

**Gianrico Carofiglio** (Bari, 1961), a prosecutor specialized in investigations of organized crime, was appointed an advisor to the parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission in 2007, and was an Italian senator from 2008 to 2013. He made his novel-writing debut in 2002, with *Testimone inconsapevole* [*Involuntary Witness*]. This would be the first of a series of novels featuring lawyer Guido Guerrieri, the character who would also appear in *Ad occhi chiusi* [*A Walk in the Dark*], *Ragionevoli dubbi* [*Reasonable Doubts*], *Le perfezioni provvisorie* [*Temporary Perfections*] and *La regola dell'equilibrio* [*A Fine Line*]. In 2004 *Testimone inconsapevole* and *Ad occhi chiusi* were turned into TV movies directed by Alberto Sironi and starring Emilio Solfrizzi. Carofiglio's other novels include *Il passato è una terra straniera* [*The Past is a Foreign Country*] (2005 Bancarella Prize), on which the 2008 film of the same name by Daniele Vicari, starring Elio Germano and Michele Rondino, was based, and *Il silenzio dell'onda* [*The Silence of the Wave*] (2011), shortlisted for the 2012 Strega Award.

In 2007 Carofiglio co-wrote the graphic novel *Cacciatori nelle tenebre* with his brother Francesco. They teamed up again on *La casa nel bosco* [*The House in the Woods*]. In 2010 he wrote *La manomissione delle parole*, which led to a stage adaptation in which he himself appeared. In 2013 he published a short story, "La velocità dell'angelo" [*The Speed of the Angel*], for the collection *Cocaina*, which also included works by Massimo Carlotto and Giancarlo De Cataldo. In 2014 his novel *Una mutevole verità* [*A Changing Truth*] won the Giorgio Scerbanenco Prize. His books have sold over four millions copies in Italy and have been translated into twenty-four languages.