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FRA ME E TE – BETWEEN YOU AND ME

A fulminating debut that speaks to kids like D’Avenia.

A prior version of Fra me e te was an immediate success through word of mouth on Amazon and was in fact noticed by many publishers.

“A new D’Avenia, but more refined, who has the ability to drag you into the story with dramatic turns of events and moments of pace.” – Giorgio Ponte, author of Io sto con Marta

“I just finished reading Fra me e te by Marco Erba. If you haven’t been a teenager, don’t read it.” – Claudia C., from amazon.com

Edo is angry, hates his teachers (Voldemort, Ice Queen, the Cetacean) and doesn’t have any real friends, except two little turtles. He hates the town he lives in because it’s chaotic and dirty. But above all because is full of foreigners and he can’t stand seeing them, particularly the Chinese. Until he meets Yong.

Chiara is a good girl, does volunteer work, and gets high marks at school. She keeps a diary called *Memories of a dreamy caterpillar*. To adults, she’s one to use as an example, to her peers she’s too square. Until she ends up on Facebook.

Told in two voices, it’s a story that weaves love, friendship, and prejudice; that drags the reader up to the last page with continuous turns of events; that touches you, makes you remember, makes you dream; that takes a crystal clear snapshot of adolescence across social networks, schools, parents; that lays bare the racism of those who act strong and the courage of those who are fragile. That makes become adolescents even those who have never been so.

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