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### Praise

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»Luca Ventura skilfully combines tension with Italian flair. Pure pleasure.« – Gala, Hamburg

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»His crime fiction also makes wonderful holiday reading: exciting, entertaining, and intelligent.« – Sabine Weichelt / Freie Presse, Chemnitz

»The Gulf of Naples has held a magical appeal for me ever since I was young. Luca Ventura knows it inside out. He writes elegant, naturalistic crime novels – appealing to people who would not usually see themselves as crime novel fans.« – Benedict Wells

One sunny morning, island policeman Rizzi picks the first peaches of the season in his garden high above the sea, unaware of the events of the previous night. The body of Rosalinda, fashion designer, has just been found in the church's confessional booth – murdered. Uproar ensues, not only in the village, but in Signora de Lulla's villa too. A frequent visitor there, Rosalinda recently looked at a valuable handbag made of salamander leather. Why did she have to die?

Luca Ventura prefers to remain anonymous. The writer spends a large part of the year on the Gulf of Naples, where he is currently working on the next case in the *Capri* series about the islander Enrico Rizzi and his north Italian colleague Antonia Cirillo.



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