

## Hell's Gate

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What if death was not the end? A thrilling story of love, loss, revenge and redemption in Naples and beyond.

### Sales Points:

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### Market:

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### Description:

When his son is killed by gangsters' crossfire on his way to school, Neapolitan taxi driver Matteo is consumed by despair.

But just when he feels life has lost all meaning, he encounters a man who claims the living can find ways into the afterlife. And legend says that there's an entrance to the underworld beneath Naples.

What if Matteo had a chance of bringing Pippo back from the dead?

### Praise for Laurent Gaudé:

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### The Author:

Laurent Gaudé was born in 1972 in Paris. He is a prize-winning author and playwright whose work has been published in 34 countries. In 2004 he won the prestigious Prix Goncourt.