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Praise

In the Middle of August

»The author Luca Ventura skilfully combines tension with Italian flair. Pure pleasure.« – Gala, Hamburg

»Respite for the troubled mind.« – ORF, Vienna

»This is the opening act to a promising new crimes series, whose protagonists have a fair few secrets still hidden.« – Christina Mondolfo & Mathias Ziegler / Wiener Zeitung, Vienna

»Ideal for anybody who likes their crime thrilling but not too bloody.« – Regula Tanner / Schweizer Familie, Zurich

»Reading it made me want to go straight to Capri.« – Petra Hartlieb / ORF-Magazin, Vienna

»Luca Ventura's Capri crime novel is the start of an atmospheric series which promises everything that Italy has to offer.« – Barbara Hoppe / Das Wochenende, Frankfurt

»A very promising start to a new crime series - and a trip to one of the most beautiful islands in Europe.« – Münchner Merkur, Munich

Murder on the most beautiful island in the world.

The Gulf of Naples is a test laboratory in times of climate change – and the setting of this highly topical crime novel.

Tense thrills in front of a beautiful backdrop: young policeman Enrico Rizzi investigates in the new Capri series.

Enrico Rizzi, a policeman on the island of Capri, usually deals with minor crimes. His quiet job means he can help his father in his fruit and vegetable garden above the Gulf of Naples. Until, in the middle of August, a rowing boat washes up on the rocky beach, containing a dead man – Jack Milani, an oceanography student and the son of a major industrialist family. It's the first murder case for Rizzi, a case where the very future of the seven seas is at stake.

Enrico Rizzi: the young police officer who wants to stay true to his island.

Antonia Cirillo: his colleague transferred from northern Italy for disciplinary reasons, a woman with a secret.

Ispettore Lombardi: their boss, whose favourite office activity is enjoying the view of the Gulf of Naples.

Commissario Serra: the senior officer who makes Enrico Rizzi an alluring offer.

Gina: the woman by Enrico Rizzi's side, who is trying to forget her terrible past.

Vito and Marta Rizzi: Enrico Rizzi's parents, who tend their giardino with great love and make the very best peperonata.

Luca Ventura prefers to remain anonymous. The writer spends a large part of the year on the Gulf of Naples, where he is currently working on the third case in the Capri series about the islander Enrico Rizzi and his north Italian colleague Antonia Cirillo.



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