



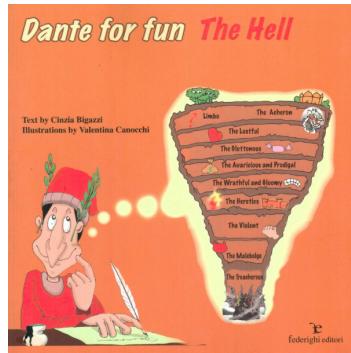
RICHMOND UNIVERSITY INVITES YOU TO THE PRESENTATION OF

DANTE FOR FUN

BY PROF. CINZIA BIGAZZI

A CHILDREN BOOK ON DANTE BECOMES THE COMMON GROUND FOR AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ITALIAN STUDENTS

Monday, April 18 - 4:30 pm



4:30 pm - 5:10 pm

The author presents her book: *Dante For Fun*, Federighi Editori

Professor Bigazzi holds a degree in Modern languages from the University of Florence with a specialization in teaching German Language and literature and another one on didactic methodologies for disabled students. Currently teaching in secondary schools. Editor and writer of children books :

Fra Cipolla, Chichibio e Calandrino (2003) , *Calandrino e il Porco rubato* (2003), *Firenze per gioco* (2005), *Dante per Gioco (Inferno, Purgatorio, Paradiso, 2008)*, *Manzoni per Gioco* (2009), *L'Odisea* (2010).

All these books have been translated into English.

Professor Bigazzi's idea of turning the masterpieces of Italian Literature into stories for children came after reading an article that pointed out that Omero, Dante, Boccaccio and Manzoni were viewed by Italian young students with some hostility, and considered authors hard to read and understand. Coming from Certaldo, the hometown of Boccaccio, she was struck by the fact that even many of the locals had prejudices and ignorance on the work of this famous author. She came to the conclusion that stimulating children interest and curiosity through books full of colour , images, comic strips would help to create a good expectation and prepare for a better appreciation of the original works later on in life. Not only did children show how much they loved reading these stories, but also parents and teachers were grateful for making these readings attractive and entertaining.

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Meeting with the author, Prof. Cinzia Bigazzi, and refreshments.

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Language exchange workshop open only to the enrolled students.



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