

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Giovanna Righini Ricci (1933- 1993) was born in Lugo di Romagna. She graduated at Bologna University, to become a high-school and secondary-school teacher.

She wrote several educational books and manuals, as well as essays and articles that appeared in several Italian magazines.

Her first novel was published in 1959 and marked the beginning of a long journey coming to an end in 1993, when the author died. Her last novel was published posthumously in 1997.

For her works, she was awarded several literary prizes, exhaustively detailed on the author's web site www.giovanrarighiniricci.it.

The following are the more important ones:

Nel cavo della mano (In the Hollow of the Hand), 1964-2003

Le cicale (The Cicadas), 1967-1982

Il segreto della Cisa (The Cisa Secret), 1968

Il ballo delle cicale (The Cicadas' Dance), 1971-1982

Ragazzi sulla linea del fuoco (Young People on the Firing Line), 1971

Gente del Po (Po People), 1972

Incontri d'estate (Summer Encounters), 1972

I figli di Kira (Kira's Children), 1973-1997

Le scapole dell'angelo (The Angel's Shoulder Blades), 1973

La collina delle iguane (The Iguanas' Hill), 1977

Il mondo di Paolino (Paolino's World), 1979

Gli animali e l'uomo (Man and Animals), edited by, 1980

Là dove soffia il Mistral (Where the Mistral blows), 1980

Platone cane dormiglione (Plato, a Sleepyhead Dog), 1982

Un pugno di terra (A Handful of Earth), 1982

Il sogno di Hassan (Hassan's Dream), 1985-1996

Alla fine del sentiero (At the End of the Path), 1985-2008

I giorni della luna crescente (The Days of the Waxing Moon), 1987

Ombre sul Nilo (Shadows on the Nile), 1990-2008

Le stagioni dell'arcobaleno (The Rainbow Seasons), 1990

Il tesoro di Caterina (Caterina's treasure), 1990

Due di noi (Two of Us), 1992

Un rifugio in fondo al mare (A Shelter at the Bottom of the Sea), 1992

Sogni di mondi lontani (Dreams of Far-Away Worlds), 1992

Erano tutti amici (They Were All Friends), 1995

Nel vento della Savana (In the Savannah Wind), 1995

In viaggio con la nonna (The journey with Grandma), 1997