

## The Asian hornet

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This is the story of an Italian excellence: how to deal with an environmental problem generated by the globalization of goods with a formidable, creative team game. The world of research, that of beekeepers and ordinary people have allied themselves with the most lethal enemy of bees ever appeared in Italy: the Asian hornet, aka "Vespa Velutina". Paulin, Sonia, Andrea and Lorenzo: between Piedmont and western Liguria, parallel stories of normal people united by an insect, new to us and very problematic. Paulin graduated in agriculture in Turin, founded a farm on the Asti hills: fruit and bees. Together with his brother, he produces organic bee products, honey, pollen, royal jelly. But one day... Sonia and her husband Fabrizio have recovered a rocky escarpment infested with brambles and weeds, transforming it into a "great gourmet restaurant" of bees: flowered terraces, nectariferous species in a corner of paradise, an uncontaminated island to safely breed these wonderful useful insects to extinction risk. But one day ... Lorenzo is 23 years old, studying engineering at the Polytechnic of Turin and symphonic composition at the Conservatory. He is undecided. Will you build bridges and skyscrapers when you grow up or will you be a conductor? Meanwhile, he also cultivates the third passion, born when he was still a child he explored the woods around his home in the western Liguria with his inseparable friend. The bees. But one day ... the "Vespa Velutina", the Asian hornet destroyer of hives, has arrived and their life has changed. Andrea Romano is also a beekeeper, but he is also an expert entomologist, coordinator on the field of the European project to contain the invasion of this insect, dangerous for bees who do not know it and cannot defend themselves. Will they manage to defend not only their bees but all the Italian bees, stopping the invasion of the "Vespa Velutina"?



