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## OZ

*An enchanted land located somewhere over the rainbow,  
beyond the ocean and the great mountains, among deserts and rainforests.  
Everyone knows where OZ is, but nobody knows how to get there.  
You can't decide to go to OZ,  
you can only reach its boundless territories by accident.  
Which is exactly how Dorothy Gale one day found herself there.*

Dorothy is a little girl who lives in Kansas with her uncle and aunt and her pet dog Toto. One day a violent cyclone uproots their house and, while her uncle and aunt manage to reach safety, Dorothy and her puppy are lifted up in the air and carried by the wind to the Land of the Munchkins. On landing, the house crushes the Wicked Witch of the East. Out of gratitude, the Good Witch of the North gives Dorothy the deceased witch's magical silver shoes and suggests that she go to the Wizard of Oz and ask him to help her return to her uncle and aunt in Kansas. This is the beginning of an intricate tale of adventures and encounters with bizarre characters inspired by a literary classic that has fired the imagination of many artists – including Stefano Bessoni.

After the Tuscan hills of Carlo Collodi's *Pinocchio* and the English countryside of Lewis Carroll's *Alice*, it felt natural for this author and illustrator to jump across the Atlantic and carry out a highly personal exploration of the Land of Oz created by L. Frank Baum. Bessoni chooses to use only the first book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, as published in 1900, and draws on the darker side of his imagination to create a modern, concise and engaging version of this classic. As usual, his adaptation consists of freely selecting excerpts from the original text, to provide a basic narrative, and create a series of portraits – embellished and coloured in his own macabre and grotesque style. In this strange gallery of characters we become acquainted with the protagonist Dorothy and her quirky and adorable little band made up of a Scarecrow with no brain, a Tin Woodman with no heart, a Lion with no courage and a small but unpredictable pet dog.

Propelled to worldwide fame in 1939 by Victor Fleming's movie starring Judy Garland, this much-loved story has repeatedly been adapted for stage and screen and has inspired forty different books, including the fourteen written by Baum.

Adding his voice to this long tradition, Bessoni infuses fresh life into the fascinating world of Oz, enriching it with new references and emphasising its macabre side.

### **The author and illustrator:**

**Stefano Bessoni** is a director, illustrator, and stop-motion animator. He was born in 1965 in Rome, where he graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts. Since 1989 he has been making many experimental films, video and theatre installations, and documentary films. In the 1990s he worked for many TV production companies as camera operator, cinematographer, and film editor. He taught film directing at the NUCT (Roma Film Academy) in Cinecittà and at the Griffith Academy in Rome. He also teaches many workshops on illustration and stop-motion animation at schools and festivals in Italy and abroad.

He has won various awards with his most recent films *Gallows Songs*, which was recognized by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities as a "film of national cultural interest", and *Krokodyle*, Best Fantasy Film at the 6th CINEFANTASY in San Paolo, Brazil, Best International Film at the PUERTO RICO HORROR FILM FEST 2011, Special Mention at SITGES 2011 - 44° Festival Internacional de Cinema Fantastic de Catalunya, and a Special Mention also at FANTASPOA 2011.

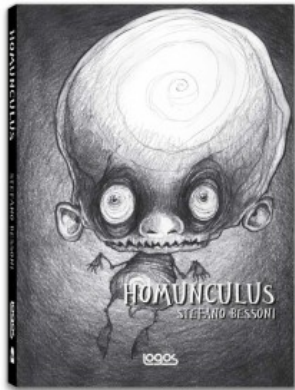
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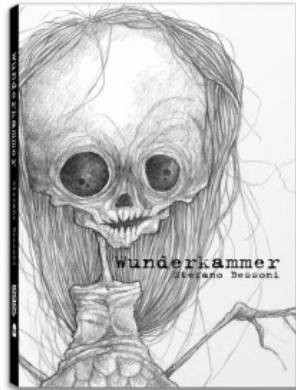
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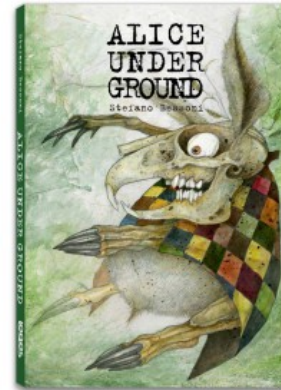
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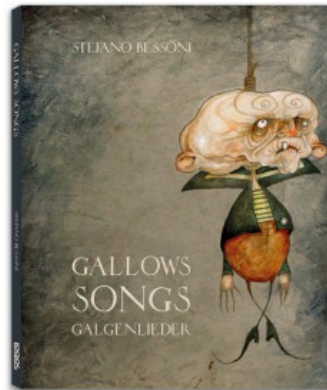
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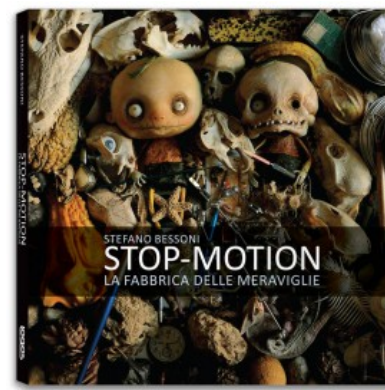
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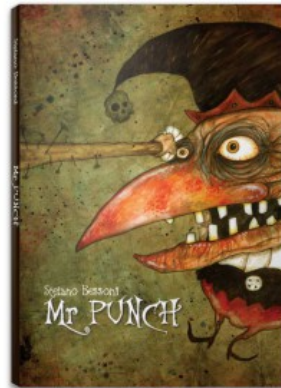
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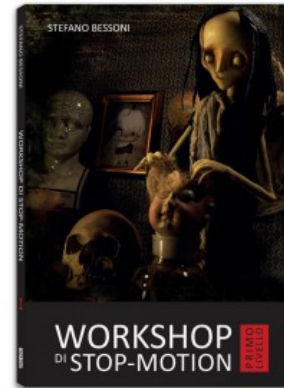
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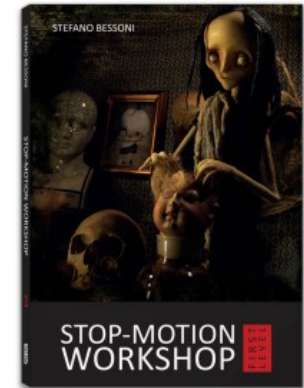
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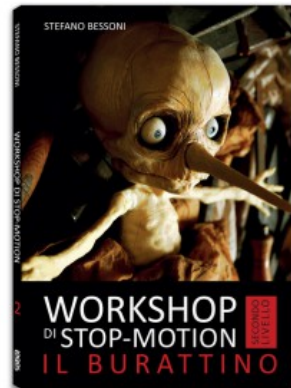


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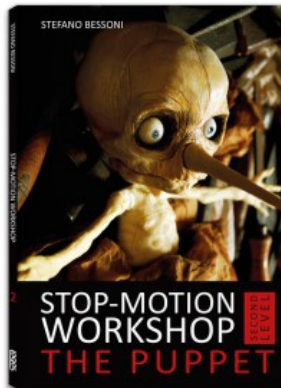


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