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**Buttanissima Sicilia. Dall'autonomia a Crocetta, tutta una rovina Buttanissima Sicilia Dall'autonomia a Crocetta, tutta una rovina** [Giunti](#) **Un libro-pamphlet, un j'accuse radicale di uno scrittore sempre sul campo, e questa volta impegnato a dire il suo no deciso, irrevocabile, alle "cose" di Sicilia. Sul banco degli imputati la rivoluzione farlocca dell'attuale governatore, Rosario Crocetta, e lo Statuto d'Autonomia regionale da cui origina il malaffare e un costume politico che non può più essere accettato. La Sicilia sta affogando nell'indifferenza: per le spese, per il bilancio, per la mafia che a parole si combatte ma in realtà si lascia prosperare indirettamente, girandosi da un'altra parte e fingendo invece di guardare nella giusta direzione, che giusta non è. Lo aveva detto Sciascia, parlando di "professionisti dell'antimafia". E poi ancora: gli "enti mangiasoldi", il mare delle sovvenzioni che vanno e vengono, l'eccesso infernale di dipendenti pubblici, lo scandalo del Muos, il sistema di comunicazione militare approntato dagli americani: torri radio e antenne di diciotto metri per favorire la colonizzazione tecnologica ed economica della Sicilia. Anche la natura si è corrotta. Nella nuda terra siciliana, tra gli insetti laboriosi ecco spuntare le microspie delle procure. Un libro provocatorio, contro i padroni, i campieri e i sovrastanti, veri o presunti, a cui la Sicilia, quella vera e ancora memore della sua antica dignità, è stanca di dare ospitalità all'infinito. Montanelli e il suo giornale [Gruppo Albatros Il Filo](#) **Raccontare la storia di uno dei maggiori quotidiani nazionali significa inevitabilmente ripercorrere approfonditamente le vicende politiche e sociali degli ultimi cinquant'anni. L'autore sceglie di farlo attraverso una forma narrativa - l'intervista - che è forse la più congeniale per descrivere in modo imparziale e dettagliato non solo i fatti nudi e crudi, ma anche i legami, le ideologie e i retroscena che hanno caratterizzato la storia italiana del secondo Novecento. Firme del calibro di Livio Caputo, Giancarlo Mazzuca, Vittorio Feltri, Maurizio Belpietro, per finire con l'attuale direttore Alessandro Sallusti - per citarne solo alcuni - ripercorrono, incalzati dalle domande puntuali e talvolta anche "scomode" dell'autore, gli anni più e meno recenti del Giornale, regalando al lettore un ritratto di Indro Montanelli spesso intimo e familiare, quale può emergere dai ricordi di amici e colleghi di una vita. Un personaggio che ancora oggi, a quasi vent'anni dalla sua scomparsa, risulta attualissimo e modello insuperato di anticonformismo e spirito di libertà. Federico Bini (Bagni di Lucca, 1992) maturità classica e laurea in legge, svolge da anni un'intensa attività pubblicistica e di studio in ambito politico, giornalistico e storico. Collabora con diverse riviste d'informazione e approfondimento culturale e nel 2020 ha scritto il libro [Roberto Gervaso. L'ultimo dandy \(L'Universale\)](#) assieme a Giancarlo Mazzuca. è, inoltre, condirettore del settimanale [Il Caffè](#). «Meretrici sumptuose», sante, venturiere e cortigiane [Studi sulla rappresentazione della prostituzione dal Medioevo all'età contemporanea](#) [LIT Verlag Münster](#) **Disprezzata e derisa, ma idolatrata nella sua funzione sacra, la prostituta attraversa epoche e luoghi della storia lasciando tracce indelebili della sua esistenza. La sua figura emerge con forza in molte opere letterarie e altre declinazioni artistiche, facendo sopravvivere, in una continua metamorfosi, la sua costante presenza nella memoria collettiva. Il presente volume, che raccoglie contributi di studiosi italiani e stranieri, riflette in maniera caleidoscopica e con l'aiuto di esempi scelti il suo ruolo e il modo in cui è stata rappresentata. L'indagine prende anche in considerazione il fenomeno della prostituzione maschile.** [Men of Honour](#) [The Truth about the Mafia](#) [Sphere](#) **Judge Falcone, who led the war against the Mafia in Italy, was assassinated with his wife and three bodyguards in a car-bomb explosion in May 1992 - just as he was to be given powers to investigate the organization nationally. Written the previous year, this is his account of the Mafia.** [The Day of the Owl](#) [New York Review of Books](#) **A man is shot dead as he runs to catch the bus in the piazza of a small Sicilian town. Captain Bellodi, the detective on the case, is new to his job and determined to prove himself. Bellodi suspects the Mafia, and his suspicions grow when he finds himself up against an apparently unbreachable wall of silence. A surprise turn puts him on the track of a series of nasty crimes. But all the while Bellodi's investigation is being carefully monitored by a host of observers, near and far. They share a single concern: to keep the truth from coming out. This short, beautifully paced novel is a mesmerizing description of the Mafia at work.** [The Island of Sicilians](#) [Dewi Lewis Publishing](#) **text by Diego Mormorio** **Sicilian weddings, religious ceremonies, and the daily lives of ordinary people are all featured in this rich celebration of the unique island of Sicily. The result of a meeting between two Sicilian artists, inspired by a mutual sense of their roots, it presents an island, which for all its modern changes, has preserved its soul, and an approach to religion and daily life that has a vital tension that is rarely found elsewhere.** [Merchants in the Temple](#) [Inside Pope Francis's Secret Battle Against Corruption in the Vatican](#) [Henry Holt and Company](#) **From a bestselling author with unprecedented access to Pope Francis, an investigative look at the recent financial scandals at the highest levels of the Vatican** **A veritable war is******

waging in the Church: on one side, there is Pope Francis's strong message for one church of the poor and all; on the other, there is the old Curia with its endless enemies, and the old and new lobbies struggling to preserve their not-so-Christian privileges. The old guard do not back down, they are ready to use all means necessary to stay in control and continue the immoral way they conduct their business. They resist reforms sought by Pope Francis and seek to delegitimize their opponents, to isolate those who want to eliminate corruption. It's a war that will determine the future of the church. And if he loses the battle against secular interests and blackmail, Pope Francis could resign, much like his predecessor. Based on confidential information—including top secret documents from inside the Vatican, and actual transcripts of Pope Francis's admonishments to the papal court about the lack of financial oversight and responsibility—*Merchants in the Temple* illustrates all the undercover work conducted by the Pope since his election and shows the reader who his real enemies are. It reveals the instruments Francis is using to reform the Vatican and rid it, once and for all, of the overwhelming corruption traditionally encrusted in the Roman Catholic Church. *Merchants in the Temple* is a startling book that will shock every reader. It's a story worthy of a Dan Brown novel, with its electrifying details of the trickery and scheming against the papacy—except that it is real. *Soul of the Border* A Novel [Simon and Schuster](#) In this exhilarating coming-of-age tale set in the late 19th century, a daring young woman braves the wilds of the mountainous Austrian-Italian border—and the dangerous men who conspired with her missing father to smuggle tobacco—in order to save her family. Jole de Boer is just fifteen years old the first time she accompanies her father—a tobacco grower named Augusto—as he smuggles his product across the Italian border into Austria. She knows the dangers of the treacherous high mountain passes—border guards, brigands, wild animals, ferocious weather—but she is proud that her father has asked her to join him. After all, without the extra money Augusto's smuggling brings in, their family would starve. But when Augusto mysteriously disappears during one of his trips, Jole must retrace the route he took to both find a buyer for her family's tobacco—and the truth behind her father's disappearance. An epic tale of revenge, corruption, and salvation, *The Soul of the Border* is an unforgettable journey into the wild. *I Am God* [Restless Books](#) Diabolically funny and subversively philosophical, Italian novelist Giacomo Sartori's *I Am God* is the diary of the Almighty's existential crisis that erupts when he falls in love with a human. I am God. Have been forever, will be forever. Forever, mind you, with the razor-sharp glint of a diamond, and without any counterpart in the languages of men. So begins God's diary of the existential crisis that ensues when, inexplicably, he falls in love with a human. And not just any human, but a geneticist and fanatical atheist who's certain she can improve upon the magnificent creation she doesn't even give him the credit for. It's frustrating, for a god. God has infinitely bigger things to occupy his celestial attentions. Yet he can't tear his eyes (so to speak) from the geneticist who's unsettlingly avid when it comes to science, sex, and Sicilian cannoli. Whatever happens, he must safeguard his transcendental dignity. So he watches—disinterestedly, of course—as the handsome climatologist who has his sights set on her keeps having strange accidents. And as the lanky geneticist becomes hell-bent on infiltrating the Vatican's secret files, for reasons of her own.... A sly critique of the hypocrisy and hubris that underlie faith in religion, science, and macho careerism, *I Am God* takes us on a hilarious and provocative romp through the Big Questions with the universe's supreme storyteller. *The Psychology and Biology of Emotion* [Harpercollins College Division](#) The importance of emotions in everyday life is the subject of this systematic study which presents students with a broad summary of 30 years of research and theory on emotion, covering both contemporary and historical theories. *Sleepless Nights and Kisses for Breakfast Reflections on Fatherhood* [Penguin](#) This #1 Italian bestseller, offering a father's observations of the everyday moments that might otherwise go unnoticed, has struck a chord with readers around the globe. Matteo Bussola is a designer and cartoonist who lives in Verona, Italy with his wife Paola; their three young daughters, Virginia, Ginevra, and Melania (ages eight, four, and two); and their two dogs. For two years, he's been writing posts on Facebook capturing the beauty of ordinary moments with his family. *Sleepless Nights and Kisses for Breakfast* is the memoir that grew out of these writings. Divided into winter, spring, summer, and fall, the book follows the different seasons of parenthood and life. At times moving, and at others humorous, these writings remind people to savor the present and appreciate the simple things in life. As Matteo says, "Virginia, Ginevra, and Melania are the lens through which I observe the world. . . . My daughters remind me that being a father means living in that gray area between responsibility and carelessness, strength and softness." *Sleepless Nights and Kisses for Breakfast* is an eloquent memoir by a gifted storyteller. *Sleepless Nights and Kisses for Breakfast* is a winner of the 2017 Family Choice Awards. *Don Vito* [Quercus](#) This is the true story of Vito Ciancimino--Don Vito da Corleone, the "Mayor of the Corleones"--who spent forty years in the grip of death, mafia, politics, business deals and the secret service. Don Vito recounts years of clandestine and previously censored contacts between politicians and the mafia--between the Italian State and the Cosa Nostra. The key witness is Massimo, the penultimate and hitherto closest of Don Vito's five children, who has given his personal testament for the first time. His account rewrites some of the most important events of Italy's recent history. If Roberto Saviano's *Gomorra* revealed the workings of the mafia system from street level, Francesco La Licata and Massimo Ciancimino's *Don Vito* tells us about the people who held the reins of power. In the words of Attilio Bolzoni of *Repubblica*: "This is the portrait of a man who was a key player from post war Italy to our days in one of the most daunting of Italian affairs, a figure who inspired fear, a devil. He was friend with mafia bosses and great politicians, of killers and respectable gentlemen. Vito Ciancimino was the incarnation of power itself, maybe the most hated and feared, the most suspected and worshipped, man of Palermo and of the whole Sicilian society." *Taras Bulba, and Other Tales* [Prabhat Prakashan](#) Russian literature, so full of enigmas, contains no greater creative mystery than Nikolai Vasil'evich Gogol (1809-1852), who has done for the Russian novel and Russian prose what Pushkin has done for Russian poetry. Before these two men came Russian literature can hardly have been said to exist. It was pompous and effete with pseudo-classicism; foreign influences were strong; in the speech of the upper circles there was an over-fondness for

German, French, and English words. Between them the two friends, by force of their great genius, cleared away the debris which made for sterility and erected in their stead a new structure out of living Russian words. The spoken word, born of the people, gave soul and wing to literature; only by coming to earth, the native earth, was it enabled to soar. Coming up from Little Russia, the Ukraine, with Cossack blood in his veins, Gogol injected his own healthy virus into an effete body, blew his own virile spirit, the spirit of his race, into its nostrils, and gave the Russian novel its direction to this very day. **A Fine Line** [Bitter Lemon Press](#) "A FINE LINE is a terrific novel, a legal thriller that is also full of complex meditations on the life of the lawyer and the difficult compromises inherent in any system of criminal justice. A book that is intensely rewarding at many levels." Scott Turow The fifth in the best-selling Guido Guerrieri series. When Judge Larocca is accused of corruption, Guerrieri goes against his better instincts and takes the case. Helped by Annapaola Doria, a motorbike-riding bisexual private detective who keeps a baseball bat on hand for sticky situations, he investigates the alleged links to the mafia. Of course Guerrieri cannot stop himself from falling for Annapaola's exotic charms. The novel is a suspenseful legal thriller but it is also much more. It is the story of a judge who, to quote Dostoevsky, "lies to himself and listens to his own lies, so gets to the point where he can no longer distinguish the truth, either in himself or around himself." **The Rise of Regional Europe** [Routledge](#) In the 1970s and 1980s there was a steady transfer of power in mainland Europe to new, powerful regional authorities and these, in their turn, started to build up a new form of intra-European co-operation. With the acceleration of European integration, the rise of the multinational firm and new media and transport technologies, the traditional defence-based nation-states are under threat. In this challenging study, Christopher Harvie alters the ways in which we have traditionally surveyed the European past by setting the positive and negative aspects of the present European situation in their historical context. He reappraises the actors of 'national' politics, the persistence of types of civic and internationalist discourse and finally looks at the transactions which have created 'bourgeois regionalism', and its implications for the future of Europe. Harvie argues that we are only beginning to realise the shift in consciousness, as well as in politics and administration, that an integrated Europe will involve. **The Princess of Elsseria** She is the heiress of the throne, the guardian of the blue forest, the princess of Elsseria, and a creature of darkness. Liah does not know her origin, or what type of blood runs through her veins. Suffocating in a court that perhaps expects too much from her, she embarks on an adventure to find her own self, although what she might discover scares her more every time. This book will take you to a world of magic, threatened by a legendary enemy. Where a different kind of princess tries to find her place, and a young Captain falls in love with the wrong person. A world that its inhabitants will defend with fury, rescuing old alliances and forging new ones. A place to dream. **My Italians True Stories of Crime and Courage** [Penguin UK](#) From the international bestselling author of Gomorrah, this is a deeply personal and candid portrait of Italy today: a place of trafficking and toxic waste, where votes can be bought and sold, where organized crime ravages both north and south - yet also where many courageous individuals defy the system, and millions work tirelessly for a better future. 'Saviano is a blazingly vivid and courageous writer' Independent 'A national hero' Umberto Eco 'Saviano has an astonishing ability to write luminously yet subtly about terrible things' Le Parisien 'Brave and passionate' Guardian 'One of the world's finest investigative journalists' GQ Ht Enjoy Life Job **The Book of Legendary Lands** [MacLehose Press](#) In the tradition of *On Beauty*, *On Ugliness* and *The Infinity of Lists*, Umberto Eco presents an enthralling and erudite illustrated tour of the fabled places that have awed and eluded us through the ages. From the epic poems of Homer to contemporary science fiction, from the Holy Scriptures to modern mythology and fairy tale, literature and art are full of illusory places we have at some time believed are real, and onto which we have projected our dreams, ideals and fears. Umberto Eco leads us on an illuminating journey through these legendary lands - Atlantis, Thule and Hyperborea, the Earth's interior and the Land of Cockaigne - and explores utopias and dystopias where our imagination can confront concepts that are too incredible, or too challenging, for our limited real world. In *The Book of Legendary Lands* the author's text is accompanied by several hundred carefully assembled works of art and literature; the result is a beautifully illustrated volume with broad and enduring appeal. **Region and State in Nineteenth-Century Europe Nation-Building, Regional Identities and Separatism** [Springer](#) In reaction to the centralizing nation-building efforts of states in nineteenth-century Europe, many regions began to define their own identity. In thirteen stimulating essays, specialists analyze why regional identities became widely celebrated towards the end of that century and why some considered themselves part of the new national self-image. **Englische Handelspolitik Gegen Ende Des Mittelalters, Mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung Des Zeitalters Der Beiden Ersten Tudors, Heinrich VII. und Heinrich VIII.** **Gender and Power in Contemporary Spirituality Ethnographic Approaches** [Routledge](#) This book explores the entanglements of gender and power in spiritual practices and analyzes strategies used by spiritual practitioners to attain what to social scientists might seem an impossible goal: creating spiritual communities without creating gendered hierarchies. What strategies do people within these networks use to attain gender equality and gendered empowerment? How do they try to protect and develop individual freedom? How do gender and power nevertheless play a role? The chapters in this book together and separately demonstrate that, in order to understand contemporary spirituality, the analytical lenses of gender and power are essential. Furthermore, they show that it is not possible to make a clear distinction between established religions and contemporary spirituality: the two sometimes overlap, and at other times spirituality distances itself from religion while reproducing some of its underlying interpretative frameworks. This book does not take the discourses of spiritual practitioners for granted, yet recognizes the reflexivity of spiritual practitioners and the reciprocal relationship between spirituality and disciplines such as anthropology. The ethnographic descriptions of lived spirituality included in this volume span a wide range of countries, from Portugal, Italy, and the Netherlands to Mexico and Israel. **A Briefer History of Time** [Bantam](#) A shorter, more accessible edition of a now-classic survey of the origin and nature of the universe features new full-color illustrations and an expanded,

easier to understand treatment of the volume's more important theoretical concepts. **Italian Identity in the Kitchen, or, Food and the Nation** [Columbia University Press](#) **How regional Italian cuisine became the main ingredient in the nation's political and cultural development. Genoa and the Sea Policy and Power in an Early Modern Maritime Republic, 1559-1684** [JHU Press](#) **Genoa's transformations offer insight into the significant and sweeping changes that were taking place all over Europe. Candido, Or, A Dream Dreamed in Sicily** [Harvill Press](#) **The Leopard** [Pantheon](#) **Facing up to the social changes in nineteenth century Italy, an elderly aristocrat arranges a marriage between his daughter and a wealthy merchant** **The Language of Allegory Defining the Genre** [Cornell University Press](#) **"Quilligan has a number of stimulating new insights into the nature of allegory both medieval and modern. Much of her discussion focuses on The Faerie Queen and Piers Plowman, but she does not neglect Hawthorne and Melville, while Nabokov and Pynchon receive two particularly astute readings. Along with valuable literary criticism, this book gives us an idea of a whole new revival of the theory of allegory."**—Virginia Quarterly Review **Letters from Prison** [Columbia University Press](#) **Hailed by Terry Eagleton in the Guardian as "definitive," this is the only complete and authoritative edition of Antonio Gramsci's deeply personal and vivid prison letters. Sicilian Uncles** **The four novellas in this text show illusions being lost and ideas betrayed amid war and revolution. Each one has its own historical moment: the Allied invasion of Sicily, the Spanish Civil War, the death of Stalin and the revolution of 1848.** **The Cambridge Companion to Allegory** [Cambridge University Press](#) **Allegory is a vast subject, and its knotty history is daunting to students and even advanced scholars venturing outside their own historical specializations. This Companion will present, lucidly, systematically, and expertly, the various threads that comprise the allegorical tradition over its entire chronological range. Beginning with Greek antiquity, the volume shows how the earliest systems of allegory developed in poetry dealing with philosophy, mystical religion, and hermeneutics. Once the earliest histories and themes of the allegorical tradition have been presented, the volume turns to literary, intellectual, and cultural manifestations of allegory through the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The essays in the last section address literary and theoretical approaches to allegory in the modern era, from reactions to allegory in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to reevaluations of its power in the thought of the twentieth century and beyond.** **Primal Leadership Unleashing the Power of Emotional Intelligence** [Harvard Business Press](#) **Annotation. Marriage and Divorce in the Thought of Martin Bucer** [Truman State University Press](#) **A lifetime of research is woven into 'La Riforma protestante nell' Italia del Cinquecento' by Salvatore Caponetto. Caponetto bases his work heavily on original sources, including Holy Office records. Now, Anne C. and John Tedeschi, with the support of the American Waldensian Society, present us with an English translation.** **Siberian Education: Growing Up in a Criminal Underworld** [W. W. Norton & Company](#) **"Marvelous and Illuminating. . . Forces us to reassess our notions of good and evil." —Irvine Welsh** **In a contested, lawless region between Moldova and Ukraine known as Transnistria, a tightly knit group of "honest criminals" live according to strict codes of ritualized respect and fierce loyalty. In a voice utterly compelling and unforgettable, Nicolai Lilin, born and raised within this exotic subculture, tells the story of his moral education outside the bounds of "society" as we know it, where men uphold values with passion—and often by brute force.** **To Each His Own** [New York Review of Books](#) **This letter is your death sentence. To avenge what you have done you will die. But what has Manno the pharmacist done? Nothing that he can think of. The next day he and his hunting companion are both dead. The police investigation is inconclusive. However, a modest high school teacher with a literary bent has noticed a clue that, he believes, will allow him to trace the killer. Patiently, methodically, he begins to untangle a web of erotic intrigue and political calculation. But the results of his amateur sleuthing are unexpected—and tragic.** **To Each His Own** is one of the masterworks of the great Sicilian novelist Leonardo Sciascia—a gripping and unconventional detective story that is also an anatomy of a society founded on secrets, lies, collusion, and violence. **Word Order Variation in the Akkadian of Byblos** [Gregorian Biblical BookShop](#) **This book originated from a Ph. D. thesis which was submitted to the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, in 1987. Though the general format remains practically the same, many parts of the original work have been fully rewritten. The term word order used in this work refers to the relative order among the functional constituents of a sentence known as subject, verb, object. There has not been any systematic investigation of the word order variation in the Akkadian of Byblos. The Works Of Théophile Gautier: Fortunio. One Of Cleopatra's Nights. King Candaules** [Wentworth Press](#) **This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this work may contain missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.** **The Ambiguity of Death in the Book of Wisdom 1-6 A Study of Literary Structure and Interpretation** [Gregorian Biblical BookShop](#) **L'ambiguità della morte nel libro della Sapienza 1-6. Studio di Michael Kolarchik. Questo studio dimostra che un'attenta lettura del testo apre il lettore alla metafora di una scena processuale. Attraverso l'elaborazione metaforica del processo, si mettono a confronto le opinioni conflittuali sulla mortalità, sulla morte fisica e sulla morte definitiva, all'interno di una discussione drammatica sulla vita e sulla morte. The first six chapters of the Book of Wisdom contain some rather daring and bold declarations on the nature of death: God did not make death (1:13). and through envy of the adversary, death entered the world (2:24). Numerous study have dealt with the idea of death in Wisdom from different points of view:**

eschatology, theology of sin, development of the idea of death in OT. A careful reading of the text opens the reader to the author's metaphor of a trial scene. Throughout the metaphorical elaboration of the trial, conflicting views on mortality, physical death, and ultimate death play against one another within a dramatic argument of life and death.

**Handbook of Contrast Echocardiography Left ventricular function and myocardial perfusion** Springer Science & Business Media Although the technology required for the successful application of contrast echo cardiography has evolved rapidly over the past few years, the technique has not yet gained widespread clinical acceptance. One important reason for the lack of clinical acceptance is the relative complexity of the technique, particularly in respect to myocardial perfusion imaging. The interaction between micro bubbles and ultrasound is an entire field by itself as is the coronary microvasculature. It is in this regard that practicing echocardiographers, cardiologists in training, radiologists, sonographers, and students will find 'A Handbook of Contrast Echocardiography' particularly useful. Written by two leaders in the field who have presented illustrative cases not only from their own laboratories but also from others around the world, this volume is a lucid, concise, and practical guide for the day-to-day use of contrast echocardiography. Dr Peter Burns has been involved in almost all the technical advances in the imaging methods that have made it possible to detect opacification of the left ventricular cavity and myocardium from a venous injection of microbubbles. He has been responsible to a large degree for advancing our understanding of the interaction between micro bubbles and ultrasound, which he describes in clear and easy to understand terms in this book. Dr Harald Becher has been active in the clinical application of contrast echocardiography for several years and has gained considerable experience with many imaging techniques and microbubbles, which he describes in this volume in some detail.