Giancarlo Rastelli was a pioneer cardiac surgeon who developed the classification of the atrioventricular canal and a novel surgical procedure that revolutionized the management of children with congenital heart disease. He was 36 years old when he passed away. His daughter, Antonella, who was only four years old when he died, has embarked on a journey of discovery into her father's life based on his letters from Rochester, Minnesota, to his parents in Italy.

Dr. Rastelli obtained her MD degree at the University of Verona, Italy, in 1991, and shortly thereafter she moved to Washington University for her residency in internal medicine, and then a fellowship in Women's Health from the Divisions of Bone and Mineral Diseases and Oncology. While her current primary affiliation is with the Division of Oncology, she has continued to pursue her interest in women's bone health through the clinical activities of our Division. She is a Certified Bone Densitometrist and currently focuses on bone health in women with breast cancer, and on post-transplant osteoporosis.