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Supino published his first works in anthologies, periodicals and on the radio while still a student. In 1995 Franco Supino's first novel *Musica leggera* appeared, about which Peter Bichsel wrote, "Supino has successfully completed a book which hundreds of writers have wanted to write, yet failed. *Musica leggera* is the simplest and most serious love story of all time; a love story, which tells our own."

„*Musica leggera*“ was followed by the novels „*Die Schöne der Welt oder Der Weg zurück*“ (1997), „*Der Gesang der Blinden*“ (1999), „*Ciao amore, ciao*“ (2004), „*Das andere Leben*“ (2008), a collection of texts and speeches „*Solothurn liegt am Meer*“ (2009), several publications for children and the young adult novel „*Wasserstadt*“ (2013).