



ITALY

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PLAIA GRANDE, RAGUSA, SICILY. A GIRL  
WAITS HER TURN TO HAVE A SHOWER

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ITALY REPRESENT A KIND OF INITIATION RITE.

ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY, WHERE GENERATIONAL CONFLICTS AND GROWING UP PROCESSES OFTEN HAPPEN BY THE SEASIDES. A SICILIAN BOY FOR EXAMPLE - TO BECOME A PROPER ADULT - MUST FACE THE BULKY PRESENCE OF HIS PARENTS, THE LONG SUMMER LONELINESS, THE STRANGE FEELING OF BEING COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY WATER, AND ALL THE TRADITIONAL HABITS AND RITES WHICH A VACATION AT THE SEASIDE WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY CONSISTS OF.

THE STRETCH OF SAND, THE EXTREME HEAT, THE FOOD, THE WOODEN AND COLOURED CHANGING ROOMS ON THE BEACH, THE MULTIPLE FAMILY RULES, THE ENTIRE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, TURN UP TO BE A REAL LIMBO, A SUSPENDED TIME AND PLACE WHERE RECONCILIATION AND TRANSFORMATION TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME; AND WHERE POST-ADOLESCENT ISSUES CROSS EACH OTHER'S PATH.

THE WILD NATURE, THE SEA, THE FIRST GLIMPSES OF ROMANCE AND THE HOLIDAY ROUTINE UNDER THE BEACH UMBRELLAS, TRANSFIGURE THE ESSENCE OF CLOUDLESS YOUTH INTO THE SELF AWARENESS OF GROWING UP. NOTHING IS OUT OF PLACE, INDEED: EVERYTHING SEEMS TO FIND ITS OWN ORDER. THE SICILIAN COAST BECOMES THEREFORE A METAPHOR FOR THE WHOLE ITALIAN SUMMER, A HOUSE WITH NO DOORS, AN EXTENDED OPEN FAMILY, A PLACE WHERE FINALLY A YOUNG BOY CAN GROW OLDER, BETWEEN THE WAVES AND THE SAND.

SIRACUSA, SICILY. A JUST MARRIED COUPLE STRIKE A  
POSE FOR THEIR PHOTO BOOK ON A WOODEN PIER





RAGUSA IBLA, SICILY. YOUNG GIRLS  
PLAY IN AN INFLATABLE SWIMMING POOL  
IN ONE OF THE STREETS OF THE VILLAGE

NOTO MARINA, SICILY. A BOY TRIES TO  
PULL HIS DOG INTO THE WATER



CATANIA, SICILY. A GROUP OF PEOPLE WATCHES THE FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX ON THE TELEVISION NEARBY THE BEACH



NOTO MARINA, SICILY. EXTERIOR OF A VILLA  
IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE VILLAGE



NOTO MARINA, SICILY. YOUNG BOYS  
PLAY ON THE BEACH DIGGING A DEEP  
HOLE FOR THE MELLON WATER



CATANIA, SICILY. GIRLS PLAY DURING A  
BIRTHDAY PARTY ON THE BEACH



PLAIA GRANDE, MARINA DI RAGUSA,  
SICILY. A YOUNG GIRL PROTECTS HERSELF  
WITH A TOWEL FROM THE HOT SUN.



GIARDINI NAXOS. A TOURIST  
PROTECTS HERSELF FROM THE HEAT  
WITH A TOWEL ON A PUBLIC BEACH



SAN GIOVANNI LI CUTI, CATANIA, SICILY.  
A YOUNG BOY CHALLENGE HIMSELF TO HOLD A  
BREATH AS LONG AS POSSIBLE



GIARDINI NAXOS, SICILY. TWO WOMEN  
SIT ON A RESCUE BOAT ON THE BEACH



SAN GIOVANNI LI CUTI, CATANIA, SICILY.  
YOUNG DIVERS SPEND THEIR TIME AT A  
CLIFF NEARBY A PUBLIC BEACH



NOTO MARINA, SICILY. FATHER AND SON GO  
FISHING ON A PUBLIC BEACH



CATANIA, SICILY. A METAL SEEKER LOOKS FOR LOST COINS ALONG THE SEASIDES ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON



ELORO, NOTO MARINA, SICILY. AN OLD LADY  
WALKS ALONG THE PATH WHICH LINKS ELORO  
WITH THE NATURAL RESERVE OF TELLARO



NOTO MARINA, SICILY. A WOMAN RELAXES ON A  
VERANDA OF A BAR OF A PRIVATE BEACH





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