

Io E Dio

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The series offers contemporary sources relating to Columbus' four voyages and the inter penetration of the hitherto separate worlds that resulted from them. The texts are presented in the original language for specialists, but also in English translation for students and scholars in related fields. This text was first published in 1571 in Venice, having been translated from the Spanish original, and immediately became the starting point for all future biographies of Columbus and of historical reconstructions of the first phase of the Spanish conquest of the New World. It covers his whole life, exalts the goodness and power of Spain, and criticizes the Spanish monarchs for denying him and his descendants their legitimate rights. Distributed by the David Brown Book Company. Annotation : 2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

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«Ma che cos'è vero, alla fine, di questa vita che se ne va, nessuno sa dove? Rispondere a questa domanda significa parlare di Dio.» Io e Dio di Vito Mancuso ruota intorno a questa domanda: una domanda intima, personale, che però coinvolge l'intera umanità, e dunque ciascuno di noi. In questo senso, per ogni uomo che viene sulla terra, cristiano o no, la partita della vita è sempre tra io e Dio. Tuttavia oggi tenere insieme un retto pensiero di Dio e un retto pensiero del mondo è molto difficile: così qualcuno sceglie Dio per disprezzo del mondo, qualcun altro sceglie il mondo per noia di Dio, mentre molti non scelgono né l'uno né l'altro,

forse perché non avvertono più quell'esigenza radicale dell'anima che qualcuno chiamava «fame e sete di giustizia». In pagine ricche di dottrina e di passione per la verità, Vito Mancuso spiega e condivide le ragioni della sua fede in Dio. È un percorso in cui non mancano puntate polemiche, basato su un'ampia riflessione, che supera di slancio la strettoia tra due posizioni in apparenza contrapposte, che negano entrambe la nostra libertà individuale: da un lato l'autoritarismo delle gerarchie religiose, dall'altro uno scientismo ateo e semplicistico. Ma una civiltà senza religione, o con una religione senza cultura, argomenta Vito Mancuso, perde inevitabilmente la propria coesione interna, schiacciata su una sola dimensione, in balia di un egoismo molto prossimo al cinismo o alla disperazione. Io e Dio apre invece la strada verso una fede basata sull'amore e sul dialogo, sulla libertà e sulla giustizia.

The Medici Women is a study of the women of the famous Medici family of Florence in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. Natalie Tomas examines critically the changing contribution of the women in the Medici family to the eventual success of the Medici regime and their exercise of power within it; and contributes to our historical understanding of how women were able to wield power in late medieval and early modern Italy and Europe. Tomas takes a feminist approach that examines the experience of the Medici women within a critical framework of gender analysis, rather than biography. Using the relationship between gender and power as a vantage point, she analyzes the Medici women's uses of power and influence over time. She also analyzes the varied contemporary reactions to and representation of that power, and the manner in which the women's actions in the political sphere changed over the course of the century between republican and ducal rule (1434-1537). The narrative focuses especially on how women were able to exercise power, the constraints placed upon them, and

how their gender intersected with the exercise of power and influence. Keeping the historiography to a minimum and explaining all unfamiliar Italian terms, Tomas makes her narrative clear and accessible to non-specialists; thus *The Medici Women* appeals to scholars of women's studies across disciplines and geographical boundaries.

In this book, twelve scholars of early modern history analyse various categories and cases of deception and false identity in the age of geographical discoveries and of forced conversions: from two-faced conversos to serial converts, from demoniacs to stigmatics, and from self-appointed ambassadors to lying cosmographer.

The Renaissance Era was a period of huge cultural advancements. It began in Italy and spread throughout the length and breadth of Europe. The Renaissance had lasting effects on art, literature and sciences. Here are 12 notable works of fiction from this era. Italy: *The Divine Comedy* by Dante *Sonnets* by Petrarch *The Decameron* by Giovanni Boccaccio Great Britain: *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare *Utopia* by Thomas More *The Unfortunate Traveller, or The Life Of Jack Wilton* by Thomas Nashe France: *Gargantua and Pantagruel* by François Rabelais Germany: *The Ship of Fools* by Sebastian Brant Spain: *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes Portugal: *The Lusiad* by Camões Netherlands: *In Praise of Folly* by Desiderius Erasmus Contents: 1. Dante Alighieri : *The Divine Comedy* 2. Francesco Petrarca : *Sonnets* 3. Giovanni Boccaccio : *The Decameron* 4. William Shakespeare : *Hamlet* 5. William Shakespeare : *Macbeth* 6. Thomas More : *Utopia* 7. Thomas Nashe : *The Unfortunate Traveller, or The Life Of Jack Wilton* 8. Francois Rabelais : *Gargantua and His Son Pantagruel* 9. Sebastian Brant : *The Ship of Fools* 10. Miguel de Cervantes : *Don Quixote* 11. Luis de Camões : *The Lusiad* 12. Desiderius Erasmus : *In Praise of Folly*

This carefully crafted ebook: "The Decameron: The Classic Translation of John Payne" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. John Payne's translation of The Decameron was originally published in a private printing for The Villon Society, London in 1886. Comprised of 100 novellas told by ten men and women over a ten day journey fleeing plague-infested Florence, the Decameron is an allegorical work famous for its bawdy portrayals of everyday life, its searing wit and mockery, and its careful adherence to a framed structure. The word "decameron" is derived from the Greek and means "ten days". Boccaccio drew on many influences in writing the Decameron, and many writers, including Martin Luther, Chaucer, and Keats, later drew inspiration from the book. Giovanni Boccaccio (1313-1375) was an Italian writer and humanist, one of the founders of the Renaissance. He studied business but abandoned it eventually to pursue his literary interests. In 1350 Boccaccio met Francesco Petrarca (Petrarch) (1304-1374), one the most important figures in the beginnings of the Renaissance and Humanism.

La penisola italiana ha accolto nei millenni numerosi riti, tradizioni e culti incentrati sulla Divinità Femminile, dei quali restano ampie e talora vistose tracce. Ed è proprio viaggiando alla loro ricerca, fraterra, acqua, aria e fuoco, che l'autore ha scoperto una serie diemozionanti itinerari in cui rivivere gli arcaici sapori della Grande Madre. La prefazione è di Syusy Blady, conduttrice e regista di "Turisti / Misteri per caso". All'interno, illustrazioni in b/n e 16 mappe con percorsi suggeriti per visitare i luoghi della Dea in Italia.

The "Dialogue between and Christian and a Hindu about Religion" (Jav?basv?la aika kr?st??n aura aika h??du ke b?ca mo im?na ke upara) was written in about 1751 by Giuseppe Maria da Gargnano with help from his Capuchin friend and colleague,

Cassiano da Macerata, and from an unnamed Brahmin teacher. This teacher apparently taught Giuseppe Maria to read Hindustani and some Sanskrit, instructed him in the basics of Hindu religion, and corrected the Hindustani text of the “Dialogue”. A copy of the Hindustani text was first presented to the raja of Bettiah in 1751.

Subsequently, an undetermined number of hand-made copies were distributed among persons in the Bettiah area. A copy of the Hindustani text in an Indian script related to nagari, dated in 1751, together with an Italian version was sent to Rome and is now in the Vatican Library (Borg. ind. 11). Another copy of the text, dated in 1787, is also found in the same Library (Borg. ind. 16). In the context of the still limited progress of European studies of Indian languages and culture in Giuseppe Maria’s historical period, and despite the shortcomings of his own cultural upbringing and intellectual training, the Hindu-Christian dialogu remains a pioneering linguistic and religious experiment.

A serial killer holds New York in his grip. He does not choose his victims. Nor does he watch them die. But then there are too many of them for that. The explosion of a twenty-two storey building, followed by the casual discovery of a letter, lead the police to face up to a dreadful reality: some of New York's buildings were mined at the time of their construction. But which ones? And how many? A young female detective hiding her personal demons behind a tough appearance, and a former press photographer with a past he'd rather forget, and for which he still seeks forgiveness, are the only hope of

stopping this psychopath. A man who does not even claim responsibility for his actions. A man who believes himself to be God. Praise for the Giorgio Faletti: 'In my neck of the woods, people like Faletti are called larger than life, living legends' - Jeffery Deaver. 'Publishing sensation' Financial Times. I Kill is one of those bestsellers that proceeds at a cracking pace and presses all the right buttons with clinical efficiency. Giorgio Faletti's thriller is set in Monte Carlo, home to so many obnoxious millionaires and their trophy girlfriends that what the city really needs is a serial killer. Enter just such a killer .. The writing has no great literary pretensions, but then it does not have to. The plot is the thing. Sunday Telegraph. 'The best selling first novel by Giorgio Faletti . . . has been defined as a masterpiece and Faletti himself as the best living Italian writer.' Corriere della Sera.

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