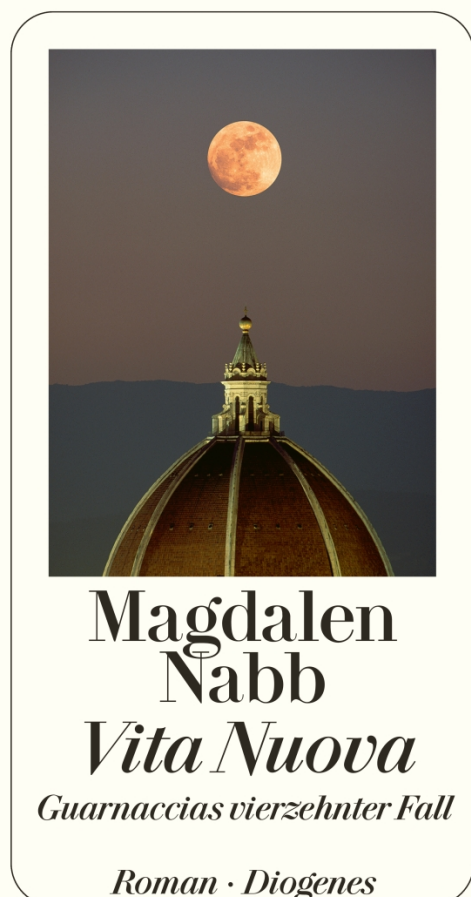


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Magdalen Nabb
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Guarnaccia is called in to handle a murder outside Florence. Signor Paoletti lives in an ostentatiously renovated country estate with his wife, two daughters, his illegitimate grandchild and two household staff members. The oldest daughter, Silvana, has been brutally murdered. For Paoletti, it is clear that it is a case of murder and robbery, but Guarnaccia notices that the details do not match up. With the help of the tabloid journalist Nesti, who still owes him a couple of favours, Guarnaccia finds out that Paoletti owes his fortune to a brief but highly lucrative career as a pimp. This puts Guarnaccia on the alert, of course, because Paoletti is now running a temporary job agency, which imports cheap labour from central and eastern Europe. On the surface, everything is correct: All of the placed cleaning women, gardeners and au pairs have valid passports and visas. But there is something else going on, and this looks entirely different. The case takes such dramatic turns that Guarnaccia submits his resignation from the police force for the first time in his career – to protect himself and his family.

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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

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»Fascinating. Superb.« – The Times, London

»Completely original. Wonderfully satisfying.« – Observer, London

»A perfect example of crime-and-pleasure.« – Antonia Fraser / Spectator, London

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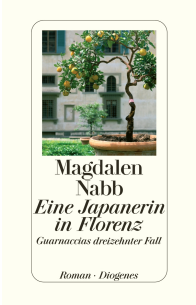
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Magdalen Nabb (1947 – 2007) studied at the Manchester College of Art, where she began to write. From 1975 onward she lived in Florence, working as a journalist and novelist. Nabb became famous for her *Guarnaccia* crime novels – she wrote 14 novels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



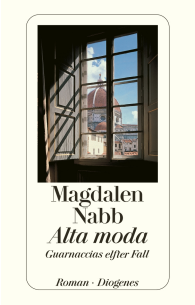
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352 pages
2006



Cosimo
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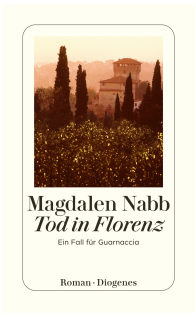
The Marshal and the Madwoman
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The Marshal Makes His Report
288 pages
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The Marhsal's Own Case
240 pages
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The Marshal and the Murderer
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Death of a Dutchman
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