

# Basic Detail Report

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**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

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Mario Rigoni Stern (1921 – 2008) was an Italian author and World War II veteran. His first novel *Il sergente nella neve*, published in 1953 (and the following year in English as *The Sergeant in the Snow*), draws on his own experience as a Sergeant Major in the Alpini corps during the disastrous retreat from Russia in World War II. Other well-known works include *Le stagioni di Giacomo* (*Giacomo's Seasons*), *Storia di Tönle* (*The Story of Tönle*), and the collection of short stories *Sentieri sotto la neve* (*Paths Beneath the Snow*). Giorgio Barberi Squarotti was born in Turin in 1929. Since 1967 he has been teaching Italian literature at the University of Turin. He is one of the most important Italian literary critics.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 24.2 x 30.8 cm (9 4/8 x 12 1/8 in.)