**Io non ho paura**

**Plot**

The action of the novel takes place in a small Italian village named Acqua Traverse, in the summer of 1978.

The protagonist is a nine-year-old boy named Michele, who, by chance, discovers a hole in the ground.

Michele discovers that Filippo, a kidnapped boy, is hidden in this hole. Later it will be discovered that the boy was kidnapped by Michele’s father and his partners, to ask for ransom to Filippo’s family.

Michele doesn’t tell anyone about his discovery, and every day, he goes to Filippo to feed him.

The two boys soon become friends.

After some time, Michele’s father discovers the fact and he orders Michele to stop visiting Filippo, and not to tell anyone about the kidnapping.

Michele disobeys his father, but when he comes back to the hole, he doesn’t find Filippo: indeed, Michele’s father has moved the hostage to other place.

Michele discovers the new place where his friend is hidden, and he goes there to free him and help him coming back to his family.

Michele’s father reaches the two boys, and he shoots at his son by chance.

The novel finishes as Michele’s father looks for help for his injured son.

**The Author**

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Some famous novels written by Ammaniti are: ‘Ti prendo e ti porto via’, ‘Io non ho paura’ and ‘Come Dio comanda’.

**Characters.**

Michele. He is the protagonist of the novel, he has lots of qualities, such as altruism and helpfulness. He decides to help Filippo, although he knows the risks that he is going through.

Filippo. At the beginning of the novel, he distrust Michele, but after that he learns the boy wants to help him, and he begins to trust in the new friend. He ‘s very scared, but thanks to the protagonist’s help, he gains courage and hope.

His dad. he Is a gangster, and he has kidnapped Filippo.