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How to make a fluid layout eBook with Sigil

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### How to make a fluid layout eBook

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### Start with the manuscript

\* The most important thing you need to do to your text is to make the **formatting simple and consistent**. All of the body paragraphs must look the same, and all of the chapter titles and section heads must look the same.

\* As we write, we extract text from various sources. Sometimes paragraphs begin with an indent, sometimes with a tab, sometimes with four spaces, and sometimes

with two returns in a row.

\* Maybe we try out different fonts to see how they look or we use different font size in different parts of the main text

\* The manuscript must be uniform and the main rule is **Styling with Styles** 

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- \* So we're going to strip the text to the essential.
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- \* Select the whole manuscript (press ctl-A in Windows and command-A on Mac). In the Styles tool, select the **Normal style**.
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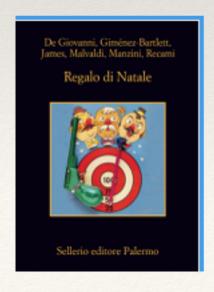
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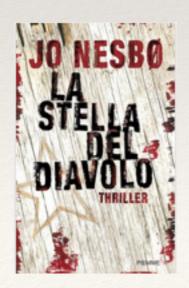
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- Floating images (images must be linked to the text or they could move around)
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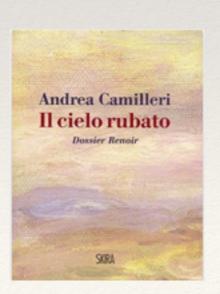
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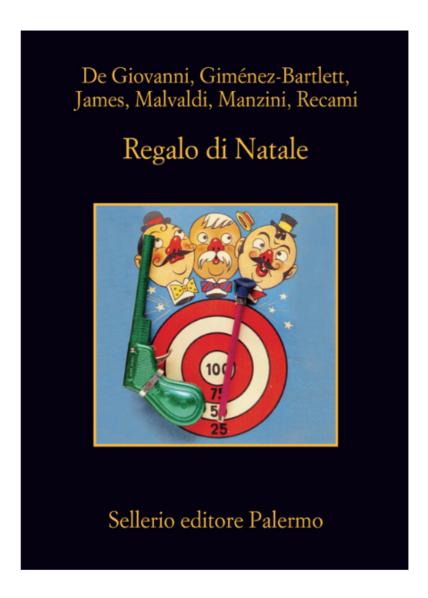












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In questa raccolta, affrontano l'indagine del regalo di Natale gli investigatori: Petra Delicado e il vice Fermín Garzón (autrice: Alicia Giménez-Bartlett); Gelsomina Settembre, assistente sociale (che MauInternal cover: In the ebook itself, where its size will depend on the screen size of the ereader

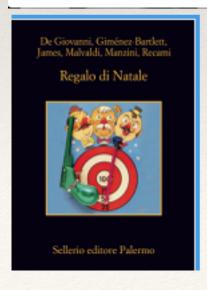
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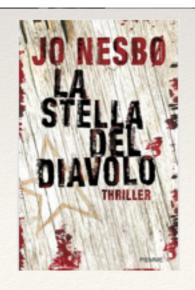
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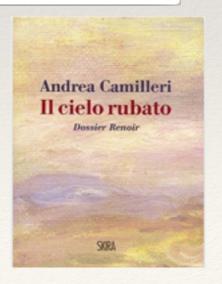
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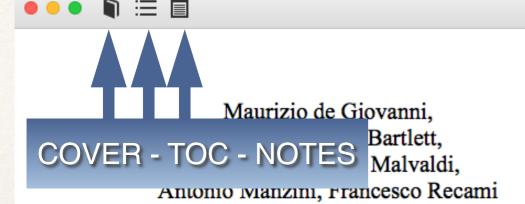
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#### Nota dell'editore

Il tema che unifica tutti i racconti di questa antologia è il regalo di Natale così come, in precedenti volumi proposti al lettore con lo stesso scopo narrativo, il tema fu il Natale, poi il Capodanno e Ferragosto. L'idea è dunque quella di immaginare i detective, resi popolari dai romanzi polizieschi, impelagati nelle preoccupazioni della vita quotidiana, in situazioni in cui questa gioca un ruolo nettamente più maronale. Un cato di quani vigili. Ma caso crimina preface ıtori tutti non potrann d'un pezzo, non pouranno avere na vina tenerarna facile ad essere detective a una dimensione. Dovranno, come ogni mortale, avere più che una personalità, più Io contemporaneamente, perché mentre investigano saranno presi dall'incubo di dover accontentare nel libro i loro cari acquistando il tradizionale ricordo natalizio, senza deludere, fuori dal libro, il lettore che ha diritto a un colpevole. Dunque, uno stress speciale a cui sottoporre il personaggio, per vedere quanto più severamente lo deciderà ciascun lettore - fino a che punto è personaggio; fino a che punto, cioè, riesce a impegnarsi con la variabilità della vita, restando riconoscibile e definito come personaggio.

Una raccolta di questo tipo che unisce scrittori e lettori dentro una specie di gabbia del quotidiano è anche un modo per fare tendenza, per forgiare personaggi e situazioni nuovi, o per metterne a punto di già creati. Un esempio: in questo Regalo di Natale, per la prima volta aggiunge la sua tipica impronta letteraria alla nostra «scuola» giallistica uno scrittore di riconosciuto prestigio: Maurizio de Giovanni. Nel suo racconto esordisce un personaggio, Gelsomina Settembre, assistente sociale. Mina fa la sua prova generale, prova i costumi, le battute, il carattere, i movimenti. E questi dovranno essere tanto più puri e stilizzati proprio perché è una prova generale. Così che il racconto di de Giovanni ci indica verso dove si dirige la sua narrativa e con essa una parte significativa del giallo all'italiana (nel suo caso, un'evidente tendenza popolare e densa di critica sociale).

Però, allargando il discorso, immettere un personaggio del poliziesco (genere in se stesso così schematico, regolato, disciplinato e poco avvezzo – nel bene e nel male – alla variabilità della vita quotidiana) in una situazione ordinaria, di tutti i giorni, non è un modo efficace per vedere a che punto è arrivato, sotto il profilo letterario, quel personaggio? Come evolve? Quanto è ricco il suo rapporto con la realtà? Cioè quanto convincente lui sia come personaggio?

Quindi, valutare la tendenza riguarda anche la possibilità di verificare la qualità letteraria in se stessa della giallistica che ormai da molto tempo proponiamo ai nostri lettori.

E su questo versante dobbiamo notare che c'è in questi racconti un ritmo comune, un'unità di fondo, che noi ci per-

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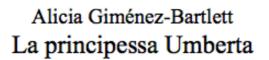
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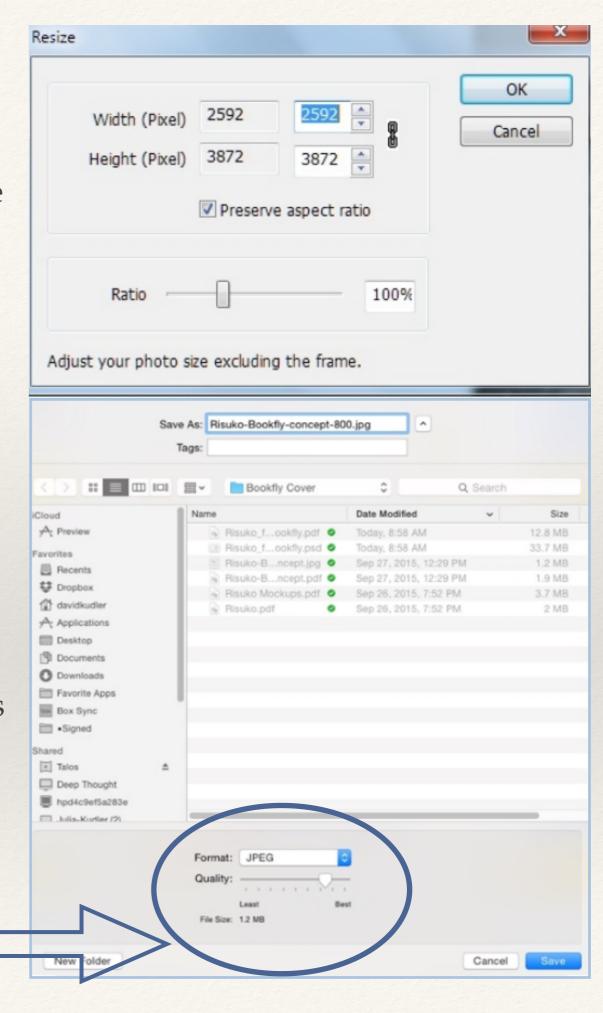
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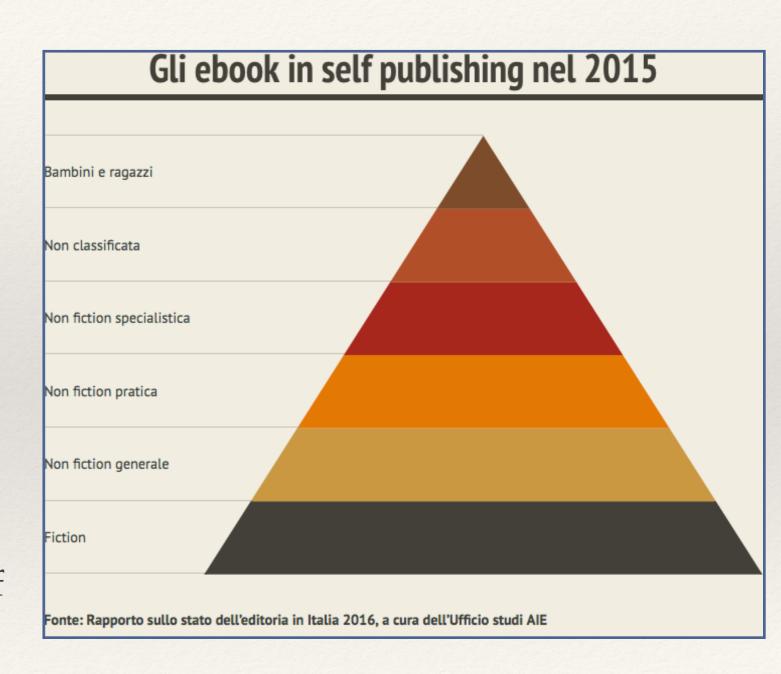
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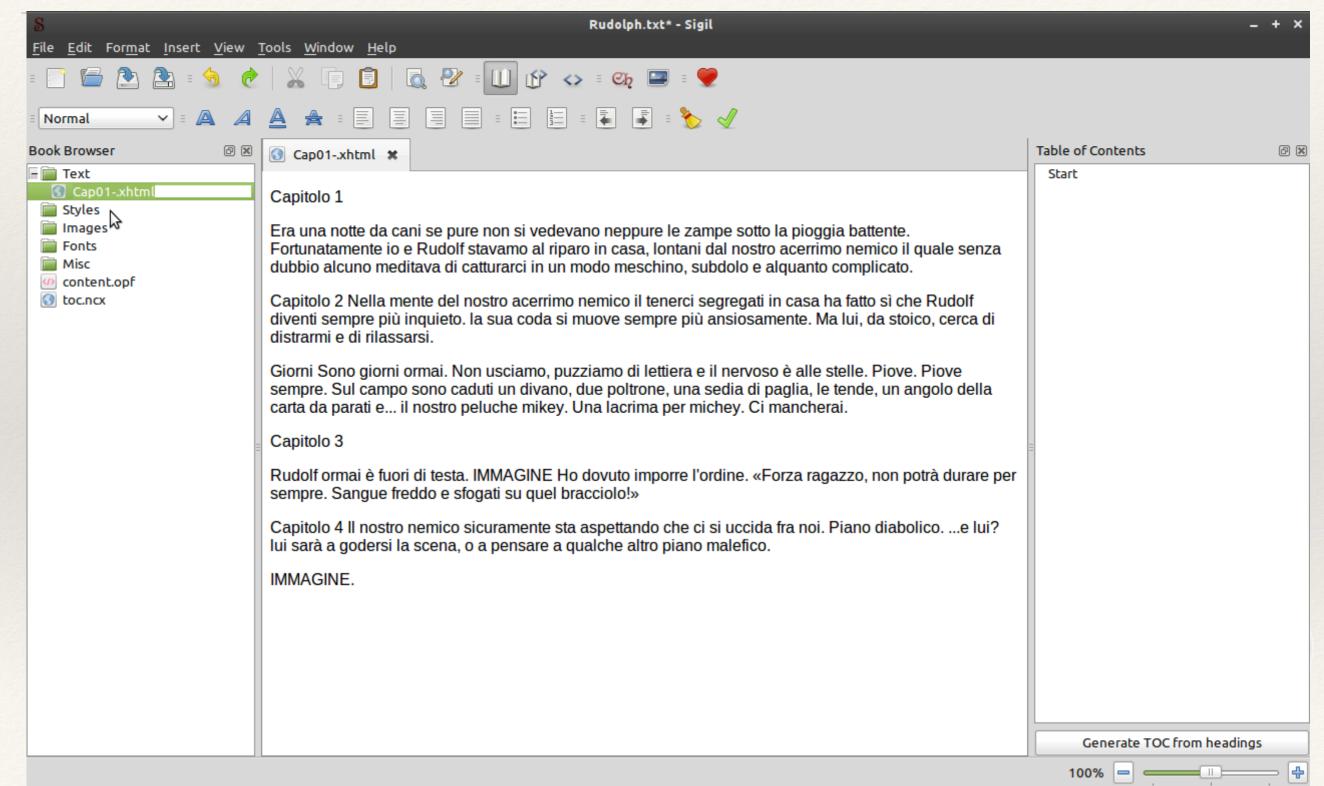
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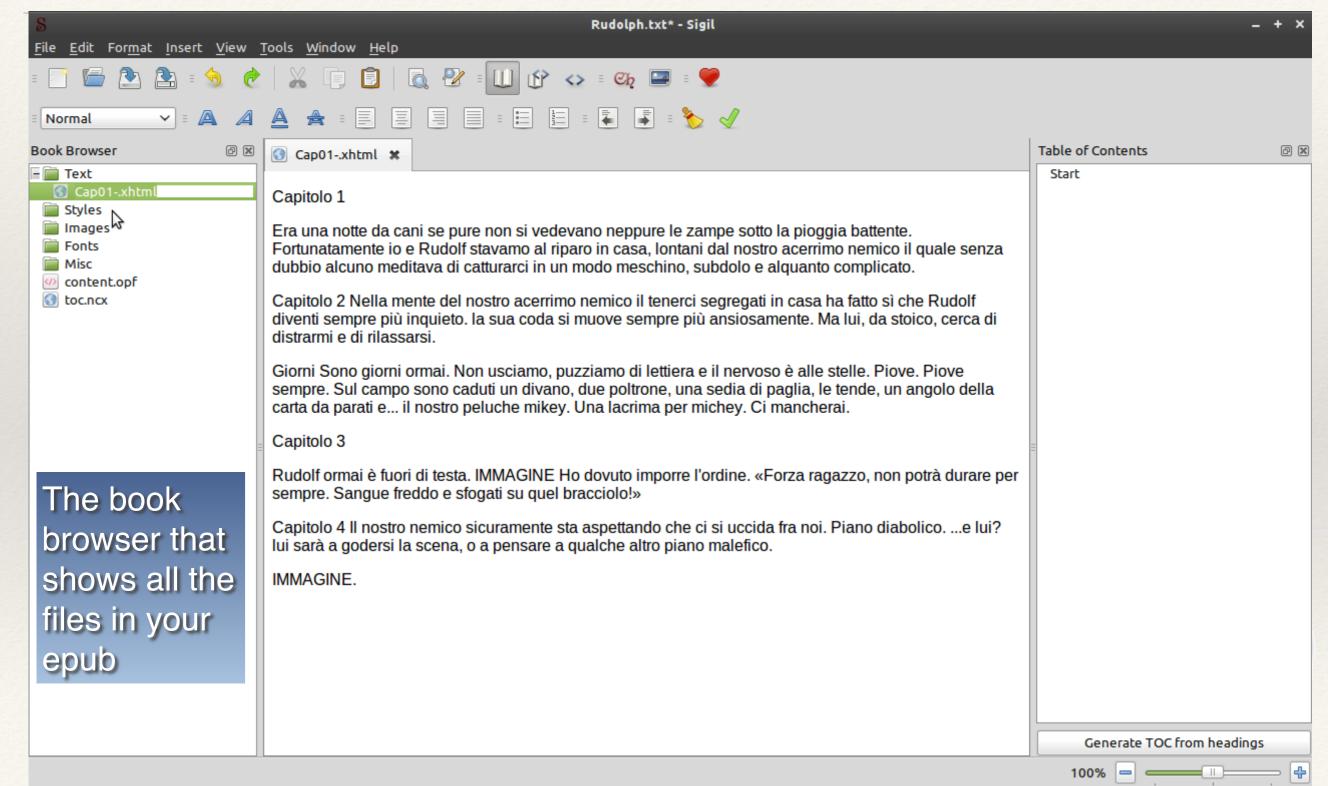
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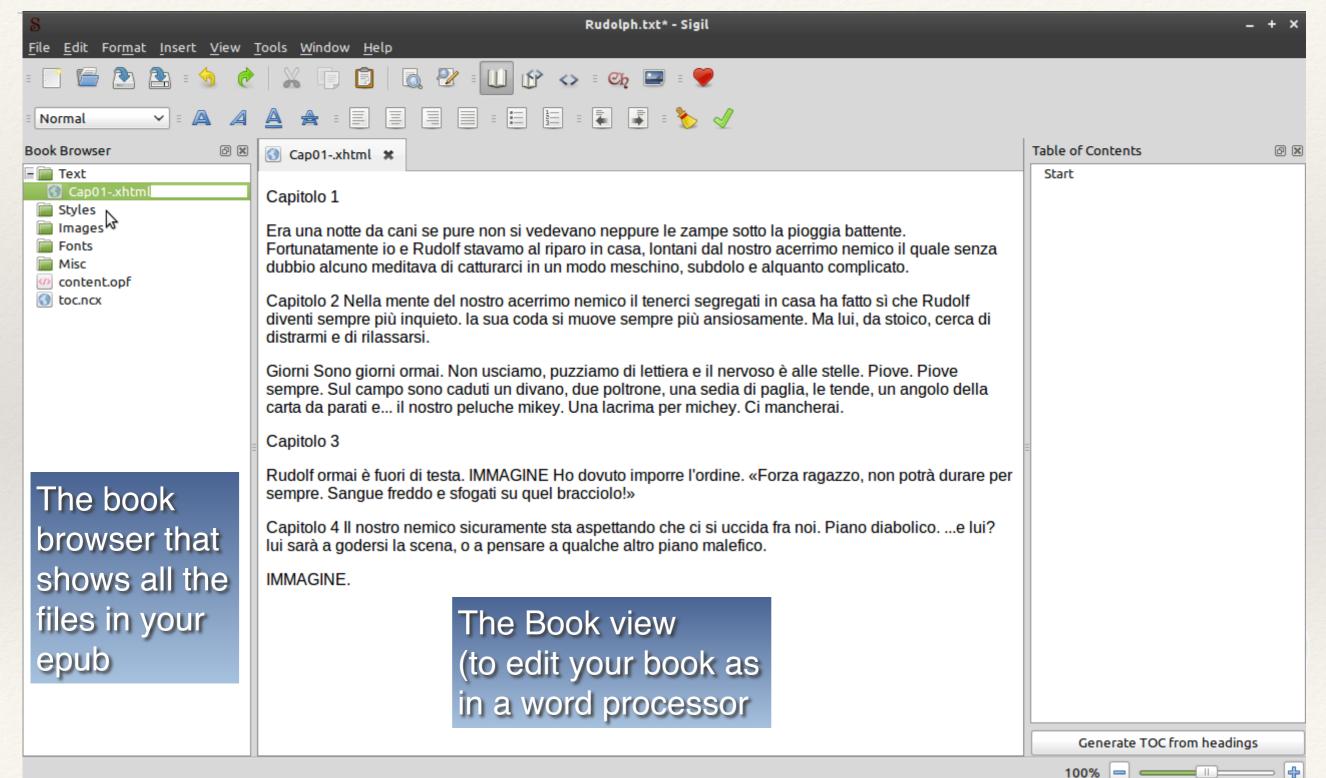




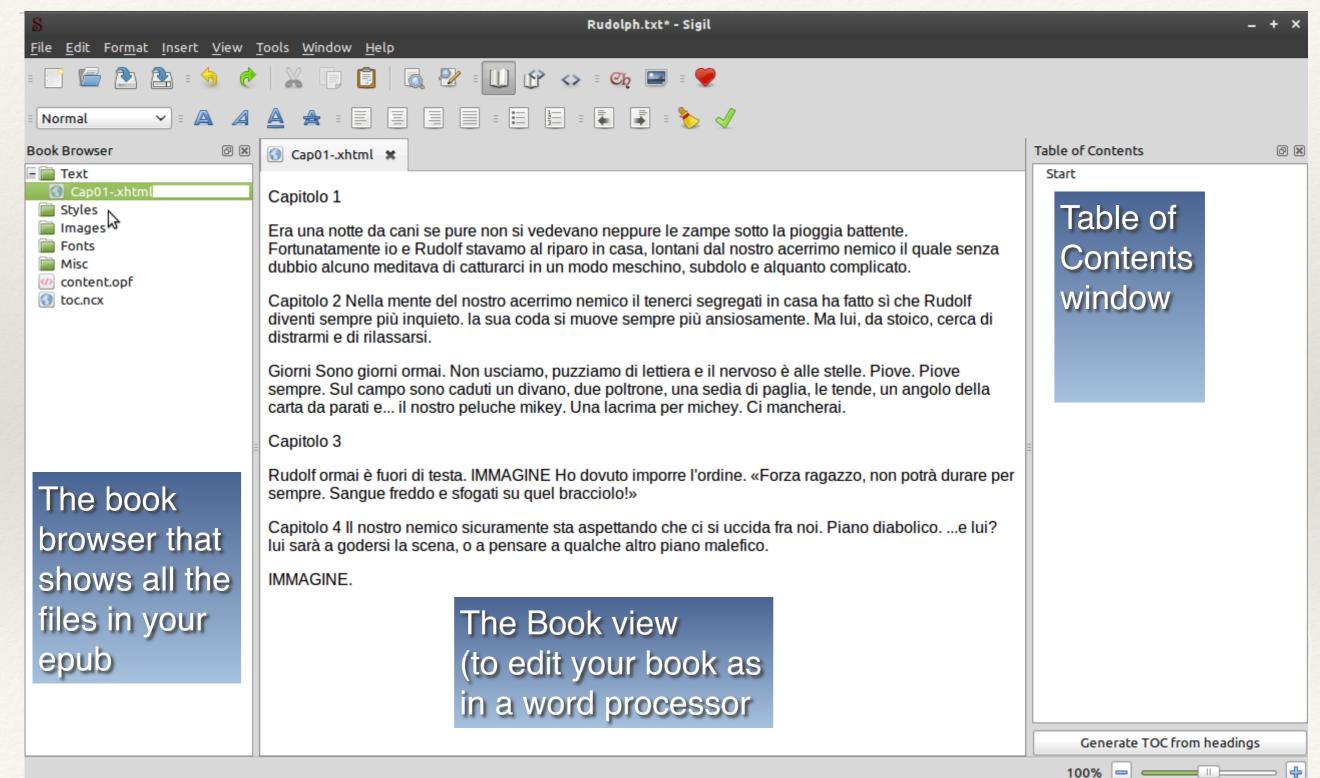


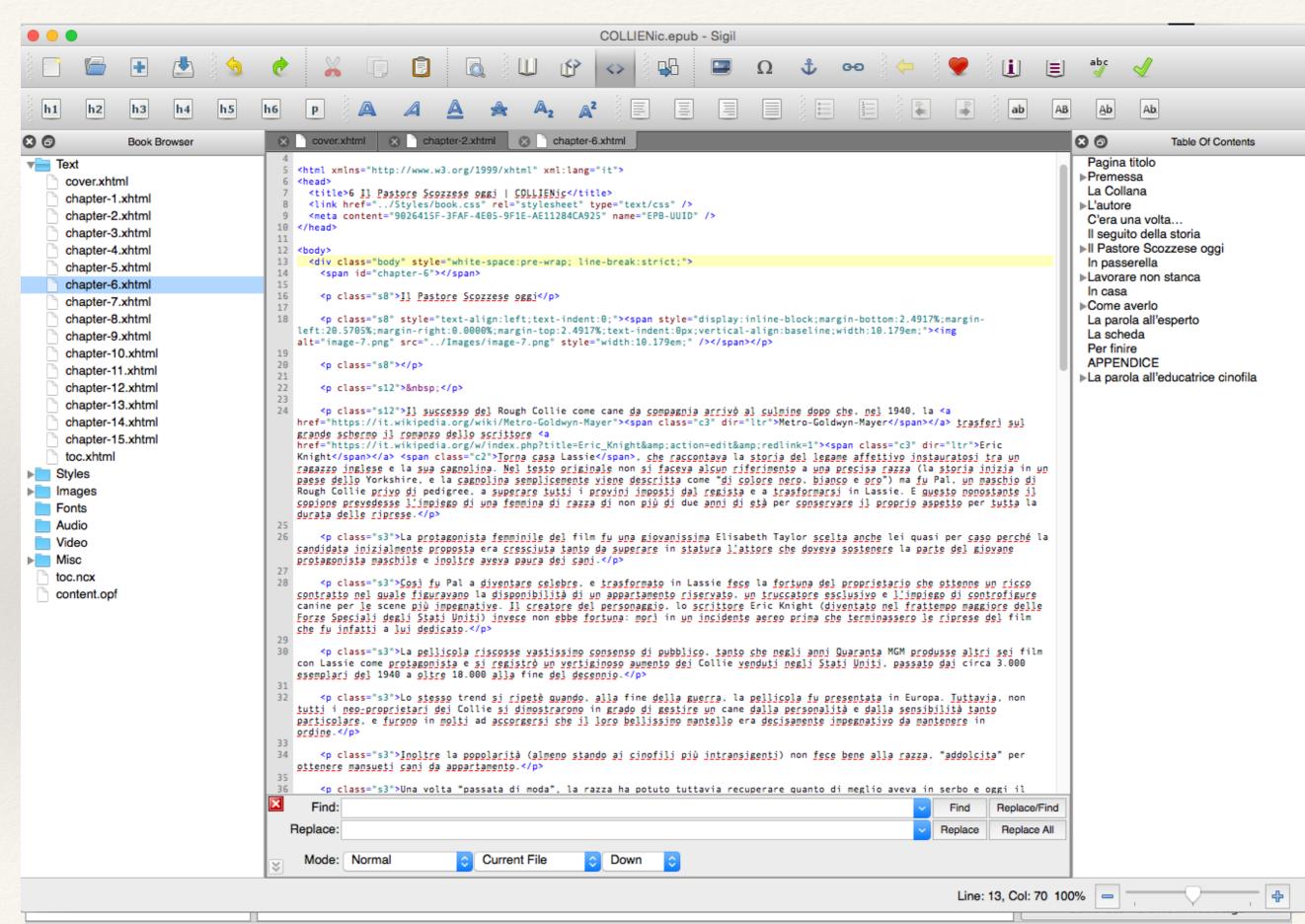




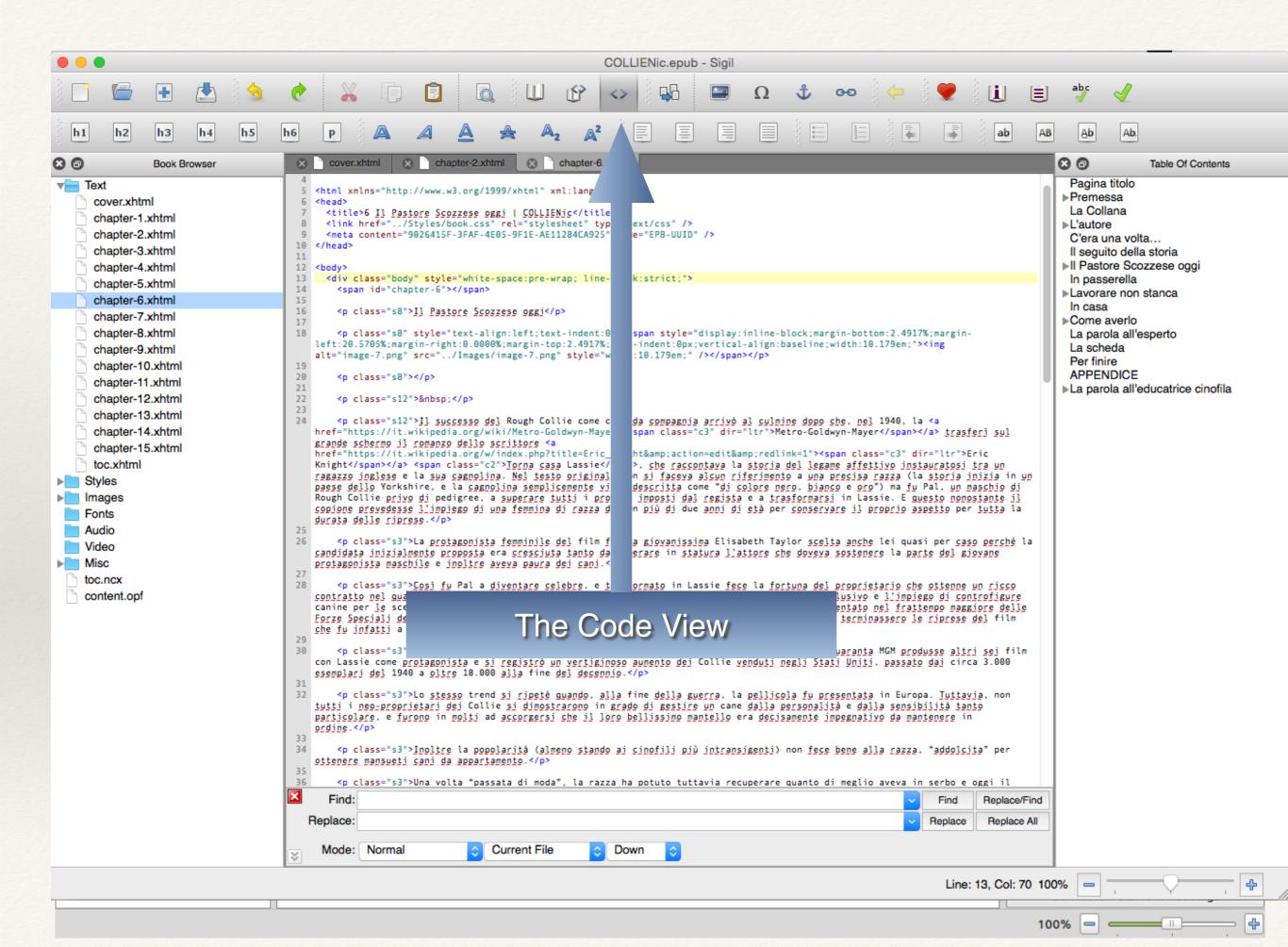








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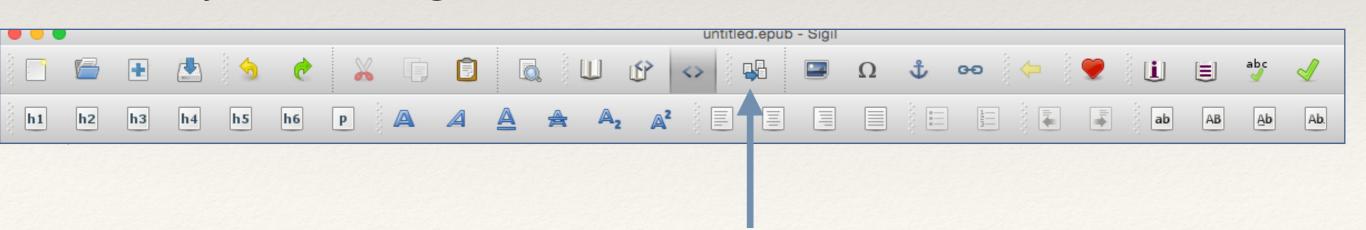
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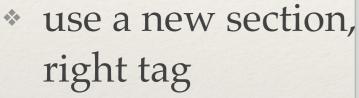


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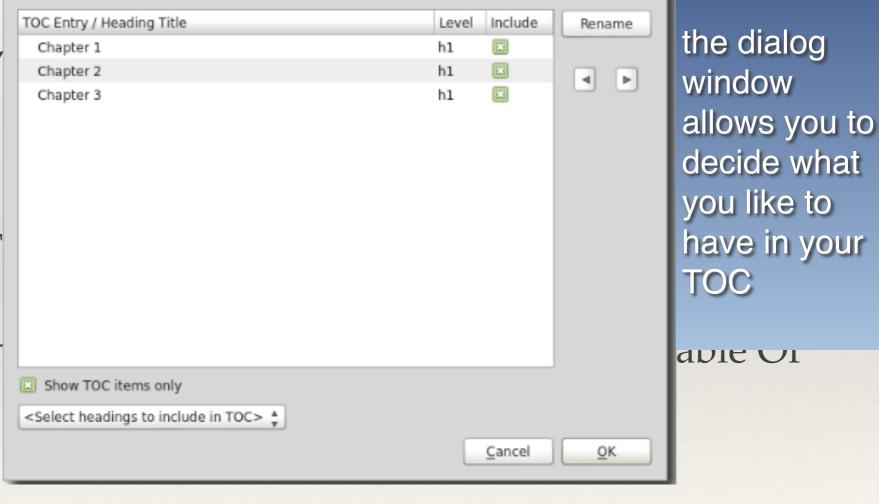
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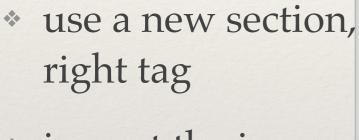


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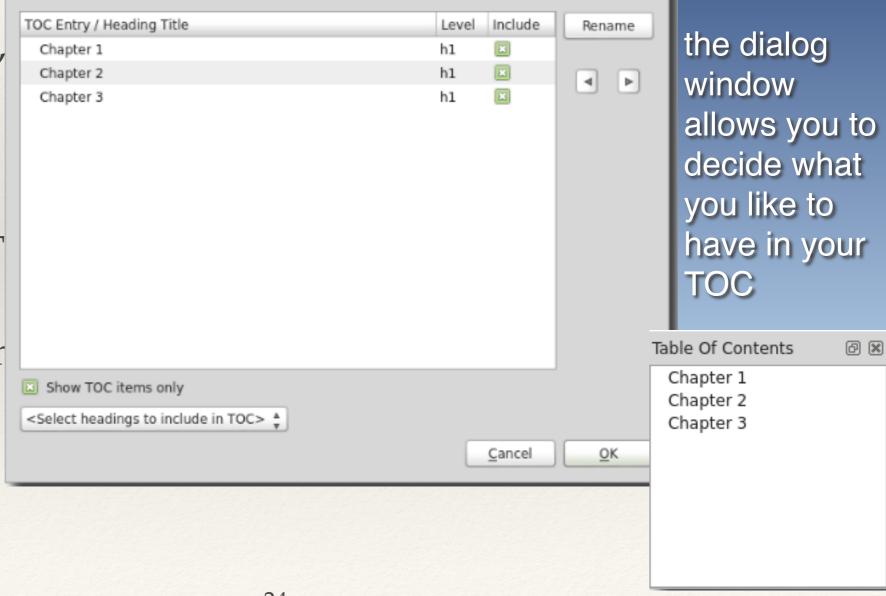
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«"... la parte denominata quota variabile è rapportata alle quantità di rifiuti, al servizio fornito e all'entità dei costi di gestione. A differenza della quota fissa, l'entità..."».

Sulla sua seggiola preferita, il basco ben calcato in testa, il Rimediotti stava leggendo a voce alta da un foglio piegato in tre, con tutto l'aspetto di una bolletta; intorno a lui, gli altri vecchietti lo seguivano con la distratta attenzione da ventotto dicembre, giorno tradizionalmente riempitivo e privo di significato. Dietro il banco, chino sul tagliere, Massimo stava operando un limone con calma concentrata.

Il Rimediotti si interruppe, dette due o tre colpi di tosse e li fece seguire da un rumore preoccupante, a metà fra una tela strappata e un frullatore. Non che fosse raffreddato, intendiamoci; il Rimediotti questi rumori li faceva anche d'agosto. Ma, se fosse stato costipato in qualche modo, avrebbe avuto le sue brave ragioni: il Natale, quell'anno, aveva deciso di presentarsi in adeguate condizioni climatiche, e da una settimana faceva un freddo assurdo, punteggiato qua e là da sporadici tentativi di nevicata. Fiocchi rari, che provavano di quando in quando a farsi vedere, inadeguati come turisti in infradito a dicembre e destinati a squagliarsi tra gli aghi dei pini senza nemmeno attecchire.

«"... l'entità di detta quota variabile"» continuò il Rime-

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to, e sono costretta a sequestrargliela».

Gli occhi del barbone si velarono, per un attimo.

«In cambio, le avrei portato questo».

E, dal bustone, la commissaria estrasse un giaccone impermeabile della polizia, porgendolo all'uomo con delicatezza non priva di orgoglio.

«Bello» disse l'uomo, palpandolo. «Questo sì che è impermeabile. Senti vì che tela. E me lo regala?».

«Omaggio del corpo di polizia».

Ochei rimase con l'oggetto in mano, per qualche secondo.

«Certo, come cambiano i tempi» disse con aria burbera, dopo un attimo. «Quand'ero giovane i poliziotti erano òmini, e ti cariàvano di legnate. Ora sono donne, e ti fanno i regali per Natale».

Massimo, guardando Alice che sorrideva, sorrise di sponda.

Be', direi che c'è un certo miglioramento, no?

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