

### Special price for IYA2009 Participants

The listed price for the book is 10 €, but the IYA2009 Secretariat can offer it at a considerable IYA2009 discount:

- **English version:** 3 € + shipping and customs
- **French version:** 4 € + shipping and customs

Due to the variations in cost and currency exchange, the final price may vary slightly. An order confirmation with the final price will naturally be sent before production begins. Minimum order: 100.

### Translations and National Distribution

The Cosmic comic book is currently only available in French and English, but we can offer a unique opportunity to have the comic translated into your language (the text is available in MS Word for you to translate). The IYA2009 Secretariat will incorporate your (already proofread) text into the existing layout and will provide you with PDF files for final approval. National publishers and distributors are also welcome to team up with the project and provide wider distribution and visibility for the book. In this case the author is willing to pass on the publication rights (royalties are 20% of the net sales price, minimum 1 €/book). In each case a standard publication contract with Fiami would be made.

**Available:** The printed books will be available in January 2009.

### Order form:

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# THE LIVES OF GALILEO

A journey through the history of astronomy



The Lives of Galileo, a journey through the history of Astronomy

The official IYA2009 cosmic comic book by Fiami



The IYA2009 Secretariat has another impressive offer for participants in the International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009). Thanks to the large scale of the IYA2009 programme we are able to offer a wonderful educational product: the official IYA2009 comic book (at a massive discount when purchased in bulk quantities).



### About the comic book

What is astronomy? Who was Galileo?

For the first time, astronomy and Galileo are presented in an historical, accessible and humoristic comic book. In 40 colour-filled pages organised into six stunning chapters, Galileo plays different roles through the ages of great astronomical discoveries:

In Babylon, he learns how to write in clay and how to read the sky. In Alexandria, he measures the circumference of the Earth alongside Eratosthenes using the shade of a stick. On the Ganges, Aryabhata explains to him that the Earth rotates around a central axis. In Venice, he relives the revolutionary moment when he first peered out into the vastness of the Universe through a telescope. In Greenwich he mixes with Newton and Halley (and “his” comet). Galileo is back to show us the purpose of modern astronomy - why don't you join the adventure and explore with him?

The Cosmic comic book will appeal to individuals of all ages and from all walks of life. Now anyone can relive some of the world's greatest astronomical discoveries with Galileo.

Some of the best qualities of the book are the:

- very good price/quality ratio,
- unique opportunity to blend science and history, and
- high educational value.

A page from the book is shown below.

### Biographical Note

Fiami, a 45-year-old who lives in Geneva (Switzerland), is the author and publisher of “The lives of Galileo”. He is neither a scientist nor a historian, but instead graduated with a degree (what type) in architecture and has been building educational comic projects for the past ten years. To complete “The lives of Galileo”, Fiami surrounded himself with astronomers, physicians and historians in order to obtain a true taste of the wonders of the Universe.

“The lives of Galileo” (2009) follows “The lives of Einstein” (2005) and “Tous à l'expo!” (a book published in 2001 about Swiss history). 80,000 copies of his comic books have been translated into and sold in four different languages (French, English, German and Italian). This latest instalment, “The lives of Galileo,” has already been ordered by schools, observatories and other science Institutions like CERN.



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18- For 2 thousand years, all the officially acknowledged scientific and theological teachings had said the moon was smooth; at first glance in his telescope, Galileo sees the opposite... Within a few weeks, his observations will shake 20 centuries of certainties.