

JIMMY NEVER GIVES UP

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Maria Patelmo and Paolo Bulzi (who has a long experience in the publishing world) are two Italian writers.

The police is chasing some bandits in a car, but they swerve and go off the cliff. All the thugs die, except for one: Jimmy Wolker, who is severely wounded. Shortly after the accident, Jimmy Wolker dies and finds out that there's still life after death.

He gets prosecuted and ends up in hell, but he doesn't surrender to this destiny.

The voices of the damned say that there is something called the "Hundred thousand stairs", an endless stairway that leads to salvation in Heaven. He starts to look for it and, for no apparent reason, he becomes the target of a devil known as William Lloyd.

Jimmy ends up sharing the cell with Hitler and Herod, who provide him with useful information. He takes advantage of sultan Solimano's riot, capitalizing on the moment of confusion, and climbs up the "Hundred thousand stairs" that lead him to Heaven. There he will meet Oscar Wilde, who, sensing Jimmy's attitudes, will seek to send him back to Earth, since he's damned and unwanted in Heaven. Once back to life, the ramshackle adventure appears to be over, but Jimmy realizes that he has the power to talk to the dead and one of them puts him on track to make a shocking discovery. Jimmy leaves for Cornwall, where he meets Susan Kelly, daughter-in-law of a surgeon who wants to bring his son (Susan's husband) back to life: it's William Lloyd. Jimmy's twin brother was Susan Kelly's lover; that's why he was mistaken for him by the husband in hell.

Two servants, non-natural Siamese twins – as they were joined by the surgeon to deprive them of their organs – are the final piece to this house of horrors. Jimmy is in a nightmarish situation, exposed as a snoop, imprisoned and ready to be sentenced to death.

The love with Susan Kelly upsets every expectations and doctor Oliver Lloyd will ultimately fail.

In the end, the Siamese twins uncover the true nature and the purpose of their surgery and they kill Oliver Lloyd. Before dying, the doctor manages to complete the resurrection of his son, but only for a few seconds, during which the reborn sees his wife Susan in Jimmy's arms.

It's a novel that knows how to amaze. It's interesting, out of the box read and filled with twists and turns.