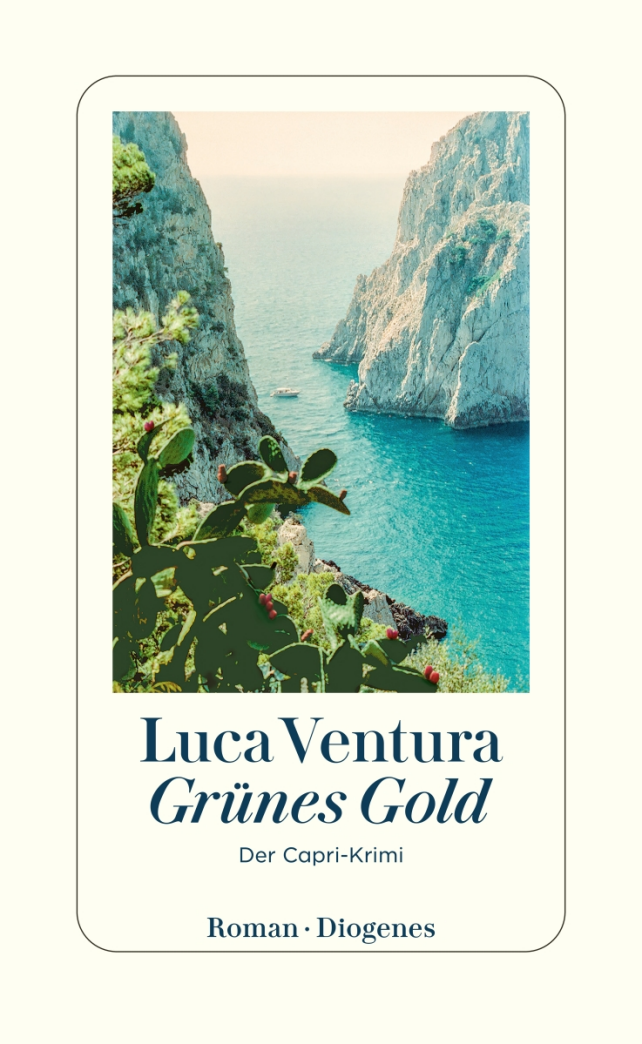
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Book factsheet

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Green Gold

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One morning, a man arrives dead in the chairlift on Monte Solaro. Someone must have shot at him from the sun-scorched Macchia below. The first clue leads to an olive grove; one that conceals an old secret. While the Naples criminal investigation department send a specialised search team, the island police officers Enrico Rizzi und Antonia Cirillo stumble across extravagant ideas regarding valuable olive oil in this, their latest case – and across a tree with a variety of olive that grows only on Capri. One for which some people would kill.

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
320 pages
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Praise

Green Gold

»*Green Gold* makes you long for warm summer evenings on a South Italian terrace, in front of you a steaming plate of porcini mushroom pasta, refined with the best olive oil.« – Babina Cathomen / Kulturtipp, Zurich

»In the new novel, too, the author expertly conjures the flair of rolling waves and craggy cliffs, fragrant herbs and delicious dishes into our imagination.« – Münchner Merkur, Munich

»Slow-food mystery with beautiful vistas from the island for a touch of holiday feeling on the sofa.« – Marianne Fischer / , Kleine Zeitung

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

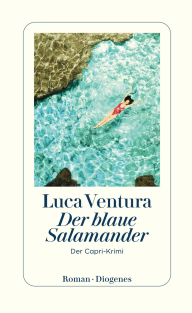
»Luca Ventura writes elegant, naturalistic crime novels – appealing also to people who would not usually see themselves as crime novel fans.« – Benedict Wells



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2020
Bestseller

Praise (cont'd)

»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