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First volume of the series *Il Prezzo dell'Oblio*

In 2230 nobody is invisible. Sofia Brasco has been trying for nine years.

Internet II is not a network: it is an archive. Every step, every word, every login stays on record forever, and everyone is worth only as much as the code they wear on their wrist.

Sofia hunts hackers for a living, and she knows them all too well: in a previous life she was one of them. To survive her turbulent past she had to change her name and erase her identity.

But in a world that forgets nothing, the past always finds its way back.

A man dies in an explosion. Among the rubble remain two computers from another era. And inside them, something that knows too much about her.

Who was that man? Why did they call her in? And who, after nine years, has found out who she really is?

The deeper she digs, the more she understands that behind the network there is a hidden hand that has been deciding the fate of the planet from the shadows for decades.

She has only a few days to find the truth. Surviving it will be the hard part.

A hidden hand decides for everyone. Sofia Brasco has chosen to disappear. But in a world where everything is recorded, the right to disappear is the last one left.

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WHY YOU WILL LOVE ROOT ACCESS

If you love thrillers in which technology is not the backdrop but the subject, *Root Access* takes cyberpunk where it is most frightening: a world that forgets nothing and does not forgive those who try to disappear.

A race against time

An explosion, two computers from another era, a few days. Every discovery forces Sofia to question what she believed about her own past.

A world that records everything

Internet II is an archive that forgets nothing. Every gesture leaves a trace, and disappearing has become a privilege, or a crime.

A power you cannot see

A hidden hand that has been deciding the fate of the world in secret for decades. Behind governments and institutions, with the complicity of a corrupt politics, it rules without anyone having chosen it.

A two-tier society

Technology weighs on those at the bottom: monitored, profiled, punished. Those at the top stay out of the records and can afford what would cost everyone else everything.

Themes and tropes

The right to anonymity in a surveilled world
A woman with a name that is not hers
Hackers, collectives and computers from another era
Power that decides from the shadows
Political corruption and technological dictatorship

Root Access is a thriller about technological dictatorship and those who risk everything to oppose it.

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IN ONE LINE

In 2230 nobody is invisible. Sofia Brasco has been trying for nine years. · A hidden hand governs the world from the shadows, in a technological dictatorship where disappearing is the last right left. · A technological dictatorship, a hidden hand and a woman who chose to disappear.

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THE AUTHOR



Andrea Munich is an Italian author, software developer and lover of science fiction and technology. He works with code every day, and in his stories he describes what code can become: archives that never forget, identities reduced to a number, a power that decides in the shadows who has the right to remain invisible.

Root Access, a cyberpunk techno-thriller set in 2230, is the first volume of the series *Il Prezzo dell'Oblio*. The free short story *Ultimo Accesso* lets you step into the world of the novel before reading it.

Bios to copy

INSTAGRAM · 145 CHARACTERS

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TIKTOK · 153 CHARACTERS

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SHORT · 34 WORDS

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LONG BIO, FOR BLOGS

Andrea Munich is an Italian author, software developer and lover of science fiction and technology. He works with code every day, and in his stories he describes what code can become when it stops serving the people who use it.

In his novels technology is not the setting: it is the subject. Archives that never forget, identities reduced to a code on the wrist, surveillance that weighs on those at the bottom while those at the top stay outside every record, a politics that lets itself be corrupted, and a hidden hand that for decades has decided, in the shadows, the fate of the world. Underneath, a question that runs through the whole series: where does the right not to be found end?

Root Access, a cyberpunk techno-thriller set in 2230, is the first volume of the series *Il Prezzo dell'Oblio*, a trilogy, and tells the story of a woman who chose to disappear. The novel stands on its own: readers are not left hanging.

Before the novel there is *Ultimo Accesso*, a free short story set before the events of the book, with the hacker collective Quiet Static: a way into the world and the tone of the story.

It is a book for readers of science fiction and thrillers, for those who wonder how much of their invisibility is truly theirs and how much is granted to them. If you want to follow new releases, you can subscribe to the newsletter at martian-solutions.space/en/the-author/il-prezzo-dell-oblio/root-access-book.

HOW TO REQUEST A COPY

- **The short story *Ultimo Accesso*** is a gift.
- **For an advance copy of *Root Access*** write to andreamunich@martian-solutions.space with the subject “Copy of Root Access”, stating your name, where you publish (profile, blog, channel) and the format you prefer.
- **How it arrives:** by private delivery, as an ebook (EPUB or PDF). There are no public files or excerpts of the novel outside Amazon.
- **What is asked in return:** nothing mandatory. If you write a review, make it honest, without the spoilers in the “Do not reveal” list, and state that you received the copy for free.
- **After release:** the novel is on Amazon; the page is martian-solutions.space/en/the-author/il-prezzo-dell-oblio/root-access-book.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is *Root Access* about, spoiler-free?

A woman who chose to disappear in a world that records every step. When an explosion brings her past back to the surface, she discovers that the invisibility she thought she had was something else, and she finds herself having to save not only herself but everyone who, like her, risks everything every day against a form of power that can be called a technological dictatorship.

Why 2230?

Far enough away to push technology beyond what seems acceptable today, close enough to recognise the choices that make it possible.

Why the right to anonymity?

Today every gesture leaves a trace. In the novel anonymity is the last form of freedom, and that is why someone has an interest in taking it away.

Who is the "hidden hand"?

It is the question that holds the series together: who really decides? Behind the politics we see, someone governs in secret and uses corruption to bend institutions.

Why a two-tier society?

Technology weighs mostly on those at the bottom. Those at the top stay out of the records and can afford what would cost everyone else everything. I was interested in telling this asymmetry.

Has your software work influenced it?

I know from the inside how a system is built and how easy it is to forget what it collects. The novel starts from there.

Why a free short story?

Ultimo Accesso is a gift: a way to get to know the world and the tone of the novel.

Is it a self-contained novel?

Each volume stands on its own, but leaves open some secondary subplots that will be needed in the following volumes and that, together, will draw a much broader overall picture.

What would you like readers to take away?

A question: how much of your invisibility is yours and how much is granted to you. And a conviction: we must roll up our sleeves now, so that technology does not become the preserve of the powerful at the expense of the weak.



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THE WORLD, SPOILER-FREE

To discuss it without spoilers, here is what you can and can't say.

You can say

- The novel is set in 2230.
- Internet II is not a network: it is an archive that forgets nothing. Every step leaves a recorded trace.
- Sofia Brasco hunts hackers for a living, and in a previous life she was one of them: she changed her name and erased her identity.
- A man dies in an explosion and, among the rubble, two computers from another era seem to know too much about her.
- A hidden hand has been deciding the fate of the world for decades, amid technological dictatorship and political corruption.
- The barcode on the wrist is the mark by which everyone is recognised.
- The hacker collective Quiet Static appears in the free short story *Ultimo Accesso*.
- *Root Access* is the first volume of a trilogy: each volume stands on its own, with open subplots for the following ones.

Do not reveal, in any form (reviews, videos, posts, interviews)

- the reasons for the protagonist's flight, what happened before, and her true identity;
- who the man killed in the explosion is and what tie he had with her;
- who the hidden hand is and how it operates;
- who the protagonist's allies are and what becomes of them;
- how the system that controls access works and how it is bent;
- the meaning of the title;
- the ending and the fate of the main characters;
- the links between the organisations of the free short story and those of the novel.

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