

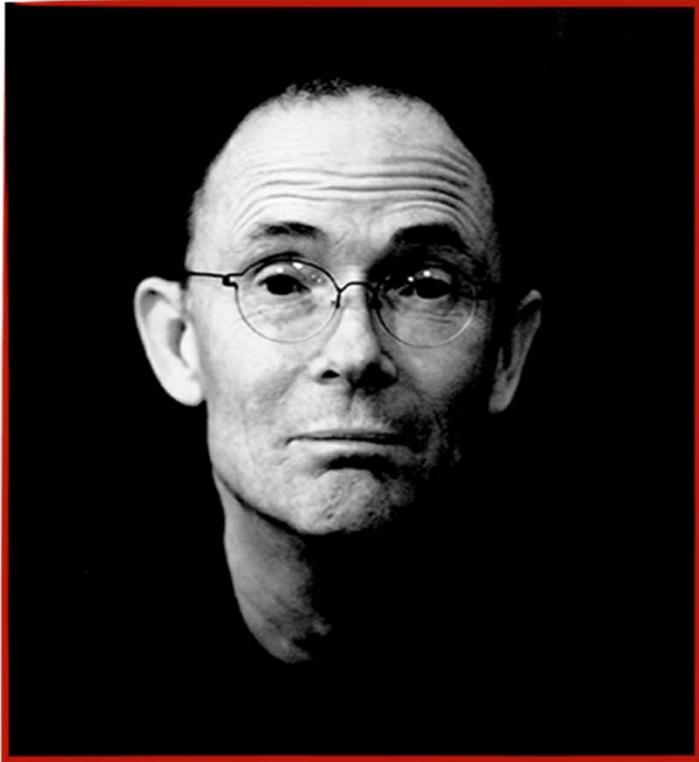


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# Going Digital : from Books to Apps

*An Italian experience*

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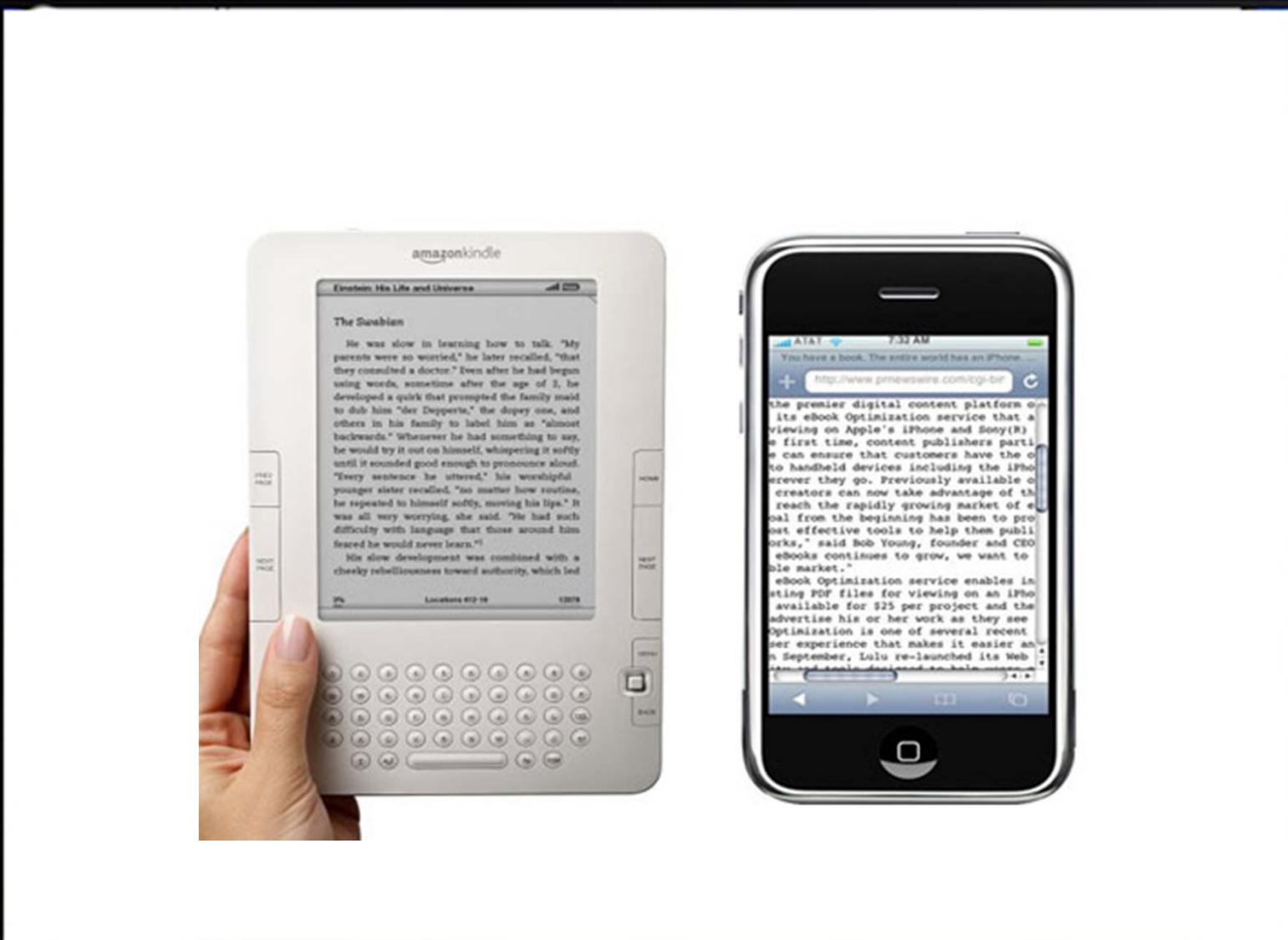


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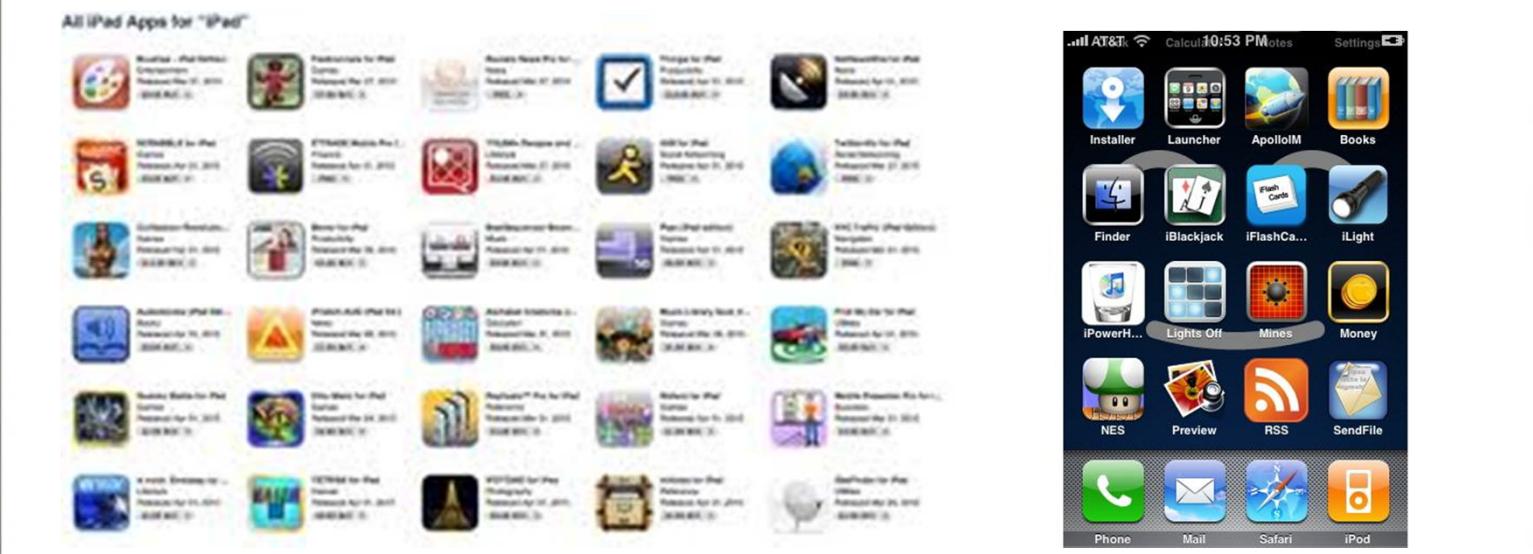
# 2010 : Digital Transition year



## Mondadori Ebook strategy

- 2000 Ebooks : 800 front list ,1200 back list
- 300 downloads per day
- Average price 8,8 €
- Digitalize everything
- At the same time of Pbooks
- At a lower price (- 30/50%)

# From Ebooks to Apps



# Mondadori Apps' strategy

- Brand's driven Apps for Ipad :
  - Children's character brands
  - Author's brands
  - Italy's brands
- Overseas potential
- “series” approach to build loyalty
- 25 Apps : 17 Children ,7 Adults , 1 Rome
- Average price 3,9 €
- Download : min 1500 ; max 15.000

## The formula

- Determination & enthusiasm
- Clear strategy in mind
- Dedicated team
- Attention to costs
- Innovative marketing & P.R.
- Track results

## Our rules for Ebooks

- Be neutral v/s device
- Control pricing
- No free Ebooks
- Contemporary publishing

## Our rules for Apps

- Interactive
- Multimedia
- Social
- Web integrated

reading → reading experience

## Right people in place

- Techno-editor + web marketing
- Top management endorsement
- Clear project ownership
- Shared objectives

## Mind the costs

- High development costs will not break even easily
- Apps' complexity drives cost, not necessarily sales
- Price elasticity is high : the lower the price , the higher the sales !

## Promote differently

- Bestselling list is the most effective promotion
- Adv not effective
- Show your App on the Web
- Talk to bloggers
- Use Viral marketing
- Use social media

## Track results

- Never forget your App alone !
- Adjust price
- Update with extra contents
- Feed and pamper your consumers

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# Apps for Children : Geronimo Stilton



# Stilton Comics

Geronimo Stilton

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4 titles + 3 new planned  
2,99 €  
1 per month

# Stilton Storie da Ridere



7 titles + 8 new planned

3,99 €

1 per month

# Stilton Storie da Ridere



# Stilton Il Regno della fantasia



# Apps for Adults and YA

- K.Hosseini Graphic Novel  
Italy, WW translated
- V.M.Manfredi : Alexandros
  - Pbook sold in 54 countries , 7 mio copies
  - App developed in Italian and Spanish
  - App's ww rights on sale
  - features : interactive maps, 3D reconstructions, author's video
  - Price 3,99€



# Apps on Italy's brand : Virtual History Rome



3D models

INTERACTIVE GUIDE :  
“Past and Present” view



# Apps on Italy's brand : Virtual History Rome



## Virtual History Rome

- Top of USA Educational App chart since Jan '11
- Top 10 chart in 15 markets



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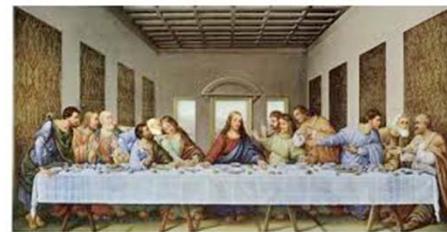
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# Virtual History : work in progress

From Rome to other Hystorical Cities...



... to Art Mastepieces



# What's App?



Scopri tutte le App dei libri Mondadori, Piemme e Sperling & Kupfer.

• Interviste agli autori • Ricostruzioni in 3D • File audio • Mappe interattive • Illustrazioni inedite • Immagini di repertorio