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**METERRA. IL DESTINO IN UNA BIGLIA**

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**An adventurous journey between worlds, a touching Bildungsroman, a fantasy novel as enthralling as *The Never-Ending Story*.**

In the sinister, labyrinthine port of Genoa, where gangs of teenage thieves alternate between bagsnatching in the alleys and playing wonderful games of marbles on the rooftops, Mimì Maresco is the champion of the *Carruggio* district. But on her thirteenth birthday Mimì loses her title, distracted by an insistent voice which attracts her irresistibly towards a grating: it is the passageway to Meterra, an enchanted place inhabited by astonishing races, where once – before the wicked Zerfs brought discord – harmony reigned among the Humans, the Diaphani and the Bleurls. Contact between Meterra and our world is now possible only via the stairway of the wind and clouds of Nebula, which Mimì uses to go down to her people. For in Meterra she discovers that she is a descendant of the fairies, the ‘refugee’ that they have all been waiting for, the only person who can restore peace. And, for the same reason, the enemy that the Zerfs want to eliminate at all costs. With dramatic escapes, deadly combats and incredible games of marbles, a novel of adventure and education is woven around the themes of friendship, harmony between peoples and the long, difficult path of a little girl who wants to return home. An adventurous, delicate and completely original fantasy.

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