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# Spine Collector Arrested by FBI, But the Saga Isn't Over



The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York announced that it had arrested Filippo Bernardini, a 29-year-old Italian man, for allegedly conducting a dastardly scheme that has bewildered the book-publishing business for the better part of five years.

Bernardini, who works in the foreign-rights department of the British arm of Simon & Schuster, is accused of impersonating hundreds of his colleagues — editors, agents, literary scouts — by creating fake email accounts in order to dupe others into sharing book manuscripts before they have been published.

The thief had gone after hundreds of books, from titles by big-name authors (Margaret Atwood, Anthony Doerr, Jennifer Egan) to books by debut novelists most readers had never heard of. And no one could figure out why they were doing it at all.

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