

PENTIMENTO MORI

Valeria Corciolani

"I would have preferred to avoid this, but..." She dips the swab into the liquid and quickly passes it over the brown corner of the robe.

"What the..." the councilor exclaims, peeking from under Edna's elbow. Her surprise is so great that she can no longer contain herself. "But that's..."

"Yes," sighs Edna, taking off her glasses and leaning back against the shelf behind her, suddenly feeling immensely tired. "That's exactly what it is. An egg. A white egg."

Renowned art historian Dr. Edna Silvera is not your typical detective. In fact, she's not a detective at all. But when she stumbles across an apparently impossible medieval painting in the suddenly-deceased Nando Folli's junk shop, her curiosity lands her in trouble with the police and on the trail of a shadowy world no one wants to admit exists.

Valeria Corciolani, the author of *Pentimento Mori*, is an Italian publishing phenomenon. Her books have over 62000 reviews on Amazon.it and have been made into award winning films. *Pentimento Mori* (originally published as *Con l'arte e con l'inganno*) is the first of her works to be translated into English. Combining scrupulously-correct art history with international intrigue, murder, and a solid dose of humor, this is Corciolani's most ambitious work yet.

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"An intriguing plot you can't put down." *Il Secolo XIX*

"[Corciolani] glories in art and exposes the artistic codes and details hidden in that art." *La Repubblica*

"Corciolani opens the door to an unexpected world of art admired not only for its beauty but for the meaning behind it." *Le Recensioni della Libraiia*

"Corciolani serves up an abundance of historically-accurate details on a literary silver platter." *Milano Nera*

"Brilliant dialogue and descriptions, lively pacing, and a carefully constructed and entertaining plot." *Ginodeilibri*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Valeria Corciolani was born and lives in the seaside town of Chiavari on the Italian Riviera. She is the author of fourteen novels and the recipient of numerous awards including Best Mystery Writer of the Year in 2022. In addition to being a writer, Valeria is an accomplished illustrator and animator and holds a degree in Fine Arts.

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