

# 10 Little Insects

by

Daide Cali & Vincent Pianina

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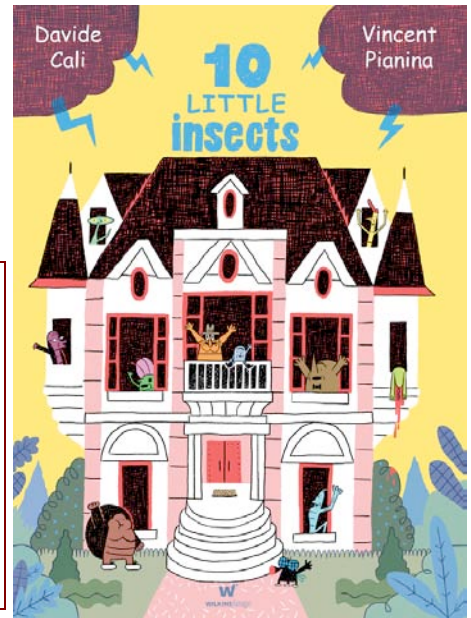
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**I**f you've been crying out for a book featuring a stick insect famous for doing impressions of sticks, a detective with a sidekick who's a three-week old larva, a preying mantis who's deadly with a drinks trolley and a fly who's just there for the dung, then your luck has finally turned!

*10 Little Insects* is a hilarious riff on that celebrated whodunnit, Agatha Christie's *10 Little Indians*.

In this innovative graphic novel for middle readers and older, ten very different *insects*, each with something to hide, are brought together to a mysterious house on a secluded island for the weekend. Then, one by one, they start dying in very unusual circumstances ...

But all is not as it seems, as Cali and Pianina delightfully subvert the whodunnit genre with a story that is at once brilliant, baffling, laugh-out-loud funny and somewhat surreal.

*10 Little Insects* was selected by a panel of judges as one of the best graphic novels of the year at France's prestigious Angoulême International Comic Book Festival.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



One of Europe's most innovative and acclaimed writers for children, **Davide Cali** is touring Australia for the very first time in May 2012. He is the author of over 40 books for children, which have been published in 25 countries. These include *The Enemy* (included in the USBBY's 2010 list of Outstanding International Books), *I Can't Wait* (winner of France's prestigious Baobab Prize for the most innovative book of 2005), and *The Bear with the Sword* (selected for the International Youth Library's White Ravens catalogue).

Davide lives in Genoa, Italy and writes in French and Italian. *10 Little Insects* is the ninth of his books to be published in English by Wilkins Farago.

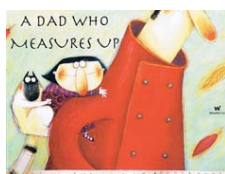
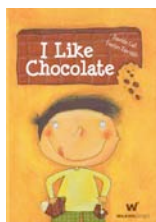
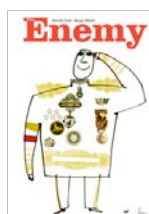
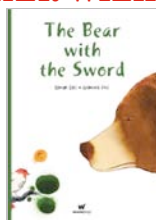
For more on Davide Cali's Australian tour, visit [www.wilkinsfarago.com.au](http://www.wilkinsfarago.com.au).

## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Still in his 20s, **Vincent Pianina** is an acclaimed French illustrator. As well as two collaborations with Davide Cali, in 2010 his work was selected for *Rue d'Artico*, a prestigious anthology showcasing the work of Europe's top young illustrators. He lives in Lyon, France.



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