

Mariangela Camocardi

My name is Mariangela Camocardi, and I was born in Verbania Intra, where I have lived all my life. I started to write novels after I was made redundant due to the industrial crisis that hit this area in 1983. Writing was my dream, and I'm someone who has always believed in her dreams and tried to make them come true. I have a wonderful family, as visitors to my website can see from the photo album, and they give me marvellous support with my writing. It wasn't easy at first, but the words "giving up" have no place in my vocabulary. My first novel, *Nina del tricolore*, was published by Mondadori in 1986 for the series "I Romanzi". Since then I've published 23 new historical novels, as well as 8 reprints of my most successful books, always for Mondadori. I have worked with Harlequin Mondadori, and still do, publishing my fifth novel, *Il Talismano della Dea*, in their historical novel series "Special". This time-travel novel with supernatural elements was published in July 2009. My readers loved this book. I have a large readership who follow my books with avid interest and their affection is very important to me.



My novels are written in Italian and can be ordered from the published Mondadori or Harlequin –Mondadori. The publishers tell me that my books sell very well, and the eight reprints by Mondadori would seem to confirm this. I'm the only Italian author in the I Romanzi series who has had so many novels reprinted (not an easy feat in Italy). At the moment I'm writing a novel set in the present, and this summer the third edition of *Tempesta d'amore* will be coming out, published by Mondadori in the ORO series. In spring 2010 the Verbania publisher Alberti is bringing out my first story for children, a fable called *Ciribalà*. I was invited to the Matera women's fiction festival in 2009, where I held a workshop on writing historical novels, and with other women

writers I will be a guest at *La Vie en Rose 2010*, a cultural event for writers and readers of romantic fiction. Thanks to everyone who visits my website, and I'd be delighted if you'd like to leave a message in the guestbook.

