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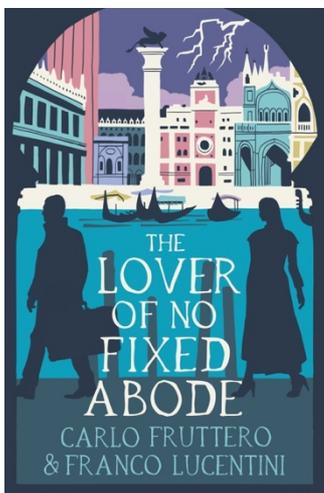
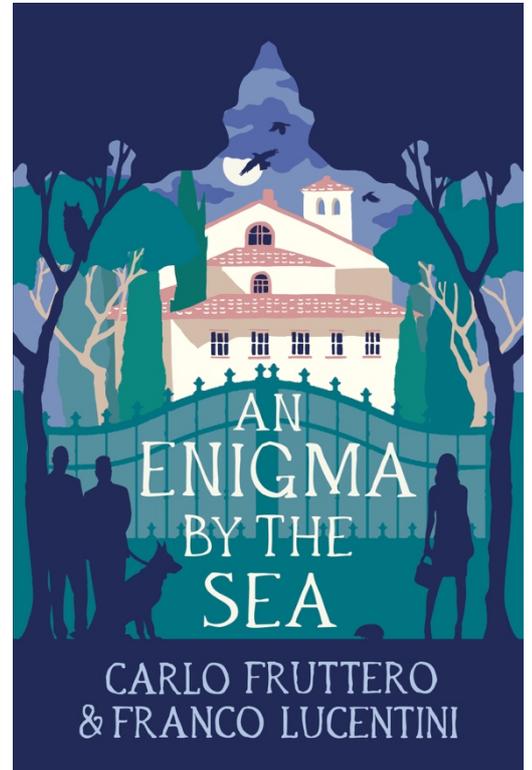
**Legendary authors.** "Doyens of the Italian detective story, Fruttero and Lucentini, offer a perfect blend of the comedy of manners and the macabre." **Tim Parks, author of *Hotel Milano***

**A series for your travels.** *Enigma by the Sea* follows on from the success of *The Lover of No Fixed Abode* and *Runaway Horses* by the same authors. *The Lover* is set in Venice, *Runaway Horses* in Siena and *Enigma* on the Tuscan coast.

**More than a whodunit.** A literary exploration of human nature. With rich prose, deft storytelling, and sharp wit, this novel appeals to fans of both classic mysteries and sophisticated literary fiction.

**Evocative sense of place.** Set amidst the dark pine forests and desolate chill of the Tuscan coast during a bitterly cold Christmas, the atmosphere blends damp gloom with the tension of a place shuttered until summer—a perfect backdrop for suspense.

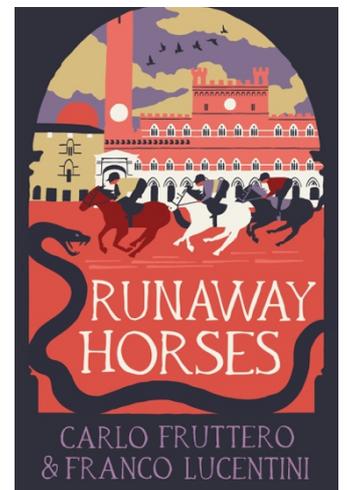
On the wintry Tuscan coast, the wealthy elite retreat to their lavish holiday homes. But the season turns sinister when a couple vanishes from a locked villa, and the body of a disreputable count washes ashore, bludgeoned to death. With echoes of Agatha Christie and the erudite suspense of Umberto Eco (or it could be *White Lotus* taking on the Berlusconi era) this richly atmospheric mystery unfolds among an ensemble of eccentrics: a fraudulent aristocrat and his beautiful companion; a melancholic academic and the woman he adores; two elderly single ladies consulting ominous Tarot cards. With the local police floundering, it falls to the brooding Signor Monforti to unravel the mystery, triumphing as an amateur detective.



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**RUNAWAY HORSES** (97819136725-034) "A vivid narrative evoking the Palio, Siena's medieval race."—**Financial Times**

**Authors and Translator:** Carlo Fruttero (1926-2012) and Franco Lucentini (1920-2002) are legendary authors in Europe, known as pioneers of the modern crime genre. **Gregory Dowling** lives in Venice. He is a celebrated translator from Italian, a novelist and a local university professor.



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