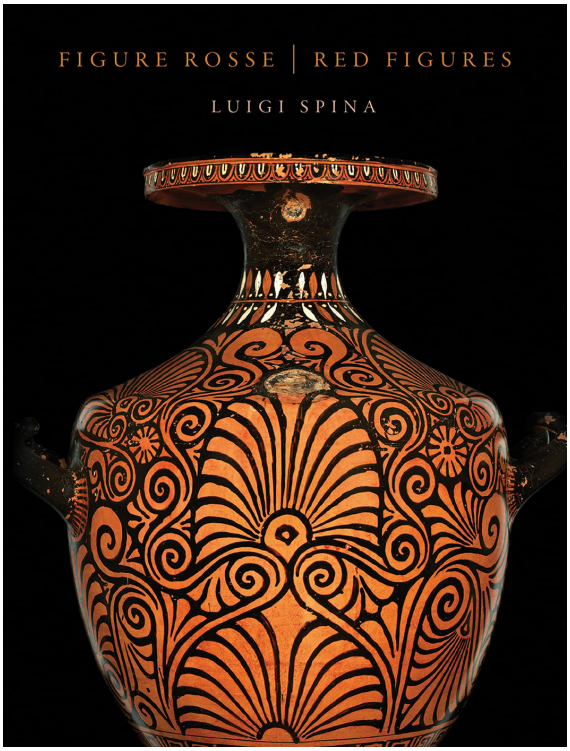
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In the book, black is the protagonist: it enhances the red figures and brings out the keen eye of photographer Luigi Spina. Anatomical details, drapery, and decorative motifs emerge in all their strength without the filter of museum cases, while touches of white enrich the vases' bichrome palette.

Photographing a work of art means capturing its deep meaning to communicate it to the world. Far from the idea of a museum catalog, the volume is rather a figurative atlas of antiquity.

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Luigi Spina, a photographer, has published several volumes with 5 Continents Editions, including *The Buchner Boxes* (2014), *Hemba* (2017), and *Mythical Diary* (2017), dedicated to the Farnese Collection. With the same publisher, he created the series *Hidden Treasures: The Farnese Cup, The Alexander Mosaic, San Domenico by Niccolò dell'Arca*, *The Riace Bronzes* (2022), and the large-scale photographic project *Inside Pompeij* (2023).







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