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Der Capri-Krimi

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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 lives 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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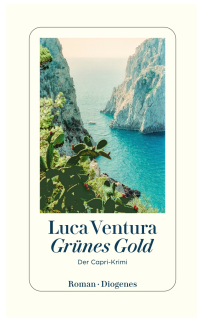
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