

Magdalen Nabb

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Guarnaccias neunter Fall
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Up at the villa, a well-known writer lies dead without a mark of violence on her. Her husband snores drunkenly nearby. Down in the city of Florence, Marshal Guarnaccia of the carabinieri has a suspect, but no specialized skill and no evidence.

However, help comes from a forty-year-old repressed memory of a ragged child kneeling on grains of rice in the corner of the classroom: Vittorio, the son of the village prostitute, whose long-ago sufferings would lead the marshal to the solution of the mystery.

Book factsheet

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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

Magdalen Nabb

»A writer of elegant crime fiction.« – The Daily
Telegraph, London

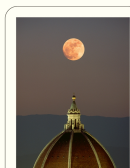
»It takes a writer as good as Magdalen Nabb
to remind us how subtle the art of mystery can
be.« – The New York Times , Book Review

»Magdalen Nabb is one of the most original of
all crime writers.« – Georges Simenon



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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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Vita Nuova
Guarnaccias vierzehnter Fall
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Vita Nuova
336 pages
2008



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Eine Japanerin in Florenz
Guarnaccias dreizehnter Fall
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The Innocent
352 pages
2006



Magdalen Nabb
Cosimo
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Cosimo
304 pages
2004



Magdalen Nabb
Nachtblüten
Guarnaccias zwölfter Fall
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Some Bitter Taste
336 pages
2002



Magdalen Nabb
Alta moda
Guarnaccias elfter Fall
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Property of Blood
368 pages
1999



Magdalen Nabb
Das Ungeheuer von Florenz
Guarnaccias zehnter Fall
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The Monster of Florence
544 pages
1997



Magdalen Nabb
Tod einer Verrückten
Ein Fall für Guarnaccia
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The Marshal and the Madwoman
320 pages
1997



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Tod im Palazzo
Ein Fall für Guarnaccia
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The Marshal Makes His Report
288 pages
1995



The Marhsal's Own Case
240 pages
1994



The Marshal and the Murderer
272 pages
1992



Death of a Dutchman
288 pages
1992



Death of an Englishman
224 pages
1991



Death in Autumn
224 pages
1990



Death in Springtime
224 pages
1988