



## In a Fase 1 State of Mind



Fase 1 is a collection of short stories and poetic fragments of sixty-four Italian writers, journalists, intellectuals and representatives of different fields who, from February to April 2020, have captured - in a concise way - when they felt something shifted, entering this global Covid-era. Ebook, download for free!

During these unusual times, in the midst of a pandemic, ACQUARIO LIBRI published an e-book in Italian called **FASE 1**. In the sea of texts, reflections and analysis born out of this global time they decided to collect fragments “live”, before the dust settled. They felt compelled to bring people



together, to share it as an offering.

**FASE 1** hoped to capture some unique aspects of how this all started in Italy - once considered the pandemic "epicenter" in the West. Soon however the editors realized how universal those aspects were, and are. That's why they felt natural to translate it and create an English version.

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In Italy the effective State-mandated lockdown — called indeed "Fase 1", or "Phase One" of the anti-virus battle — began abruptly the first week of March, announced at night, at a moment's notice: it was sudden, legally-binding, even leaving some people outside their cities, or locked into unfamiliar places. Movements were extremely restricted, transportation and business completely froze; Police routinely checked on citizens and written permissions were required for the few allowed outings. Ultimately "Fase 1" became a global state of mind.

Under normal circumstances Acquario prints paper books but they chose the digital route for an immediate release in a time that requires immediacy.

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Founded by a life-long editor, with a legacy in publishing, and a journalist, Acquario looks for an out of the box point of view, a lateral thinking approach, riding the tides of global communication in a new way and it is aimed at readers who have developed a taste for surprising stories.

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