



Panini Comics and Asmodee Italia to publish new novels from the UBISOFT universe in Italian

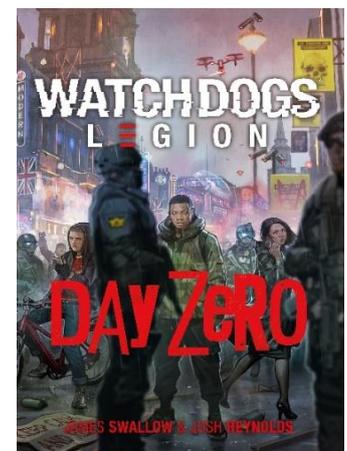
ASSASSIN'S CREED®: THE MING STORM and WATCH DOGS®: LEGION – DAY ZERO

NOTTINGHAM 21 July 2021 – Panini Comics and Asmodee Italia announce the arrival of two new novels that will enrich and expand the already deep universes of *Assassin's Creed* and *Watch Dogs: Legion*, two of the most popular and recognized video games developed by Ubisoft. Italian fans of the two titles will be able to explore more of their favourite game worlds thanks to the imminent arrival of these novels, previously published in the USA and UK by Aconyte, the novel division of Asmodee Entertainment.



Written by bestselling novelist Yan Leisheng, *Assassin's Creed: The Ming Storm*, available from November 2021, tells the story of Shao Jun, who appeared in the game *Assassin's Creed Chronicles: China* and in the short film *Assassin's Creed: Embers*. She is an assassin who lives in 16th century China, who is forced to flee to Europe where she trains at Ezio Auditore's court, before returning home to take back what is rightfully hers. *The Ming Storm* is the first book of an exciting trilogy for Panini Comics that will shed light on new aspects of the world of the Assassins, and will allow the game's many millions of fans to learn more about Shao Jun and her world.

Day Zero, out 25th November, 2021 from Asmodee Italia, is the prequel novel to the events of the video game *Watch Dogs: Legion*. In a gloomy and dystopian London, sinister forces fighting for control of the nation are thwarted by a secret group of activists and hackers known as DedSec. Written by British authors James Swallow and Josh Reynolds, the novel tells of an aspiring hacker, bicycle courier Olly Soames, who after witnessing a heinous murder gets involved in a conspiracy. Olly isn't the only one in trouble, and *Day Zero* tells the stories of three other people dragged into a shady crime ring that threatens to throw the entire city into chaos...



Assassin's Creed: The Ming Storm and *Watch Dogs: Legion – Day Zero* are must-read novels for all fans of these popular video game series. For more information on the two novels, visit the official social channels of Panini Comics and Asmodee Italia.



About Panini Comics

Panini is one of the leading Italian publishing houses, specializing in the publication of stickers and comics. Founded in 1961 in Modena, the Panini group has become a leading international brand in the world of comics and collectible stickers and collectible cards, with branches in Europe, Latin America and the United States. Panini is one of the leading publishers of children's magazines and books, comics and manga in Europe and Latin America, with over 7,000 publications per year. Panini employs over 1200 employees and distributes its products in 150 territories.

About Asmodee Italia

Asmodee Italia, the Italian distribution unit of the famous multi-national games group Asmodee, is a publishing house that creates, locates and publishes board games, role-playing games and novels. Through its catalogue of innovative games, some of which are among the most popular of recent years such as *Dixit*, *Dobble*, *Ticket to Ride*, *Pandemic* and the entire Fantasy Flight Games range, Asmodee Italia aims to modernize the Italian gaming world. Further information on www.asmodee.it

About Aconyte Books & Asmodee Entertainment

Aconyte Books is the publishing arm of Asmodee Entertainment, a platform of global games publisher and distributor Asmodee. Its mission is to extend Asmodee's intellectual properties into novels and comics, TV/film, location-based entertainment, and consumer products, working closely with Asmodee Boardgames and Asmodee Digital. As well as novels from the many worlds of Asmodee's games, Aconyte is also extending its catalogue with key partnerships, including several ranges of novels set in the rich worlds of Ubisoft's computer games and Marvel comics. Learn more at aconytebooks.com and asmodee-entertainment.biz

About Assassin's Creed®

Since it first launched in 2007, the Assassin's Creed series has sold more than 155 million games worldwide. The franchise is now established as one of the best-selling series in video game history. Recognized for having some of the richest, most engrossing storytelling in the industry, Assassin's Creed transcends video games, branching out into numerous other entertainment media.

About Watch Dogs®

Watch Dogs launched in 2014 as the video game industry's best-selling new IP at launch. To-date, the award-winning franchise has registered more than 50 million unique players worldwide. The hacker series extends to other entertainment media, including books and comics. The latest opus in the franchise, Watch Dogs: Legion, was released on October 29, 2020.

About Ubisoft

Ubisoft is a leading creator, publisher and distributor of interactive entertainment and services, with a rich portfolio of world-renowned brands, including Assassin's Creed, Far Cry, For Honor, Just Dance, Watch Dogs, and Tom Clancy's video game series including Ghost Recon®, Rainbow Six and The Division. The teams throughout Ubisoft's worldwide network of studios and business offices are committed to delivering original and memorable gaming experiences across all popular platforms, including consoles, mobile phones, tablets and PCs. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, Ubisoft generated net bookings of €2,241 million. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.ubisoftgroup.com>.

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