

Seta Baricco

At the turn of the 20th Century, the great cruise liner Virginia shuttles back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, transporting passengers from old Europe to the New World. When an abandoned baby is found on board the sailors christen Novecento – 1900. The child is destined to a strange fate. Novecento will never leave the ship as long as he lives, yet he becomes the greatest jazz musician the world would never know. He only knows his music, which has a magical effect on everyone who hears. For six years before World War II, Tim Tooney played trumpet with him and Novecento gave him his story... Adapted for film in *The Legend of 1900*, this stage adaptation presented as a monologue, is a beautiful piece of theatre.

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Unlock the more straightforward side of *Silk* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *Silk* by Alessandro Baricco, which tells the story of Hervé Joncour, a French silkworm merchant during the 19th century. Following an epidemic which infects silkworm eggs across the world, he is forced to travel to Japan to continue his trade. He meets a woman there that fascinates him, and he returns numerous times to try and see her, desperate to discover her identity. *Silk* was an immediate bestseller in Italy, where it has sold over 300,000 copies to date. The novel has been translated into 27 languages, and has won admirers all over the world thanks to its compelling historical plot and delicate, poetic writing style. Alessandro Baricco is an Italian writer, composer and filmmaker. He has written a number of novels, is a contributor to the Italian daily newspaper *La Repubblica* and teaches at the Scuola Holden, a school of narrative techniques that he cofounded in 1993. Find out everything you need to know about *Silk* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you in your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

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«Il pi   bel libro di storia del 2009.» *Corriere della Sera* «Un breviario terrifi cante da tenere sul comodino.» Michele Serra «Il romanzo grottesco e insieme tragico del nostro paese.» Simonetta Fiori «Un manuale di riferimento per i cittadini ancora pensanti.» Goffredo Fofi «Deaglio    un grande narratore civile.» Corrado Augias «Come gli *Annali di Tacito*.» Adriano Sofri *Patria*    gi   un classico. Edizione aggiornata al 2010. Ma davvero tutto questo    successo in Italia? E che cosa abbiamo fatto per meritarcI tutto ci  ? Leggere *Patria*    un po' come andare al cinema e rivedere trent'anni della nostravita. Con i buoni e i cattivi, la musica, le bandiere, un po' di kiss kiss, molto bang bang, e

tutti noi come protagonisti sullo schermo. La nostra storia come non l'avete mai letta. Enrico Deaglio (Torino 1947), medico, lavora da trent'anni nel mondo dei giornali, della televisione e dell'editoria. Nel 1996 ha dato vita al settimanale *Diario* che ha diretto fino al 2008. Numerosi i suoi libri, tra cui *La banalità del bene. Storia di Giorgio Perlasca* (Feltrinelli, 1991). Con Beppe Cremagnani ha realizzato diversi film-inchiesta, tra cui: *Quando c'era Silvio* (2006), *Uccidete la democrazia!* (2006), *Gli imbrogli* (2007), *Fare un golpe e farla franca* (2008). Nel 2010 ha pubblicato per il Saggiatore *Il raccolto rosso 1982-2010*. Andrea Gentile (Isernia 1985) vive a Milano. Ha lavorato con Enrico Deaglio al *Raccolto rosso 1982-2010*. Con questo libro ha affrontato trentadue anni di storia (politica, criminale, musicale e letteraria) senza battere ciglio.

"Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation provides the most complete record possible of texts from the early periods that have been translated into English, and published between 1929 and 2008. It lists works from all genres and subjects, and includes translations wherever they have appeared across the globe. In this annotated bibliography, Robin Healey covers over 5,200 distinct editions of pre-1900 Italian writings. Most entries are accompanied by useful notes providing information on authors, works, translators, and how the translations were received. Among the works by over 1,500 authors represented in this volume are hundreds of editions by Italy's most translated authors - Dante Alighieri, [Niccoláo] Machiavelli, and [Giovanni] Boccaccio - and other hundreds which represent the author's only English translation. A significant number of entries describe works originally published in Latin. Together with Healey's *Twentieth-Century Italian Literature in English Translation*, this volume makes comprehensive information on translations accessible for schools, libraries, and those interested in comparative literature."--Pub. desc.

Containing almost 600 entries, this impressive 2-volume reference presents detailed and authoritative treatment of the field of Italian literature, with attention both to the work and influence of individual writers of all genres and to movements, styles, and critical approaches.

The author of the international bestseller *Silk* now delivers a ravishing and wildly inventive novel about friendship, genius and its discontents, and the redemptive power of narrative. Somewhere in America lives a brilliant boy named Gould, an intellectual guided missile aimed at the Nobel Prize. His only companions are an imaginary giant and an imaginary mute. Improbably—and yet with impeccable logic—he falls into the care of Shatzy Shell, a young woman whose life up till that point has been equally devoid of human connection. Theirs is a relationship of stories and of stories within stories: of Gould's evolving saga of an underdog boxer and the violent Western that Shatzy has been dictating into a tape recorder since the age of six. Out of these stories, Alessandro Baricco creates a masterpiece of metaphysical pulp fiction that recalls both Scheherazade and Italo Calvino. By turns exhilarating and deeply moving, *City* is irresistible.

Schweizer Jahrbuch für Musikwissenschaft. Bd. 28/29 Herausgegeben von der Schweizerischen Musikforschenden Gesellschaft"

Un racconto scritto nello stile metanarrativo. Ovvero, l'autore racconta, mentre scrive, quello che gli accade intorno e quello che sta scrivendo, rivolgendosi al

lettore. Un modo ironico per enfatizzare la finzione narrativa.

This rigorously compiled A-Z volume offers rich, readable coverage of the diverse forms of post-1945 Italian culture. With over 900 entries by international contributors, this volume is genuinely interdisciplinary in character, treating traditional political, economic, and legal concerns, with a particular emphasis on neglected areas of popular culture. Entries range from short definitions, histories or biographies to longer overviews covering themes, movements, institutions and personalities, from advertising to fascism, and Pirelli to Zeffirelli. The Encyclopedia aims to inform and inspire both teachers and students in the following fields: *Italian language and literature *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences *European Studies *Media and Cultural Studies *Business and Management *Art and Design It is extensively cross-referenced, has a thematic contents list and suggestions for further reading.

This bibliography lists English-language translations of twentieth-century Italian literature published chiefly in book form between 1929 and 1997, encompassing fiction, poetry, plays, screenplays, librettos, journals and diaries, and correspondence.

Saggi e notizie su argomenti di archeologia medievale. Contiene gli atti della giornata di studi 'Mondi rurali d'Italia: insediamenti, struttura sociale, economia. Secoli X-XIII', a cura di A. Molinari. I saggi trattano studi sul popolamento rurale in Galizia e sul popolamento slavo nella regione dell'Adriatico orientale. Le notizie degli scavi riguardano le ricerche svolte a Lo Scoglietto, Alberese – GR; alla Torre dell'Uccelliera, Carpi (Mo); a Genova, Santa Maria in Passione; oltre a relazioni preliminari dello scavo di Iasos (Turchia). Le note e discussioni vertono sullo stato delle ricerche e su una mappa archeologica dell'Albania, sullo studio dei paesaggi e dinamiche insediative in Salento, sulle maestranze e committenti a L'Aquila nella prima metà del XIV secolo, sull'analisi delle murature del palatium di Arcidosso e storia del territorio con confronti di palazzi imperiali europei, un contributo è dedicato a San Vincenzo al Volturno e un altro, di archeobotanica, sul sorgo. Completano il volume le rubriche dedicate alle schede degli scavi 2009-2010, alle recensioni e i riassunti in lingua inglese di tutte le relazioni.

“L'ultima cosa che vide, prima di uscire, furono gli occhi di lei, fissi nei suoi, perfettamente muti” Si chiamava Hervé Joncour, era mercante di bachi da seta. Ogni anno raggiungeva il Giappone, ogni anno ritornava. Nei suoi viaggi, si leggeva l'ideogramma di una passione silenziosa, rubata al rumore del mondo. La Francia, i viaggi per mare, il profumo dei gelsi a Lavilledieu, i treni a vapore, la voce di Héléne. Hervé Joncour continuò a raccontare la sua vita, come mai, nella sua vita, aveva fatto. Da Seta, pubblicato da Rizzoli nel 1996 e da Fandango nel 2007, tradotto in oltre trenta lingue, bestseller internazionale, è stato tratto il film omonimo di François Girard, con Michael Pitt, Keira Knightley e Alfred Molina, nel 2007.

After celebrated author Jasper Gwyn suddenly and publicly announces that he

will never write another book, he embarks on a strange new career path as a “copyist,” holding thirty-day sittings in a meticulously appointed room and producing, at the end, brief but profoundly rich portraits in prose. The surprising, beautiful, and even frightening results are received with rapture by their subjects—among them Gwyn’s devoted assistant, Rebecca; a beautiful fabric importer; a landscape painter; Gwyn’s own literary agent; two wealthy newlyweds; a tailor to the Queen; and a very dangerous nineteen-year-old. Then Gwyn disappears, leaving behind only a short note to his assistant—and the portraits. As Rebecca studies his words, she realizes that the mystery is larger than the simple fact of Gwyn’s whereabouts, and she begins to unravel a lifetime’s worth of clues left by a man who saw so much but said so little, a man whose solitude masked a heart as hungry as hers.

Imperial Designs is the first text in English dealing comprehensively with the Italian colonial experience in China. It confirms imperial policy and the rhetoric of conquest.

The *Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies* is a two-volume reference book containing some 600 entries on all aspects of Italian literary culture. It includes analytical essays on authors and works, from the most important figures of Italian literature to little known authors and works that are influential to the field. The *Encyclopedia* is distinguished by substantial articles on critics, themes, genres, schools, historical surveys, and other topics related to the overall subject of Italian literary studies. The *Encyclopedia* also includes writers and subjects of contemporary interest, such as those relating to journalism, film, media, children's literature, food and vernacular literatures. Entries consist of an essay on the topic and a bibliographic portion listing works for further reading, and, in the case of entries on individuals, a brief biographical paragraph and list of works by the person. It will be useful to people without specialized knowledge of Italian literature as well as to scholars.

Drawing on the recent renewal of interest in the debate on orality and literacy this book investigates the varying perceptions and representations of orality in contemporary Italian fiction, providing a fresh perspective on this rich and fast-developing debate and on the study of the Italian literary language. The book brings together a number of complementary approaches to orality from the fields of linguistics, literary and media studies and offers a detailed analysis of a broad variety of authors and texts that appeared over the last three decades - ranging from internationally acclaimed writers such as Celati, Duranti and Tabucchi, through De Luca and Baricco, to the latest generation of writers, such as Campo, Ballestra and Nove. By exploring the complementary facets of Italian orality, and its diachronical developments since the seventies, this study questions the traditionally dichotomic approach to the study of orality and literacy and posits a more flexible, cross-modal approach that accounts for the increasing hybridisation of text forms and media and for the greater interaction between the spoken and the written as well as their representations.

ResumenExpress presenta y analiza en esta guía de lectura *Seda*, la tercera novela de Alessandro Baricco. Este éxito de ventas italiano conduce al lector al corazón del comercio de gusanos de seda del siglo XIX. Tras una epidemia que contamina los gusanos de seda de toda Europa, el protagonista de la historia decide ir a Japón para comprar huevos sanos. Las expediciones al país nipón le conducen a una singular suerte amorosa. ¡Ya no tienes que leer y resumir todo el libro, nosotros lo hemos hecho por ti! Esta guía incluye: • Un resumen completo del libro • Un estudio de los personajes • Las claves de lectura • Pistas para la reflexión ¿Por qué elegir ResumenExpress? Para aprender de forma rápida. Porque nuestras publicaciones están escritas con un estilo claro y conciso que te ayudará a ganar tiempo y a entender las obras sin esfuerzo. Disponibles en formato impreso y digital, te acompañarán en tu aventura literaria. Toma una dosis de literatura acelerada con ResumenExpress

An unforgettable fable about the brutality of war – and one girl's quest for revenge and healing, from the author of the acclaimed international bestseller *Silk*. When – in an unnamed place and time – Manuel Roca's enemies hunt him down to kill him, they fail to discover Nina, his youngest child, hidden in a hole beneath his farmhouse floor. After this carnage Tito, one of the murderers, discovers Nina's trapdoor. Enthralled by the sight of Nina's perfect innocence, he keeps quiet. By the time she has grown up, Nina's innocence will have bloomed into something else altogether, and one by one the wartime hunters will become the peacetime hunted. But not until a striking old woman calls upon a familiar old man selling newspapers in town can we know what Nina will ultimately make of her brutal legacy.

The Cambridge Companion to the Italian Novel provides a broad ranging introduction to the major trends in the development of the Italian novel from its early modern origin to the contemporary era. Contributions cover a wide range of topics including the theory of the novel in Italy, the historical novel, realism, modernism, postmodernism, neorealism, and film and the novel. The contributors are distinguished scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, and Australia. Novelists examined include some of the most influential and important of the twentieth century inside and outside Italy: Luigi Pirandello, Primo Levi, Umberto Eco and Italo Calvino. This is a unique examination of the Italian Novel, and will prove invaluable to students and specialists alike. Readers will gain a keen sense of the vitality of the Italian novel throughout its history and a clear picture of the debates and criticism that have surrounded its development.

This annotated enumerative bibliography lists all English-language translations of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Italian literature.

Vers 1860, pour sauver les élevages de vers à soie contaminés par une épidémie, Hervé Joncour part au Japon. Entre les monts du Vivarais et le Japon, c'est le choc de deux mondes, une histoire d'amour et de guerre, une alchimie merveilleuse qui tisse le roman de fils impalpables. Des voyages longs et dangereux, des amours impossibles qui se poursuivent sans jamais avoir commencé, des personnages de désirs et de passions, le velours d'une voix, la sacralisation d'un tissu magnifique et sensuel, et la lenteur, la lenteur des saisons et du temps immuable. Dès sa parution, *Soie* a imposé Alessandro Baricco comme le plus talentueux des jeunes écrivains italiens.

The year is 1861. Hervé Joncour is a French merchant of silkworms, who combs the known world for their gemlike eggs. Then circumstances compel him to travel farther, beyond the edge of the known, to a country legendary for the quality of its silk and its

hostility to foreigners: Japan. There Joncour meets a woman. They do not touch; they do not even speak. And he cannot read the note she sends him until he has returned to his own country. But in the moment he does, Joncour is possessed.

Who are we? What are poems and stories? Can their messages touch us so deeply that we are transformed like The Ugly Duckling transforms into the magnificent swan it was all along? These are some of the questions that are at the heart of this book of poems, prose pieces and letters from two decades of Diana's writing life. It is a collection of work filled with imagery, insights, intimacy and emotion. From Pen (elope) with love takes us to the centre of the human heart and invites us to dance with our humanness, our vulnerabilities, our passions, our childlike wonder and delight, all the while, heading in the direction of our true home. This book will speak to anyone who is on the path of self-discovery and spiritual awakening. It is also for fellow writers and poets seeking nourishment, encouragement, and company on the journey.

To the residents of her small southern city, second-hand store owner Spyder Baxter is crazy. But her friends and followers know better. Something lives within Spder's brain. Something powerful. Something wonderful. Something dangerous. Pray it never escapes.

FINANCIAL TIMES BEST BOOKS OF 2017 It is four years since the virus came, killing every adult in its path. Not long after that the electricity failed. Food and water started running out. Fires raged uncontrolled across the country. Now Anna cares for her brother alone in a house hidden in the woods, keeping him safe from 'the Outside', scavenging for food amid the packs of wild dogs that roam their ruined, blackened world. Before their mother died, she told them to love each other and never part. She told them that, when they reach adulthood, the sickness will claim them too. But she also told them that someone, somewhere, will have a cure. When the time comes, Anna knows, they must leave their world and find another. By turns luminous and tender, gripping and horrifying, Anna is a haunting parable of love and loneliness; of the stories we tell to sustain us, and the lengths we will go to in order to stay alive.

A group of people all looking for a missing piece of themselves converges at a remote seaside inn, but it is not until the arrival of a mysterious sailor called Adams that the truth of their entwined situations becomes clear. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

The Mirage of America in Contemporary Italian Literature and Film explores the use of images associated with the United States in Italian novels and films released between the 1980s and the 2000s. In this study, Barbara Alfano looks at the ways in which the individuals portrayed in these works – and the intellectuals who created them – confront the cultural construct of the American myth. As Alfano demonstrates, this myth is an integral part of Italians' discourse to define themselves culturally – in essence, Italian intellectuals talk about America often for the purpose of talking about Italy. The book draws attention to the importance of Italian literature and film as explorations of an individual's ethics, and to how these productions allow for functioning across cultures. It thus differentiates itself from other studies on the subject that aim at establishing the relevance and influence of American culture on Italian twentieth-century artistic representations.

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