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In a Hidden Cove

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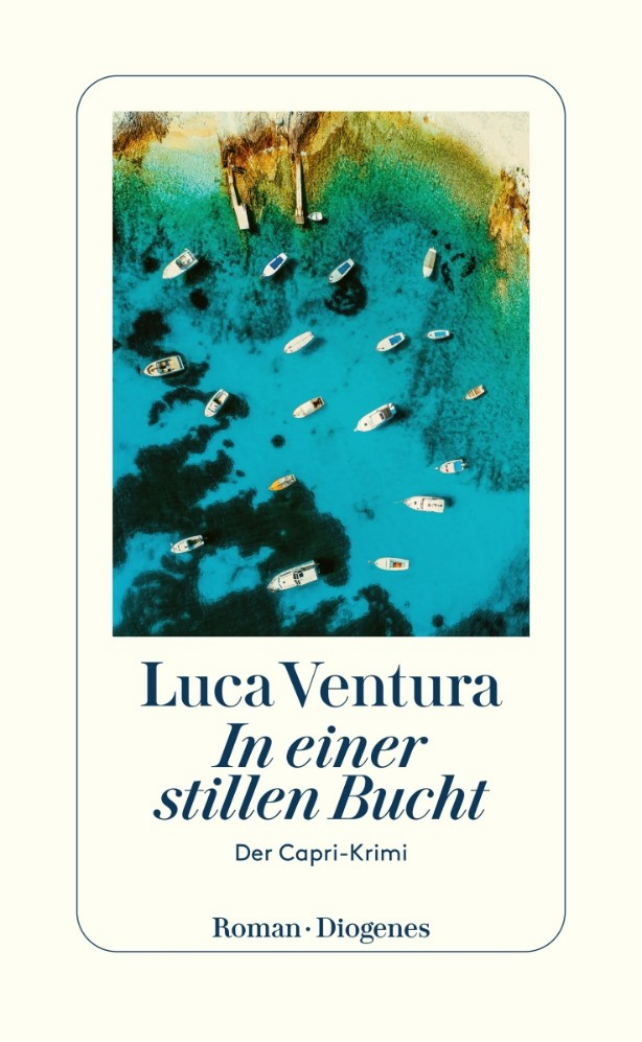

A woman is found dead on a rocky ledge above the sea on the island of Capri. Maria Grifo was the director of the famous Naples Conservatory of Music. Could the murder have had something to do with the disappearance of the one-of-a-kind Stradivarius harp from the music school? Its sound – as investigators Enrico Rizzi and Antonia Cirillo discover – is so beautiful there are people who would kill for it.

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.

Crime Fiction, Contemporary Literature, Bestseller
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Italian (Giunti)

Bestseller

#4 Swiss Bestseller
#11 Spiegel Bestseller (paperback)

Praise

In a Hidden Cove

»Entertaining and enjoyable, a pleasure to read.« – Dorothea Husslein / SWR2, Baden-Baden

»In the third *Capri* thriller, too, Luca Ventura succeeds in depicting a murder case and its resolution in a very gripping way.«

– ORF Radio Steiermark, Vienna

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

»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

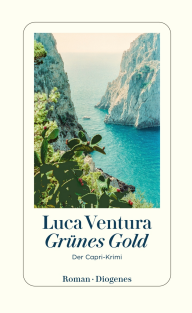
»A crime thriller where the blue of the sea blends with the darkest depths of human nature.« – Point de vue, Paris



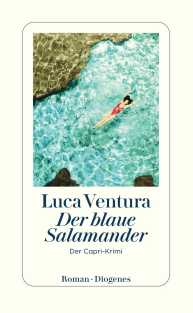
Blue Blood
336 pages
2027



Poisonous Blossoms
368 pages
2026



Green Gold
320 pages
2025



The Blue Salamander
336 pages
2024
Bestseller



Pale as the Moon
304 pages
2023
Bestseller



Bittersweet Lemons
320 pages
2021
Bestseller



In the Middle of August
336 pages
2020
Bestseller

Praise (cont'd)

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

»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