

Not just the stamps! Even the magazines that talk about stamps (and don't forget the books!) deserve to be researched, rediscovered, read and maybe collected. Discovering a "parallel" world that allows us to understand the sector through its dynamics, the news of the moment, the changes, the protagonists.

With this in mind, here is the book *"Writing about stamps - Italian philatelic magazines from the origins to 1945"*, commissioned by the Italian Philatelic Press Union and written by Beniamino Bordoni: an in-depth study that is unprecedented in terms of approach and content. "The research - admits the author - proved to be complex, having had to involve many libraries scattered in various cities in Italy; moreover, during the coronavirus emergency many complications had to be faced. The most challenging, even if fascinating, was "chasing" the newspapers and their creators: characters, such as Gino Socini, Giulio Tedeschi, Luigi Raybaudi Massilia have tried their hand at many periodicals, both as authors and as editors, founders, and publishers. Furthermore, the publications passed from one publisher to the next, changed city,



name, manager, frequency; without considering how many newspapers had the same name, perhaps to enjoy the notoriety of a more famous periodical ".

The result is a story that tells national events, albeit read from a specific point of view. With specialised magazines and bulletins that had to go through the different political and social moments, wars, phases of economic growth and crisis. Some periodicals - the most significant required more research - developed through the years - if not decades - representing an important reference for enthusiasts; others, despite the intentions of the promoters, last one or two issues and then disappeared. However, significant traces remain: a mirror of their time.

*The book consists of 340 A4 pages with colour illustrations, 29 magazines from 1873 to 1945 are discussed in as many chapters, 180 are examined, over 100 periodicals consulted and 1,000 people cited. Published by Prodigis (info@prodigisrl.com), it is also sold for € 28.00 (plus postage) by Vaccari (info@vaccari.it).*