

# Diogenes

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Der Capri-Krimi

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Only last night he was roaming the island, savouring the aroma of pine trees and revelling in the news he'd just received. But now he's lying dead in a tub at his dairy. Nino Castaldo was famous for his hand pulled mozzarella, made from pure buffalo milk. Yet nobody realised the struggles he was having with the family business and animal-rights campaigners. But in the bright spring light of Capri, Enrico Rizzi and Antonia Cirillo gradually uncover his secrets.

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.

## Book factsheet

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Luca Ventura

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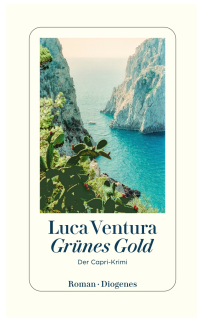
»His crime fiction also makes wonderful holiday reading: exciting, entertaining, and intelligent.« – Sabine Weichelt / Freie Presse, Chemnitz

»Luca Ventura is an elegant literary stylist who deftly narrates sun-soaked crime stories.« – Volker Albers / Hamburger Abendblatt

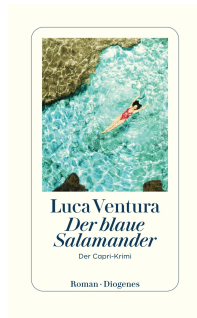
»Luca Ventura writes elegant, naturalistic crime novels – appealing also to people who would not usually see themselves as crime novel fans.« – Benedict Wells



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