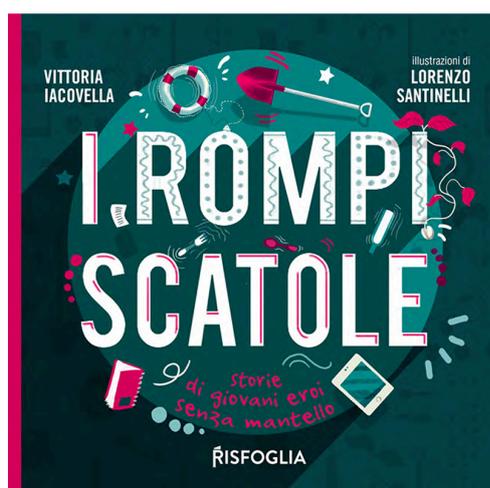


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Ten stories of children, from different countries all around the world, who have done something extraordinary: the troublemakers come from China, Afghanistan, Italy, Mexico, Germany, USA, Holland, France and Syria; thanks to their strength and courage, they managed to make the world a better place.

There is the story of **Felix Finkbeiner**, the German children and youth of the foundation Plant for the Planet who fight the climate crisis by planting trees around the world. Or the story of **Yusra Mardini**, who almost drowned in the Mediterranean while fleeing the civil war in Syria. She survived thanks to her swimming skills and, just a year later, competed at the Rio Olympics. Or **Ruby Nell Bridges**, an American civil rights activist, the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis in 1960.

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