

WRITER AND ILLUSTRATOR AWARD-WINNING

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Valentina Rizzi, Luca Caimmi Mondi (Worlds)

«My world creaks, comes out, collapses **opens up to what is not seen.**»

It is the opening of *Mondi* (*Worlds*), a book that tells the uniqueness of each and the fragility that we have in common, in which to recognize and be strengthened through relationships.

The characters of the story are animals: from the chameleon to the deer, from the spider - whose world is hanging by a thread - to the to the whale whose world «sinks, rises, gushes up to the stars», passing through other creatures that tell their way of being in the world.

In the final pages the animals find themselves under a cosmic darkness dotted with stars, in a silence that gives peace, serenity and relief. In the stillness of that moment, «before everything changes in a moment», animals realize that they are not alone in the world, but are «sparks of the same universe», ready to discover together new secrets and new worlds.

The book tells in a poetic way the shadows, the falls and the weaknesses of the characters, and in a crescendo of changes of perspective, the strength that is revealed by the shared fragility. In a world that is constantly changing, the only certainty is the ties and the sharing.

Valentina Rizzi. Itinerant librarian, publisher and author of children's books. She has published, among others with Paoline, La Coccinella, La Margherita, Panini and Bibliolibrò. With Settenove she published *Ora non più*, included in the list of «White Ravens books» 2016, of the two hundred best books in the world. She is the creator of the international project Valigie Narranti and International Italian Children's Library in New York.

Luca Caimmi. He is an artist and illustrator. He publishes, among others, for Orecchio Acerbo, Topipittori, Nuages. In 1998 he won the Andrea Pazienza Award and in 1999 he was selected for the Bologna Illustrator Exhibition of Children's Books. Among the exhibitions, that of 2011 at the 54th Biennale Internazionale d'Arte in Venice in the "Accademia Pavilion" and the solo show at the Galerie du Palace in Paris, "I palombari".

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