



Marco Erba
Silver city

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Hatred is the worst poison. But you, if you want to, have the antidote.

Silver City (La città d'argento) by Marco Erba (11+) tells about the Srebrenica massacre 25 years later, but it is mainly a novel about young people able to start afresh, dreaming of a better future that knows no borders and no distances between people.

One of the darkest pages of the last seventy years of European history was written in Srebrenica in 1995. But Greta knows nothing of this: she was born in Milan, her head is filled with school and swimming, which she excels at. She's never been to Bosnia although half her family live there, and she knows nothing of her father Edin's childhood, of the times he, a Muslim, would play all day in the woods with his inseparable Serbian friend Goran. The past never goes away, though, and Greta finds herself digging into her family's history. The time comes when she has no choice but to visit where it all started.

Marco Erba lives in Milan where he teaches Italian literature in high school. His first novel, *Fra me e te*, was published by Rizzoli and won the Premio Città di Cuneo amongst other prizes. His second novel *Quando mi riconoscerai* came out in March 2018. His writing takes inspiration from his students and the stories of their lives they share with him. He is married with three children.



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