the author's **"photonic" playlists** embellish this volume, also full of ideas and experiences for new imaginaries.



Marianna Kalonda Okassaka, online known with the nickname *Marianna the Influenza*, is a second generation Italian, graduate in Communication Sciences and an avid millennial. She creates "photonic" digital content on anti-racism, feminism, LGBTQIA+ rights, fat phobia. She started doing this since she realized that society had a problem with her body weight and color. She works as the project coordinator of Colory*.

Key words fatphobia | **racism** | **intersezionalità** | body positivity | **diet culture**

«We are accustomed to thinking of some social phenomena (racism, discrimination, privilege) only in relation to certain historical-social situations, those in which the consequences have been so serious as to push even the majority groups to admit their existence, but the association between fatphobia and discrimination still remains at an embryonic level.»

Marianna shares reflections on important social issues and debunks stereotypes about racism, feminism, LGBTQIA+ rights, body positivity in a useful and simple way.
Faro di Roma



Read *Nera con forme* if

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