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**THE ITALIAN *MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI*
GRANTS A 2006 AWARD TO SALGARI'S
IL FIGLIO DEL CORSARO ROSSO IN ENGLISH**

Los Angeles, California, February 2007 — Michael Amadio announced today that the first English translation of Salgari's *Il figlio del Corsaro Rosso* (*The Son of the Red Corsair*), has received a *Ministero degli Affari Esteri* Award for 2006.

The Italian *Ministero degli Affari Esteri*, through its Office for Promotion and Cultural Cooperation, supports the publication of Italian works, granting awards each year for translated works judged to be deserving of recognition for expanding Italian culture outside of Italy.

"This book is a unique opportunity for English readers of all ages to acquaint themselves, or re-acquaint themselves, with one of Salgari's most enjoyable novels," said Michael Amadio. "And the recognition of the *Ministero degli Affari Esteri* confirms, had there been any doubt, the broad appeal of Salgari's writing and its importance as an instrument for promoting Italian literature and culture in the English speaking world."

The Son of the Red Corsair, one of the most captivating stories written by Emilio Salgari, is a mixture of adventure, humor, and romance that has delighted readers of all ages for many years. Part of the series usually referred to as *Pirati delle Antille*, it is the story of Enrico di Ventimiglia, the Son of the Red Corsair, as he travels through the Spanish conquests of Central America in search of the stepsister he has never met. In his adventure, the Count is helped by a cast of colorful characters, the faithful Mendoza, the incomparable Don Barrejo, Buttafuoco, a nobleman-turned-buccaneer, and bands of pirates of the Caribbean.

Translated by a native Italian speaker and edited by a native American speaker, the book is a complete translation, faithful to the original, rendered in a way that will appeal to modern readers.

About *The Son of the Red Corsair*

The Son of the Red Corsair is an Action & Adventure Trade Paperback (6x9, 316 pages) published in March 2006, available from Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, other major online booksellers, and Ingram Book Group, Baker & Taylor, and from iUniverse, Inc. at the price of \$18.95. ISBN: 0-595-38264-9.

About Amadio, Inc.

Amadio, Inc. provides freelance Italian language services to a number of important translation agencies in the United States that serve large multinational companies operating in fields ranging from industrial to consumer products and entertainment. Michael Amadio is an ATA certified translator with over 25 years of experience.

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