

## Welcome, don Damián! | Ugo Stornaiolo

*“One night, however, during a card game, he heard about an Amazonian tribe; later, after an investigation, he understood they were the Shuari people, called Jivaroan by the Spanish, who lived at the foot of the Andes, in the woods between Ecuador and Peru. Yes, that's where I had to go.”*

Ugo Stornaiolo, with his peculiar realistic style, recreates the circumstances of an extraordinary personal adventure, realized by Damiano Miranda in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century on the both sides of the ocean, between Italy and Ecuador. The life of Damiano and his wife Lola, woman who deeply loves him, develops here and there, from Europe to America, territories with very different geographies, cultures, local flavours and people from each other. In “Welcome, don Damián!”, the description of the places is enviable, since the author has known Ecuador from his childhood. As regards Naples and its surroundings, Stornaiolo gives his reader innumerable details of a far and prodigious era, when the families used to live as “migrant birds”.

**Ugo Stornaiolo** was born in Naples, but he has been living in Quito since he was 2, where he completed his studies. He worked as an electrical engineer in the USA and in Italy. Later he became a teacher and took care of international activities of cooperation in Thailand. Finally, he was professor at the University of Naples. Over the years, he has collaborated with various magazines and published many books.

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