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800 YEARS SHARED WITH CHILDREN
UNIVERSITY AND CARTHUSIA EDIZIONI JOIN FORCES
TO TALK ABOUT SCIENCE

To celebrate its 800th anniversary in 2022, the University of Padua has inaugurated two series of books for children and teens, in collaboration with publishers specialised in children's literature, with the aim of disseminating its history and heritage. The first series, for which two books will be published each year, is *Storie Libere*.

The series is published by Carthusia Edizioni and will recount the story of eight great figures in the history of science and of great learning who lived in Padua for a certain period of their lives and worked at the University of Padua. The first title of the series has just been released, being *Noi, Galileo e la Luna*, written by Sabina Colloredo and illustrated by Sonia Maria Luce Possentini.

The project will be previewed during a

PRESS CONFERENCE
on Monday, 3rd December 2018 –12:00 pm
in the Sala da Pranzo of Palazzo del Bo – Padua

Keynote speakers:

Rosario **Rizzuto**, Rector

Annalisa **Oboe**, Pro-rector of Cultural, Social and Gender Relations

Telmo **Pievani**, Delegate for the institutional communications project

Patrizia **Zarbi**, Publisher and Editorial Director of Carthusia Edizioni

Sabina **Colloredo**, writer of children's books and author of *Noi, Galileo e la Luna*

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To celebrate the 800th anniversary since its foundation, the University of Padua and Carthusia Edizioni have conceived the *Storie Libere* series as part of Progetto 2022, which will tell children about eight great figures in the history of science and of great learning who lived in Padua for a certain period of their lives and worked at the University of Padua.

The first book of the series is:

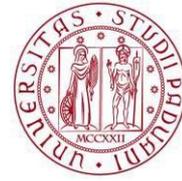
NOI, GALILEO E LA LUNA

Recounted by Sabina Colloredo

Illustrated by Sonia Maria Luce Possentini

Carthusia Edizioni
Storie Libere Series





*My name is Virginia and I'm Galileo Galilei's little sister.
I'll try to tell you all about him, even if I always feel so small in his presence.
But unlike others who have talked about him - often without even knowing him -
I do know him, and I know him well.*

NOI, GALILEO E LA LUNA is an illustrated novel for children created by **Carthusia Edizioni**, a publishing house with considerable planning capacity, in collaboration with the **University of Padua**, where Galileo Galilei taught Mathematics from 1592 to 1610.

Through the tender words of **Sabina Colloredo** and the evocative illustrations by **Sonia Maria Luce Possentini**, the objective is to imagine the life of one of the most freethinking and ingenious minds of all time from a different, original and engaging perspective: that of the "two Virginie", Galileo's little sister and his daughter.

The illustrated novel NOI, GALILEO E LA LUNA is divided in two parts:

- In the first part, **Galilei's little sister** speaks with affection and nostalgia of their nocturnal observations of the moon and how much her extremely curious and eccentric fourteen-year-old brother was completely attracted by the sky and the secrets it concealed.
- In the second part, **Galileo's daughter, Virginia**, introduces the reader to her father, who has since become a well-known scientist and an unconventional professor, who is somewhat gruff with his family but deeply fond of his little girl who wishes to be just like him when she grows up.

Acclaimed writer **Sabina Colloredo**, with rare delicacy and sensitivity, manages to unveil a powerful, non-conformist and fiercely freethinking yet severe figure who is also capable, every now and then, of moments of great tenderness. The reader is also accompanied through the novel by the remarkable illustrations of **Sonia Maria Luce Possentini**, who skilfully reflects his persona in plays of light and dark.



As an appendix to the narrative are **five detailed fact sheets** written by the working group of the **University of Padua**, accompanied by photographs and illustrations that introduce the reader to the historical figure of Galileo. The detailed descriptions of his experiments and scientific methods offer an approach to the mind of the scientist and, thanks to the numerous historical testimonies, to become aware of the most important periods in his life, his love for art and his special relationship with the prestigious University of Padua.

NOI, GALILEO E LA LUNA is the **first title** in “**STORIE LIBERE**”, a **new series of illustrated children’s historical novels** by **Carthusia** in collaboration with and under **the historical-scientific supervision of the University of Padua**, which is set to celebrate its 800th anniversary in 2022 - a milestone that only few universities in the world can boast.

This innovative and engaging series aims to recount the lives of 8 important figures, some better known than others, whose paths intertwined with the history of Padua and its prestigious University, in the pursuit of its founding values: freedom of research and openness to the world.

The protagonists of this new editorial adventure are brave men and women whose stories have been characterised by freedom of thought, unconventionality, a thirst for discovery and a passion for knowledge.

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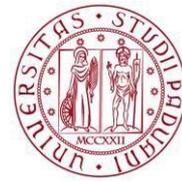
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