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After graduating in Literature and Philosophy from the University of Palermo, she worked as a journalist for «L'Orca», earned her Master degree in storytelling at the Scuola Holden of Turin, and studied Creative Writing with the American writer Heléna Viramontes (Cornell University, Ithaca, New York).

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Books published

Nonfiction:

La letteratura come paradosso (in AA.VV. *Dieci decimi*, Rizzoli-Bur «Holdenmaps», 2003)

Short stories:

L'occhio cieco del mondo (Einaudi «I coralli», 2000). Gandovere-Franciocorta Award, Berto Award, Fiesole Award, Chiara Award, and Mondello opera prima Award.

Felicia (in AA.VV. *Disertori*, Einaudi «Stile Libero», 2000)

La superstrada (in AA.VV. *Ragazze che dovrete conoscere*, Einaudi «Stile Libero», 2004)

La casa di Magda (in AA. VV. *Principesse Azzurre 2*, Oscar Mondadori, 2003)

La superstrada (in AA.VV. *Ragazze che dovrete conoscere*, Einaudi «Stile Libero», 2004)

L'arca che il mare non affondò (in AA. VV. *Le Fate sapienti*, Frassinelli, 2005)

Anche i gatti sono in guerra (in AA. VV. *Deandreide*, Rizzoli-Bur, 2006)

Novels:

La lucertola color smeraldo (Einaudi «I coralli», 2003)

Il giorno degli orsi volanti (Einaudi «L'Arcipelago», 2005)

Senzaterra (Einaudi «L'Arcipelago», september 2008), a novel adapted from the original story written for the movie *Motherland* (58th Berlin International Film Festival-Forum) directed by Nello La Marca

Translations

Firmin. Adventures of a metropolitan lowlife, written by Sam Savage (Coffee House Press, Minneapolis 2006). Italian title: **Firmino. Avventure di un parassita metropolitano** (Einaudi Stile Libero Big, 2008)

Movies

Author of the story and screenplayer of the movie *La Terramadre* (*Motherland*) (58th Berlin International Film Festival - Forum), directed by Nello La Marca

Monologues

Il viaggio di Alice (story of a girl looking for her father in a «fucking hellish heaven» called New York)

Amici per le palle (story of a friendship broken by the «normal course» of life)

Melologues

Il meraviglioso segreto del Biondo (story of a Eastern European bears trainer emigrated to a poor town of South Italy)

L'arca che il mare non affondò (story of boat people: two children travelling towards a kind of *promised land* that... turns out to be so alike that one they have escaped from, or even worse)

Forthcomings

Eaten Alive in AA. VV. *Rome Noir*. Mystery/Fiction Anthology edited by Chiara Stangalino & Maxim Jakubowski, Akashic Books (New York, NY). February 2009