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## Luca Ventura *The Blue Salamander*

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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.

## Book factsheet

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### Bestseller

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#15 Spiegel Bestseller (paperback)  
#8 Austrian Bestseller

### Praise

Luca Ventura

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

»Ideal for anybody who enjoys the thrill of crime without too much gore.« – Regula Tanner / Schweizer Familie, Zurich

»Ventura knows how to depict family feuds and fatal love affairs in an exciting way.« – Ruhr Nachrichten, Dortmund

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

»Luca Ventura is an elegant literary stylist who deftly narrates sun-soaked crime stories.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt

»Luca Ventura writes elegant, naturalistic crime novels – appealing also to people who would not usually see themselves as crime novel fans.« – Benedict Wells

»A promising series with an Italian flavour. Sure to appeal to fans of well-crafted crime fiction set in a dreamlike scenery.« – L'Alsace, Mulhouse

»A crime thriller where the blue of the sea blends with the darkest depths of human nature.« – Point de vue, Paris

»For anyone who wants a summer crime novel featuring the sound of the sea, fragrant gardens and genuine Italian elegance [...].« – Freundin, Munich

»The author under the pseudonym Luca Ventura captures the sun-drenched landscape of Capri and the Italian way of life like no other.« – Italien Magazin, Amsterdam



Luca Ventura  
*Giffige Blüten*  
Der Capri-Krimi

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*Poisonous Blossoms*  
368 pages  
2026



Luca Ventura  
*Grünes Gold*  
Der Capri-Krimi

Roman - Diogenes

*Green Gold*  
320 pages  
2025

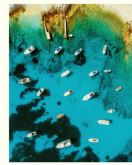


Luca Ventura  
*Bleich wie  
der Mond*  
Der Capri-Krimi

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*Pale as the Moon*  
304 pages  
2023

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Luca Ventura  
*In einer  
stillen Bucht*  
Der Capri-Krimi

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*In a Hidden Cove*  
336 pages  
2022

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Luca Ventura  
*Bittersüße  
Zitronen*  
Der Capri-Krimi

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*Bittersweet Lemons*  
320 pages  
2021

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Luca Ventura  
*Mitten  
im August*  
Der Capri-Krimi

Roman - Diogenes

*In the Middle of August*  
336 pages  
2020

🏆 **Bestseller**