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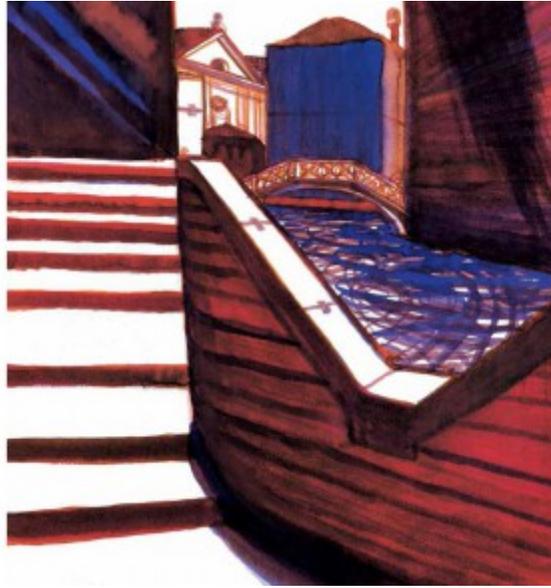
A prestigious and finely designed hardcover book portrays an unusual and fascinating Venice. Alternating black and white drawings and evocative colour images openly inspired by Hockney's paintings, Mattotti saves the town from the stereotyped postcard images we all know and strips it of its architectural majesty to explore it in depth in search for the signs that can reveal its inner structure. The route where he drags the observer is a vertiginous maze, an intricate tangle of lines, nervous strokes, elongated or twisted perspectives. Surprising views interpreted in a variety of techniques – from pencil drawings to Indian ink, from pastels to Ecoline inks – guide us into the heart of the town, among bridges, narrow streets, openings, railings, brick walls, stairs and of course the ever-present water, with its waves and glares. In spaces mostly desert, where we walk holding our breath, from time to time mysterious figures appear, dragons, fishermen capturing monsters, inspired by the great paintings from the past, and especially by Carpaccio and Tiepolo. As Claudio Piersanti explains in the introduction, we are amazed by something that we have always had before our eyes, and shows us "surprisingly, a Venice that is familiar yet never seen before".

Lorenzo Mattotti lives and works in Paris. After his studies in architecture, he started off in the late 1970s as a comic strip artist and in the early 1980s created the Valvoline collective together with other artists. In 1984 he published *Fires*, which was welcomed as a great event in the world of comics and won several important international prizes. From *Incidenti* to *Stigmatate*, from *Signor Spartaco* to *Doctor Nefasto*, *L'uomo alla finestra* and several other titles, Mattotti's work has evolved consistently and, at the same time, with the eclecticism of an artist who is always in search for new territories to explore. Today his books are translated all over the world and his illustrations are published in newspapers and magazines such as *The New Yorker*, *Le Monde*, *Das Magazin*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *Le nouvel Observateur*, *Corriere della Sera* and *la Repubblica*. Mattotti re-interpreted the creations of the most important fashion designers for the magazine *Vanity*, and in 2010 designed all the covers for the architectural monthly magazine *Domus*. He has illustrated several children's books, such as *Pinocchio* by Collodi and *Eugenio*, that won the Grand Prix of Bratislava in 1993, one of the most important awards in the field of children's publishing. Mattotti's works were featured in many solo exhibitions, such as the anthological expositions at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni in Rome, at the Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem and, more recently, at the Musei di Porta Romana in Milan. Mattotti has created posters, covers and advertising campaigns: he designed the posters for the Cannes Film Festival in 2000 and for the Estate Romana. Among his most recent publications: *Jekyll & Hyde* (NBM Publishing, 2003) and *The Crackle of the Frost* (Fantagraphics, 2003) and, at the same time, *I manifesti di Mattotti* (2002) and *Angkor* (2003) for Nuages; in 2008, *Appunti sul paesaggio* for Tricromia and *Le avventure di Pinocchio* in the Einaudi series "I Millenni"; in 2009 *Hänsel e Gretel* for Orecchio acerbo/Gallimard, whose amazing illustrations complete Neil Gaiman's texts in the English edition. In 2010, a collaboration with Lou Reed gave birth to *The Raven* (Fantagraphics Books, 2012). In 2004, he created the segments between the three episodes of *Eros*, a film by Wong Kar-wai, Steven Soderbergh and Michelangelo Antonioni. In 2007 he made one of the six episodes of the collective animated film *Peur(s) du noir*. In 2011, he worked at the animated sequences of the movie by Charles Nemes, *Il Etait une fois... peut-être pas* and, in 2012, he created backgrounds and characters for *Pinocchio*, an animated film by Enzo D'Alò. In 2012, #logosedizioni launched the series "Works", a systematic publication of his illustrations: the first volume deals with pastels and second one is a tribute to the fashion world. In 2013, #logosedizioni released also the visionary work *Oltremai*, which was exhibited at the Pinacoteca di Bologna. In 2014 he created *Vietnam*, for the "Travel Book" series by Louis Vuitton. Constantly searching for a language that can go beyond the existing boundaries, the assorted works of Mattotti have been exhibited in *Sconfini*, and the exhibition catalogue has been published by #logosedizioni in 2016. In 2017, Mattotti collaborates again with Jerry Kramsky, creating the new graphic novel *Ghirlanda* (#logosedizioni), an epic story that carries the reader into a magical journey. *Ghirlanda* wins the Gran Guinigi Award at Lucca Comics & Games in 2017. Mattotti's universe by now seamlessly ranges over comics, painting, illustration and film animation.

His books for #logosedizioni are: *La stanza*, *Mattotti Works 1*, *Oltremai*, *Stanze*, *Venezia - limited edition*, *Venezia - Scavando nell'acqua*, *Mattotti Works 2 - Moda/Fashion*, *Nell'acqua*, *Oltremai - trade edition*, *Sconfini*, *Ghirlanda*, *Blind*, *Covers for the New Yorker*, *L'uomo alla finestra*, *Stigmatate*, *Caboto* and *Lettere da un tempo lontano*.

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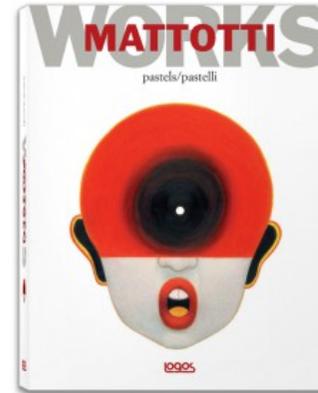
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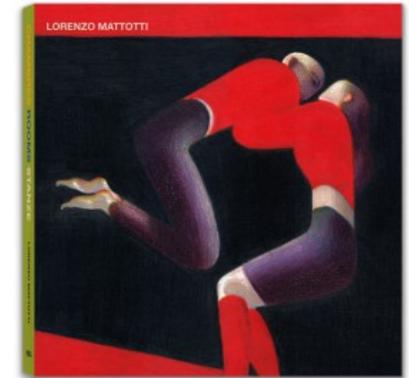
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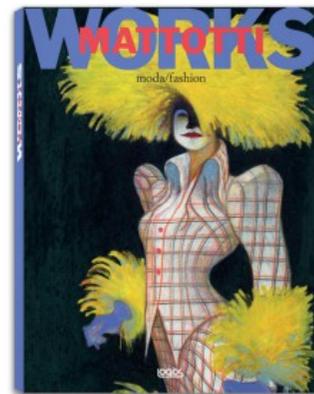
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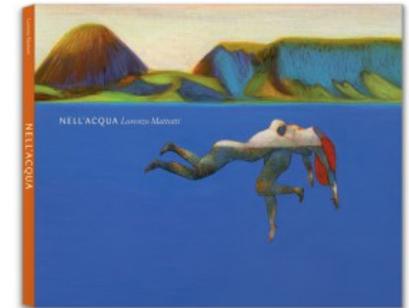
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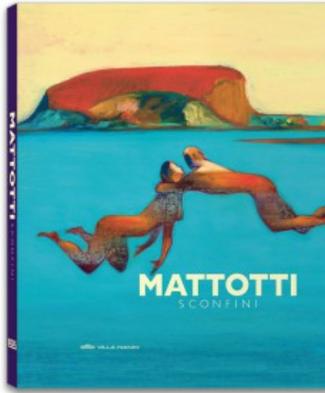
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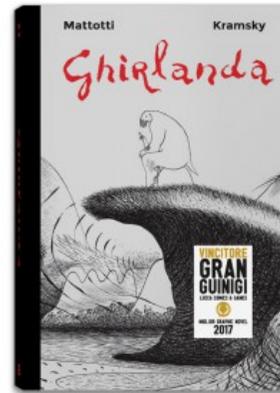
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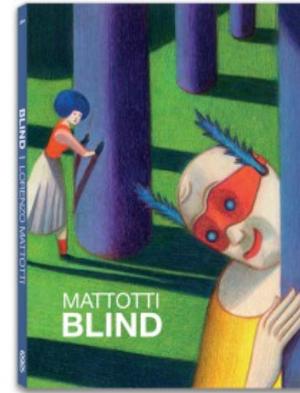
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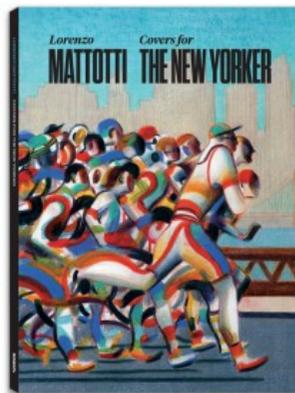
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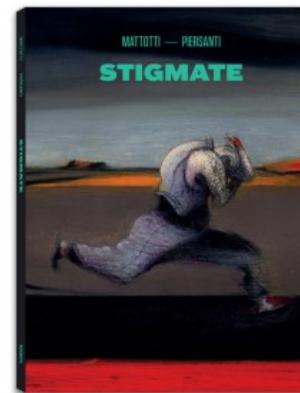
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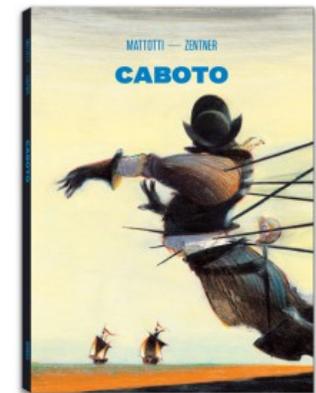
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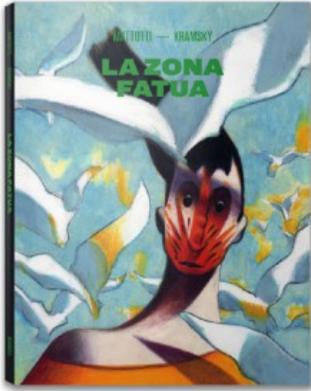
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