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**Magdalen Nabb**

***The Marshal at the Villa Torrini***

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## Book factsheet

Crime fiction, General Fiction  
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### Awards

- 1991 »Josie Smith and Eileen« erhielt den Smarties Book Prize.  
1989 »Josie Smith« war nominiert für den Guardian Children's Fiction Award.

### Praise

Magdalen Nabb

»A writer of elegant crime fiction.« – The Daily Telegraph, London

»It takes a writer as good as Magdalen Nabb to remind us how subtle the art of mystery can be.« – The New York Times , Book Review

»Magdalen Nabb is one of the most original of all crime writers.« – Georges Simenon

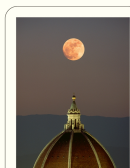
Up at the villa, a well-known writer lies dead without a mark of violence on her. Her husband snores drunkenly nearby. Down in the city of Florence, Marshal Guarnaccia of the carabinieri has a suspect, but no specialized skill and no evidence.

However, help comes from a forty-year-old repressed memory of a ragged child kneeling on grains of rice in the corner of the classroom: Vittorio, the son of the village prostitute, whose long-ago sufferings would lead the marshal to the solution of the mystery.



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Magdalen Nabb (1947 – 2007) studied at the Manchester College of Art, where she began to write. From 1975 onward she lived in Florence, working as a journalist and novelist. Nabb became famous for her *Guarnaccia* crime novels – she wrote 14 novels about the crotchety yet likeable Maresciallo – and also wrote books for children and teenagers.



Magdalen Nabb  
*Vita Nuova*  
Guarnaccias vierzehnter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Vita Nuova*  
336 pages  
2008



Magdalen Nabb  
*Eine Japanerin in Florenz*  
Guarnaccias dreizehnter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Innocent*  
352 pages  
2006



Magdalen Nabb  
*Cosimo*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Cosimo*  
304 pages  
2004



Magdalen Nabb  
*Nachtblüten*  
Guarnaccias zwölfter Fall  
Roman · Diogenes

*Some Bitter Taste*  
336 pages  
2002



Magdalen Nabb  
*Alta moda*  
Guarnaccias elfter Fall  
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*Property of Blood*  
368 pages  
1999



Magdalen Nabb  
*Das Ungeheuer von Florenz*  
Guarnaccias zehnter Fall  
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*The Monster of Florence*  
544 pages  
1997



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod einer Verrückten*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccia  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Marshal and the Madwoman*  
320 pages  
1997



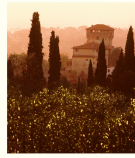
Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod im Palazzo*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccia  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Marshal Makes His Report*  
288 pages  
1995



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod einer Queen*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
Roman · Diogenes

**The Marhsal's Own Case**  
240 pages  
1994



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod in Florenz*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
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**The Marshal and the Murderer**  
272 pages  
1992



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod eines Holländers*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
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**Death of a Dutchman**  
288 pages  
1992



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod eines Engländer's*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
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**Death of an Englishman**  
224 pages  
1991



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod im Herbst*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
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**Death in Autumn**  
224 pages  
1990



Magdalen Nabb  
*Tod im Frühling*  
Ein Fall für Guarnaccio  
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**Death in Springtime**  
224 pages  
1988