



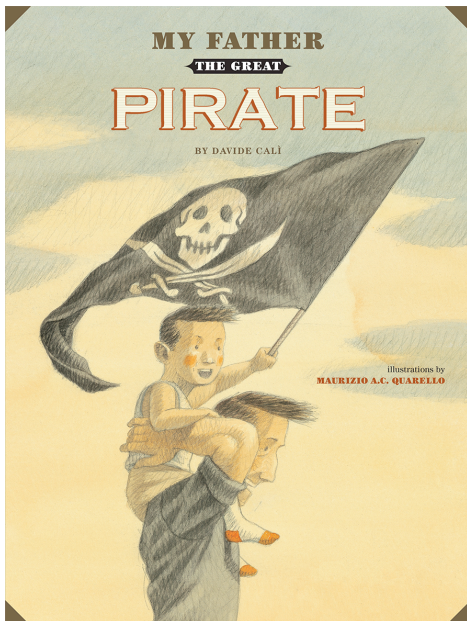
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MY FATHER
THE GREAT
PIRATE

Written by Davide Cali, illustrated by Maurizio A. C. Quarello

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When I was a child, my father went away. He came home only once a year, in the summer for two weeks. He smelled of the sea, my father. That's because he was a great pirate.

The amazing stories Dad tells of life with his pirate crew fire up his young son's imagination.

But then, one year, Dad doesn't return home.

Now it's his son's turn to make an amazing journey of his own—to find his father. Soon, he will discover a secret beyond anything he has imagined so far.

My Father the Great Pirate is inspired by the real stories of Italians who left Italy seeking a better life after World War 2, and by one of history's great mining disasters, at Marcinelle in Belgium in 1956.

Davide Cali's poignant story is about the difference between imagination and reality, and what happens when the world of childhood finally comes up against the world of the adult.

It is also a celebration of the power of storytelling.

About the author, Davide Cali

Davide Cali is one of Europe's most innovative and acclaimed writers of illustrated books

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for both children and adults. He is the author of over 60 illustrated books, including *The Enemy*, *The Little Eskimo*, *The Bear with the Sword* and *What is this Thing Called Love?*

He has collaborated with many talented illustrators including Serge Bloch, Gianluca Foli, Maurizio Quarello and Anna Laura Cantone. Picture book awards include France's prestigious Baobab Prize for the most innovative book of 2005, Honour Book in the American Library Association's Batchelder Award for *I Can't Wait*, and four awards for his popular graphic novel, *10 Little Insects*.

Over the last ten years, Davide has gone on to create more than 60 illustrated books for publishers in Austria, France, Italy, Argentina and Portugal. His books have been translated into over twenty-five different languages.

My Father the Great Pirate is the 11th of Davide Cali's books to be published by Wilkins Farago.

About the illustrator, Maurizio A. C. Quarello

Illustrator Maurizio Quarello was born in Turin, Italy and has studied graphic design at the Albe Steiner Professional Institute in Turin. As well as teaching illustration, Maurizio has illustrated over 15 books and won numerous international awards for his illustrations.

Several of Maurizio A. C. Quarello's illustrations for this book were inspired by photographs of the Marcinelle coal mine, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Wilkins Farago first published Maurizio in Australia in 2013 with his gorgeous book *The Little Eskimo*, also written by Davide Cali.

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