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Luca Ventura
Blue Blood

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A body turns up on the plot next door to island policeman Enrico Rizzi. Who was the dead man, and what is the meaning of the precious red coral brooch that surfaces shortly afterwards ? Together with his colleague Antonia Cirillo, Rizzi follows the trail of a singular piece of jewellery, from Capri's sun-drenched gardens to the narrow alleys of Naples, to the masters of an ancient craft, and to the dark secrets of Italy's former monarchy.

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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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

»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

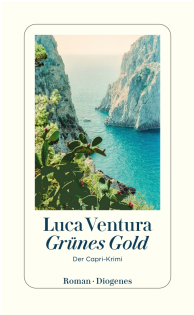
»Luca Ventura writes elegant, naturalistic crime novels – appealing also to people who would not usually see themselves as crime novel fans.« – Benedict Wells

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

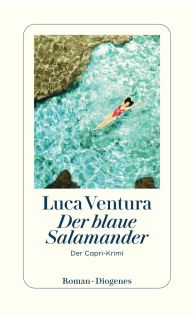
»The author under the pseudonym Luca Ventura captures the sun-drenched landscape of Capri and the Italian way of life like no other.« – Italien Magazin, Amsterdam



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320 pages
2025



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2021
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In the Middle of August
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Bestseller