

What Happens In Tuscany

“Titanic in potential appeal . . . the Mátés do something rare; they go native.”—Washington Post

Can one college semester abroad change the course of your life? Bella Rossini, a vivacious college junior, is suddenly thrust into living in Tuscany with seven strangers during one life-altering summer. Meet Hope, the sturdy and practical girl, steadfast in her loyalty to her boyfriend; Meghan and Karen, identical twins with an eye for fashion and beauty to match; Stillman, haunted by his hard past, and Phillip, an athlete, both fueled by competition; Lee, by family mandate in pre-med; and Rune, the Hollywood-bound wild child. While uncovering the charms of Italy, they discover both friendship and love. After their summer, life and loss happens. Returning to Tuscany 30 years later, they plunge on a startling collision course that none of them could have predicted. Set against the allure of Tuscany, with an irresistible fusion of heartbreak and humor, this debut novel, "To Tuscany with Love," explores the fear of letting the past determine the future and the power of friendship.

A celebration of the Italian spirit! This edition of AN ITALIAN JOURNEY includes over forty beautiful photographs of the gorgeous Tuscan countryside. The story begins with a girl. Then it was Italian food. After that it was books and discovering that even Mark Twain had fallen for Italy. E.M. Forster was smitten too: Love and understand the Italians, for the people are more marvelous than the land. WHAT IS IT ABOUT ITALY AND ITALIANS? Italian movies immortalize the mystique. Fellini called it La Dolce Vita. Tornatore's Cinema Paradiso took James Shaw back to the sweet memories of his childhood and the Italian family who operated the hometown theater. And just like in the movie, young James had an Alfredo who, by example, taught him about serving people. James learned that Italians don't feel they're special. Luigi Barzini, author of The Italians, repeatedly asked, Why are we the way we are? and found no conclusive answer. But James was convinced there was a reason why the Renaissance was born in Tuscany and Italy has given the world Saint Francis, Michelangelo, da Vinci, Galileo and now Benigni, whose film Life Is Beautiful showed the world that the Italian zest for living can even make a heaven of a hell. And so, after a lifetime of thinking about Italy James became convinced that the way to find out why Italians are the way they are, would be to eat with them at their kitchen tables. Day after day he picked their olives and the Italians began treating him like family. And James began seeing their unique human quality that attracts people to Italy and keeps pulling them back again and again. But the story doesn't end in the olive groves of Tuscany. To discover the heart of Italian life, James had to travel back to World War II Italy. An Italian Journey will inspire you to follow your passions, your enthusiasms, to your own Beautiful Discoveries. BELLA SCOPERTA!

When you think you know all the answers, the universe comes and changes all the questions. Discover what happened

in Tuscany: A unique and special story that will conquer and delight the most romantic readers. Alice Morgan is a writer of romantic novels in her forties, whose inspiration has abandoned her since she divorced Jack. She doesn't get used to her new life without him and her teenage daughter, who many times seems to want to make his life impossible. Mark Hope is a reputed chef and owner of various restaurants, but a bad critic can destroy what has mattered most in life so far: his career. Alice and Mark meet because of her literary agent and his sister: Cindy Hope. She organizes a disastrous date in New York that ends earlier than expected. What they could never imagine, is that, Alice and Mark together with her teenage daughter, end up in the same family home of the Hope family, located on a beautiful hill of Montepulciano (Tuscany) because of a "confusion" of Cindy. Enticing characters will join a delightful story, full of surprises and great moments. The voices of Alice and Mark intermingle, making us believe that second chances really do exist and they may be better than we expected, despite the consequences.

A mother and daughter travel to Italy together—and discover a world of new possibilities and second chances . . . Marina Caldwell is thrilled to receive a two-week trip to Tuscany as a college graduation gift. That is, until she realizes her mother wants to go with her. The gulf between idealistic single parent Elizabeth and cautious, controlled Marina seems too wide to bridge, even with the aid of chilled Prosecco and mouthwatering panforte. But amid the magical sights and scents of Florence, Marina's careful plans for her vacation—and her future—are thrown into chaos, and Elizabeth's long-held assumptions crumble. Soon a world of unexpected possibilities unfolds for both—buoyed by newfound courage, unshakeable love, and the stirring beauty of a Tuscan sky . . . Praise for the writing of Holly Chamberlin “Nostalgia over real-life friendships lost and regained pulls readers into the story.” —USA Today on Summer Friends “It does the trick as a beach book and provides a touristy taste of Maine's seasonal attractions.” —Publishers Weekly on The Family Beach House

Alice thought her future was set in stone, until her past came knocking... Alice Butler starred in a successful US sitcom until tensions in the cast and crew caused the show to be cancelled. Now, five years later and working towards her dream job in art history, she's called back for a revival of the show. It can only end in disaster, surely? Flown to a villa in Chianti to meet with the rest of the cast, Alice must decide where her future lies – with her boyfriend, David, who laps up the Hollywood company, or with the mysterious Matt, who shies away from public attention? A beautiful romance for fans of Lucy Coleman and Trisha Ashley.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The beloved memoir of self-discovery set against the spectacular Tuscan countryside that inspired the major motion picture starring Diane Lane—now in a twentieth-anniversary edition featuring a new afterword “This beautifully written memoir about taking chances, living in Italy, loving a house and, always, the

pleasures of food, would make a perfect gift for a loved one. But it's so delicious, read it first yourself."—USA Today For more Frances Mayes, including a tour of her now iconic Cortona home, Bramasole, watch PBS's Dream of Italy: Tuscan Sun Special! More than twenty years ago, Frances Mayes—widely published poet, gourmet cook, and travel writer—introduced readers to a wondrous new world when she bought and restored an abandoned Tuscan villa called Bramasole. Under the Tuscan Sun inspired generations to embark on their own journeys—whether that be flying to a foreign country in search of themselves, savoring one of the book's dozens of delicious seasonal recipes, or simply being transported by Mayes's signature evocative, sensory language. Now with a new afterword from Frances Mayes, the twentieth-anniversary edition of Under the Tuscan Sun revisits the book's most popular characters. From rainy England...

When I go to sleep at night, all I see is your face. All that matters to me is your happiness. I'd do anything for you. But don't expect me not to fight for you. I'm prepared to lose you, but not like this. Mia Moretti has always dreamed of becoming an artist. But after a fierce battle with a devastating illness that she is terrified will return, Mia is heartbroken to find herself unable to paint like she used to, and is forced to give up her place at art school. So when an opportunity to spend the summer in Italy presents itself, Mia jumps at the chance for a fresh start. She hopes that by travelling to the sun-drenched streets of Florence, surrounded by art and Tuscany's rich green vineyards and sweeping hills, she will finally be able to heal. What Mia doesn't count on is meeting handsome local mechanic, Luca Bonnici. With his easy smile, endless warmth and irresistible joie de vivre, Mia can't help but fall for him. And, as she slowly lets down her walls and opens her heart to Luca, Mia starts to fall in love with life again too. But just when she is ready to let go of her past, tragedy strikes. Will Mia's strength and her love for Luca be enough to save them both, or is it already too late? Lose yourself in the blue skies and sun-kissed streets of Florence with this gorgeous, heart-wrenching story about love and second chances. Perfect for fans of *That Month in Tuscany*, T.A. Williams and Lucy Coleman. What readers are saying about *Her Tuscan Summer*: 'Absolutely exceptional! Breathtaking; beautiful; heartbreaking and outstanding! I haven't been to Italy, but now, I'd love to go just to walk where Mia and Luca walked.' Goodreads reviewer ??????

'Breathtaking... will stay with me for a long time... Mia's struggle touched my heart... I adored this novel... For a wonderful escape into beautiful Florence, I highly recommend this beautiful book (and make sure you have tissues nearby!).'

Goodreads reviewer ?????? 'I cannot recommend this novel enough. Once I opened the first page, I was immediately lost in Mia's heartfelt journey... a novel that resonates with you, long after the last page is read.' Goodreads reviewer ??????

'Beautiful, emotional, picturesque... I was swept away... The story of Mia and Luca had me captivated from beginning to end, in fact I read half of this book in one day.' Goodreads reviewer ?????? 'I was absolutely transported to Tuscany and

I did not want to leave! Such a gorgeous love story... a set of characters that will stay with you long after you reluctantly have to leave them and Tuscany behind.' Goodreads reviewer ?????? 'A heart-warming, intimate love story that takes the reader on a chauffeured voyage of Florence, and the beautiful surrounding landscapes... a glorious emotion-filled read. The story was so beautifully written and portrayed, that I didn't want it to end.' Goodreads reviewer ?????? 'The sweetest and saddest love story I've ever read. I was in bed sick with the flu but I still read this in two sittings... I loved Mia and Luca's instant connection and their love story... The vivid description of Florence and the Amalfi Coast was breathtaking.' Goodreads reviewer ??????

Newly retired and looking for more than a vacation, John and Nancy Petralia intrepidly pack a few suitcases and head to the "perfect" Italian city for a year. Within days their dream becomes a nightmare. After residing in two Italian cities, negotiating the roads and health care, discovering art, friends, food and customs, the Petralias learn more than they anticipate -- about Italy, themselves, what it means to be American, and what's important in life.

Criswell's move from New York City to Tuscany was not supposed to go like this. She had envisioned lazy mornings sipping espresso while penning a bestselling novel and jovial group dinners, just like in the movies and books about expatriate life in Italy. Then she met reality: no work, constant struggles with Italian bureaucracy to claim citizenship, and becoming the talk of the town after her torrid affair with a local fruit vendor.

Patricia Wilson's carefully composed ads for the writers' retreat she runs at her thirteenth-century Italian castle promise so much, but while the splendour of their surroundings and chef Aldo's melanzane never fail to wow the guests, huge maintenance bills and bad news from the bank threaten to close Patricia down. Each of her seven aspiring authors arrives with the inevitable baggage alongside their unpublished manuscripts, but this August something is different. Soon, lifelong spinster, Mary is riding on the back of Aldo's vespa and smouldering odd-job man Fabio has set more than one heart racing.

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Lucy needed a change of scene. She didn't expect the change of a lifetime. Doctors Without Borders has been Lucy Young's life for the past four years. After being rescued from a conflict zone, she's making a change from saving lives under gunfire to practising medicine in safe, serene Siena. Now treating wealthy patients at a private clinic, she's never felt less comfortable. She's used to helping those in dire need – not those in need of a nip and tuck. Her turmoil grows when she encounters injured tennis star David Lorenzo, whose smiles make Lucy forget her aversion to the rich. She's soon falling for the sportsman but is she losing herself in this world of excess? All she's ever wanted was to help the underprivileged, so can her future lie in Siena at the clinic – with David? This sunny romance is the perfect summer

escape for fans of Lucy Coleman and Alex Brown.

The glamour of Hollywood. The magic of the Tuscan countryside. One big decision... Beatrice Kingdom (Bee to her friends) wakes up in hospital in Tuscany. After an accident on a film set leaves her burned and scarred, she feels her whole life has been turned upside down. Bee is offered the chance of recuperating in a stunning Tuscan villa in the company of a world-famous film star, the irascible Mimi Robertson. Here amid the vines and olive groves, Bee quickly finds there's more to the place than meets the eye, not least a certain Luca (and Romeo the dog). As she comes to terms with her injuries and her new life takes shape, Bee will have to travel a road of self-discovery... and make a huge decision. A joyous, funny and moving tale, *Dreaming of Tuscany* is a triumph, perfect for fans of Holly Martin, Tilly Tennant, and Jenny Oliver. Praise for *Dreaming of Tuscany* 'Full of wit and warmth that will leave you glowing like the Tuscan sunshine!' Debbie Viggiano, author of *What Holly's Husband Did* 'A beautiful evocative escape to Tuscany, with delicious food, stunning scenery and a wonderful, warm story ... a perfect summer holiday read' Holly Martin, author of the *Sandcastle Bay* series 'Such a beautiful read ... you could taste the wonderful food, it was so vividly written' Blue Yonder 'I loved every page. Can't wait to read more by this author' *The Cosiest Corner* 'Wow! This is contemporary romance at its best! The writing is exquisite ... and the plot is brilliantly clever, captivating, and delightful with a little bit of drama, love, loss, and of course romance' *WhatsBetterThanBooks*

Ren Sawyer and Lizzy Harper live completely different lives. He's a rock star with a secret he can no longer live with. She's a regular person whose husband stood her up for a long planned anniversary trip. On a flight across the Atlantic headed for Italy, a drunken pity party and untimely turbulence literally drop Lizzy into Ren's lap. It is the last thing she can imagine ever happening to someone like her. But despite their surface differences, they discover an undeniable pull between them. A pull that leads them both to remember who they had once been before letting themselves be changed by a life they had each chosen. Exploring the streets of Florence and the hills of Tuscany together - two people with seemingly nothing in common - changes them both forever. And what they find in each other is something that might just heal them both.

Mary Davis, Liz's widowed mother has returned to Paris and made peace with the past, but now she struggles with conflicted feelings about the two men in her life-Parisian Jean-Marc, the first love who's never forgotten her and Luca Santo, the Italian who's introduced Mary to new adventures. Liz Davis's carefully constructed world-and her engagement to Jeffrey Scott-have already begun to crumble when an unexpected phone call summons Liz to her mother's side in Florence, Italy. Together again, Mary and Liz strive to resolve the turmoil between them and the men they love. Does the very thing their hearts long for most await them in the fabled hills of Tuscany?

Her work has got in the way of relationships before – but never like this Anna’s job as a geologist takes her all over the world, including to the beautiful island of Elba, where she’s sent to look for precious metals. And the island isn’t the only thing that’s gorgeous – she can’t believe her luck when she meets windsurfer Marco and sparks fly. But Anna must keep her role on Elba a secret to avoid upsetting the locals, which means lying to Marco even as they grow closer. When her old friend Toby visits, Anna suddenly finds herself torn between the attentions of the two men. However, Anna’s not the only one keeping secrets. Is Marco being entirely honest with her? And why did Toby really come to visit? A fun and escapist romance, perfect for fans of Lucy Coleman and Alex Brown.

Over the past several years, "the American in Tuscany" has become a literary subgenre. Launched by the phenomenal success of Frances Mayes's *Under the Tuscan Sun*, bookstores now burgeon with nimble, witty accounts of this clash in cultures-Americans trying to do American things in Italy and bumping against a brick wall of tradition. *Too Much Tuscan Sun* is Dario's, a Tuscan guide whose client base is predominantly American, account of some of his more remarkable customers, from the obsessive and the oblivious to the downright lunatic.

"Salsini spins a tale of both cruelty and courage and affirms, yet again, the ability of humans to endure."-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel "Salsini's beautiful novel of Italy during World War II, peopled with a wide range of characters, deepens our knowledge of both Tuscan hill towns and the terrible effects of war on civilians."-Martha Bergland, author of *A Farm Under a Lake* "The Cielo is an unforgettable read. You won't be able to put it down, through tears and smiles, until you reach the very end."-Bookreview.com Ordered by the Germans to evacuate, a group of Italian villagers flees to a farmhouse in the beautiful hills of Tuscany. As the war rages around them, the refugees confront betrayal by one villager, fearlessly house an escaped prisoner, and survive a raid by the Nazis. A young girl finds love, two boys become heroes, and secrets are revealed before an unthinkable event changes their lives forever. Inspired by experiences of Salsini's relatives, *The Cielo: A Novel of Wartime Tuscany* is a gripping story of courage, endurance, and the power of the human spirit.

Sofia is trained in secret as a painter in her father's workshop during a time when women did not paint openly. She loves her work, but her restless spirit leads her to betray her extraordinary gifts to marry a man who comes to despise her for not producing a son. After Sofia's father is crushed by his own fresco during an attack motivated by a vendetta, Sofia realizes she must escape her loveless marriage. She flees to Siena, where, disguised as a boy, she paints again. When her work attracts the notice of a nobleman who discovers the woman under the dirty smock, Sofia is faced with a choice that nearly destroys her. Meticulously researched settings and compelling characters are united with a strong heroine in this rich portrait of medieval Italy.

Il Mulino. An old crumbling mill, by a winding river, nestled in the Tuscan mountains. An empty home that holds memories of homemade pasta and Nonna’s stories by the fire, and later: the Nazi invasion, and a family torn apart by a heartbreaking betrayal. Anna is distraught when her beloved mother, Ines, passes away. She inherits a box of papers, handwritten in Italian and yellowed with age, and a tantalising promise that the truth about what happened during the war lies within. The diaries lead Anna to the

small village of Rofelle, where she slowly starts to heal as she explores sun-kissed olive groves, and pieces together her mother's past: happy days spent herding sheep across Tuscan meadows cruelly interrupted when World War Two erupted and the Nazis arrived; fleeing her home to join the Resistenza; and risking everything to protect an injured British soldier who captured her heart. But Anna is no closer to learning the truth: what sent Ines running from her adored homeland? When she meets an elderly Italian gentleman living in a deserted hamlet, who flinches at her mother's name and refuses to speak English, Anna is sure he knows more about the devastating secret that tore apart her mother's family. But in this small Tuscan community, some wartime secrets were never meant to be uncovered... A stunning tale, inspired by true events, about how the tragic consequences of war can echo through generations, and how love can guide us through the darkest times. Fans of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* and *The Letter* by Kathryn Hughes will be captivated. Readers have fallen in love with *The Tuscan Secret*: 'Wow!... The writing is magnificent... A story of love, loss, secrets and hope... I have truly fallen in love... A beautiful, touching story that I would recommend to everyone.' *Cooking the Books* 'An absolutely gripping story of world War II... You must read this book. You can hardly put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow what a story... could not put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Boy what an emotional read... I felt myself welling up and on the verge of tears... written superbly.' *The Ginger Book Geek* 'Exquisite writing... If you are a fan of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*, you cannot miss this one... I highly recommend it.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Angela Petch is astounding... a compelling story... an enthralling experience... Highly recommend this as a must-read.' *Giascribes* 'This beautifully woven story had me captivated from the start... I could not help but LOVE the descriptions of Tuscany, the countryside, the people and the food.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This was a beautifully told tale... a perfect read... so wonderfully descriptive I could imagine myself there amongst the breathtaking scenery and tasting the delicious Italian food... exceptional.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I was gripped... The author weaves a magical tale.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A fabulous historical fiction story... wonderful... Angela Petch is now added to my favourite author list... The rich details of the story are captivating. A must read.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Fantastic read... I loved this book...I would highly recommend.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A wonderful story... I was completely captivated... quite heart-breaking.' *All Things Bookie* 'Excellent book!... will grab you and hold onto you long after you put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A captivating story... heart-breaking and compelling.' *Stardust Book Reviews* 'Beautifully written... heart-breaking.' Goodreads reviewer 'A wonderful tale full of mystery... so evocative I felt I was there... a poignant and engrossing tale that kept me enthralled.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars This book was previously published as *Tuscan Roots*.

The best-selling author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series returns with an irresistible new novel about one man's adventures in the Italian countryside. Paul Stuart, a renowned food writer, finds himself at loose ends after his longtime girlfriend leaves him for her personal trainer. To cheer him up, Paul's editor, Gloria, encourages him to finish his latest cookbook on-site in Tuscany, hoping that a change of scenery (plus the occasional truffled pasta and glass of red wine) will offer a cure for both heartache and writer's block. But upon Paul's arrival, things don't quite go as planned. A mishap with his rental-car reservation

leaves him stranded, until a newfound friend leads him to an intriguing alternative: a bulldozer. With little choice in the matter, Paul accepts the offer, and as he journeys (well, slowly trundles) into the idyllic hillside town of Montalcino, he discovers that the bulldozer may be the least of the surprises that await him. What follows is a delightful romp through the lush sights and flavors of the Tuscan countryside, as Paul encounters a rich cast of characters, including a young American woman who awakens in him something unexpected. A feast for the senses and a poignant meditation on the complexity of human relationships, *My Italian Bulldozer* is a charming and intensely satisfying love story for anyone who has ever dreamed of a fresh start.

Jim Frederickson is a young man growing up during the Depression who goes to war in the 1940s, and Rossalina Domitti, a young woman in war-torn Tuscany, Italy.

Frances Mayes, whose enchanting #1 New York Times bestseller *Under the Tuscan Sun* made the world fall in love with Tuscany, invites readers back for a delightful new season of friendship, festivity, and food, there and throughout Italy. Having spent her summers in Tuscany for the past several years, Frances Mayes relished the opportunity to experience the pleasures of primavera, an Italian spring. A sabbatical from teaching in San Francisco allowed her to return to Cortona—and her beloved house, Bramasole—just as the first green appeared on the rocky hillsides. *Bella Tuscany*, a companion volume to *Under the Tuscan Sun*, is her passionate and lyrical account of her continuing love affair with Italy. Now truly at home there, Mayes writes of her deepening connection to the land, her flourishing friendships with local people, the joys of art, food, and wine, and the rewards and occasional heartbreaks of her villa's ongoing restoration. It is also a memoir of a season of change, and of renewed possibility. As spring becomes summer she revives Bramasole's lush gardens, meets the challenges of learning a new language, tours regions from Sicily to the Veneto, and faces transitions in her family life. Filled with recipes from her Tuscan kitchen and written in the sensuous and evocative prose that has become her hallmark, *Bella Tuscany* is a celebration of the sweet life in Italy. Now with an excerpt from Frances Mayes's latest southern memoir, *Under Magnolia*.

Italy, 1923. In a tiny hamlet nestled in the Tuscan mountains, farmers gather after a hard day in the meadows, and children's laughter rings across the square: but one little boy does not join in their play. Behind his deep brown eyes hides a heartbreaking secret... Ninety years later. When elderly Giselda Chiozzi discovers a lost little boy, curled up asleep in the beech forest outside her grand but empty home, she can't help but take pity on him. It's been a long time since she had a visitor. Waking up to her kind smile and the warming smell of Italian hot chocolate, Davide soon blurts out what drove him into the cold Tuscan night: how he's different from everyone else, he's never belonged anywhere, and now his beloved mother is ill. Giselda promises to help Davide trace his family history – she knows better than anyone that connecting with your roots can ground you in the present – and hopes it will make Davide realise that home is where he truly belongs. Together the unlikely pair discover the story of Davide's great-grandfather, Giuseppe Starnucci, a young boy who spent his days milking cows, helping with the harvest, and hammering horseshoes in the forge. But after a terrible incident that changed his life forever, Giuseppe also ran away. David is overjoyed to find a connection with someone from his family at long last, but when Giselda uncovers the shocking reason why little Giuseppe

fled to start a new life, she has an impossible decision to make. Telling Davide the truth about his great-grandfather could persuade him to go back home where he belongs. But could it also tear the family apart? All Giselda knows is that she must save this lost boy before her own time runs out and he is left alone for good... Inspired by true stories of rural Italian life, this absolutely stunning historical read is perfect for fans of Dinah Jeffries, Rhys Bowen, and anyone who's ever longed to stroll beneath the cypress trees and taste the fresh mountain air of Tuscany. Previously published as Now and Then in Tuscany. Read what everyone's saying about A Tuscan Memory: 'It's impossible not to fall under Angela Petch's spell... Beautifully lyrical, highly emotional and so intriguing and evocative that readers will feel as if they are in Tuscany... sure to bring a tear to the eye... Angela Petch is a superb writer... an emotional, uplifting, poignant and mesmerizing tale... sure to haunt and linger in the reader's mind and heart long after the last page is turned... A wonderful tale to curl up with as the nights begin to draw in.' Bookish Jottings, 5 stars 'I had a fantastic time reading this book... a terrific read... I got swept up in the book and didn't want to stop reading. I cried a lot reading this. This is a fantastic book.' The Book Lover's Boudoir 'If you love Italy or history, like me, you will LOVE this story... Beautiful writing... Make sure you have a nice glass of Chianti because this will put you in a red wine mood.' Amy's Booket List 'Angela Petch delivers another astounding story... A Tuscan Memory is more than an incredible read... will lodge itself in the reader's mind.' Gia Scribes 'A beautiful and fascinating tale... captivated me... a wonderful story.' Goodreads Reviewer 'As lush and beautiful as the countryside setting itself... compelling... would definitely recommend this book.' Fireflies and Free Kicks 'I have only had the pleasure of visiting Tuscany once, but Angela Petch's stunning descriptions whisked me straight back... the characters and scenery vividly come to life.' Tales of a Natural Spoonie

Cucina Tipica: An Italian Adventure is the story of Jacoby Pines, a disheartened American who arrives in Italy on holiday, and decides he never wants to leave. What follows is a wine-soaked, food-filled, travel-laden adventure about one man's quest for an antiquated existence in the modern world.

A transplanted American chef and food writer continues her story of her life in Italy, describing her and her husband's move to rural Tuscany into a former stable with no phone or central heating and detailing their participation in local life, farming traditions, and culinary discoveries. By the author of A Thousand Days in Venice. Reader's Guide included. Reprint. 55,000 first printing.

Rising From The Mist in the sun-blushed hills of Tuscany is Il Piccolo Rustico, a 300-year-old stone farmhouse that Nancy Doran dreams of lovingly restoring into an idyllic home. All her husband Phil can see is a crumbling money pit that, as far as dreams go, is more of a nightmare. Reluctantly leaving behind high -octane, air-conditioned Los Angeles where he lives and works as a writer-producer, Phil is uprooted to a strange country intoxicated by O sole mio, virgin olive oil and oak-aged Chianti. The local village reveals itself to be a hive of seething passions, secrets and age-old blood feuds, and the newcomers find that life is not all strolls around town during the passagiato and relaxing under the awnings of picturesque cafes. Beset by a rift of exasperating challenges - from the cunning tricks of the Pinatore family to an infuriating Byzantine Italian bureaucracy - it is only with an inspired touch of the 'Inner Italian' that Phil and Nancy finally manage to soften the hearts of their neighbours and are embraced by the community.

Corbello, Italy, 1947. A woman and a little boy stagger into the ruins of an old house deep in the forest, wild roses overwhelming the crumbling terracotta walls. Since the war, nowhere has been safe. But they both freeze in shock when a voice calls out from the shadows... For young mother Fosca Sentino, accepting refuge from ex-British soldier Richard - in Tuscany to escape his tragic past - is the only way to keep her little family safe. She once risked everything to spy on Nazi commanders and pass secret information to the resistenza. But after a heartbreaking betrayal, Fosca's best friend Simonetta disappeared without trace. The whole community was torn apart, and now Fosca and her son are outcasts. Wary of this handsome stranger at first, Fosca slowly starts to feel safe as she watches him play with her son in the overgrown orchard. But her fragile peace is shattered the moment a silver brooch is found in the garden, and she recognises it as Simonetta's... Fosca has always suspected that another member of the resistenza betrayed her. With Richard by her side, she must find out if Simonetta is still alive, and clear her own name. But how did the brooch end up at the house? And with a traitor hiding in the village, willing to do anything to keep this secret buried, has Fosca put herself and her young son in terrible danger? An absolutely gripping and heartbreaking page-turner that explores the incredible courage of ordinary people in extraordinary times. Perfect for fans of Rhys Bowen, *The Nightingale*, and anyone longing to lose themselves in the mountain landscapes and olive groves of rural Tuscany. Read what everyone's saying about Angela Petch: 'Fantastic read... I loved this book... will grab you and hold onto you long after you put it down... an amazing story.' Goodreads reviewer, ????? 'Loved it!!!... Beautiful... heartbreaking... The ending of the book was perfect... Definitely recommend... Loved everything about it.' Goodreads reviewer

She ran away through the pine trees when the soldiers came. Staggering into the hiding place, she felt a fluttering in her belly, like a butterfly grazing its wings, and knew instantly she had something to fight for. Present day: When her fiancé is tragically killed in an accident, twenty-six-year-old Alba is convinced she's to blame. Heavy with grief and guilt, she flees to her childhood home – the tiny village of Rofelle, nestled in a remote Tuscan valley. Out hiking one day to fill the long, lonely hours, she finds a mahogany box filled with silverware, hidden near the vine-covered ruins of an isolated house left abandoned after World War II. Could finding the rightful owner ease Alba's heartache, and somehow make amends for her own wrongs? In search of answers, Alba meets Massimo, an elderly man who wants to spend his final years pruning his fruit trees, alone with his painful memories. His face turns pale when Alba brings up the war, but she senses that their shared grief connects them. An unlikely friendship grows as little by little Massimo speaks of Lucia: a wild young girl with sparkling eyes who fell in love with an enemy soldier, bravely stole precious Italian treasures back from Nazi occupiers, and whose selfless courage and sacrifice altered the course of the war – and Massimo's life. With each visit, Alba gets closer to unravelling the mystery of the silver, and they both start putting their ghosts to rest. But there's one part of Lucia's story that Massimo might never be able to share – and he's running out of time. Has Alba churned up emotions that are too painful to ever confront? Or, will unearthing a wartime secret that has lain buried for generations finally bring Massimo peace? An absolutely beautiful and heartbreaking read that will sweep you away to the rugged mountains and lush olive groves of Tuscany. Fans of *The Nightingale*, Rhys Bowen and Julianne MacLean will be captivated. Read what

everyone's saying about The Tuscan Girl: 'Loved it!!!... Beautiful description of the landscape... heartbreaking... The ending of the book was perfect... Definitely recommend... Loved everything about it.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I don't even know where to begin... beautiful... I absolutely adored this book... The picture that the author paints is both beautiful and devastating... the descriptions are so detailed, I could actually picture it in my mind.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'The mysteries and the discoveries come fast and furiously: leaving the reader often gasping for breath... A lovely read.' I am, Indeed 'Mesmerizing... captivated me... Angela Petch made the story of the past and present come alive... brilliant... I was completely taken over.' Book Reviews by Shalini, 5 stars 'Omg! I loved this book!... amazing story of The Tuscan Girl!' Goodreads Reviewer, 4 stars 'This book did not disappoint... heartbreaking... wonderful descriptions of the beautiful Italian countryside... beautifully done... Highly recommend reading.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'The prose was mesmerizing, the beauty of the story just reflected off the words like sparkling gold... captivated me... Angela Petch made the story of the past and present come alive... I was completely taken over.' Shalini's Books & Reviews, 5 stars 'A fantastic book... this is historical fiction at its finest... an excellent read.' North of Nonsense South of Sophisticated 'Very powerful and heartbreaking story about love and loss... riveting book that I really enjoyed.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

The head of Italy's "first family" of winemaking reflects on the Antinoris' six-hundred-year legacy and a life of good food and drink in the hills of Tuscany. If you know wine, you know the name Antinori. Since 1385, this noble Florentine family has produced some of Italy's finest wines. The Hills of Chianti tells the story of the Antinoris and the Tuscany they call home, through seven iconic bottles that define their legacy. From the Tignanello that ushered in the era of Super Tuscans to limited-edition vintages, these wines embody a way of life and will excite oenophile readers and lovers of Italy alike. In this family memoir Piero Antinori reveals the passion, tradition, and love of craft that have driven twenty-seven generations of vintners: from the first ancestor who signed up to the winemakers guild in the fourteenth century to Antinori's own three daughters, poised to carry this most celebrated family of artisans into the future. But The Hills of Chianti is about much more than wine. At its heart the Antinori story is about "Tuscan-ness": a connection to the land, an appreciation for good food and drink, and the quintessentially Italian love of hospitality that make this one of the world's most inspiring and memorable destinations.

From an international bestselling author comes a richly woven tale of passion, longing, witchcraft, and magic set in Italy during World War II. A magical, richly woven World War II–era saga filled with passion, secrets, beauty, and horror from internationally acclaimed bestselling author Belinda Alexandra. FLORENCE, 1914. A mysterious stranger known as The Wolf leaves an infant with the sisters of Santo Spirito. A tiny silver key hidden in her wrappings is the one clue to the child's identity. . . . FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, young Rosa must leave the nuns, her only family, and become governess to the daughter of an aristocrat and his strange, frightening wife. Their house is elegant but cursed, and Rosa—blessed with gifts beyond her considerable musical talents—is torn between her desire to know the truth and her fear of its

repercussions. All the while, the hand of Fascism curls around beautiful Italy, and no citizen is safe. Rosa faces unimaginable hardship: her only weapons her intelligence, intuition, and determination . . . and her extraordinary capacity for love.

The world's favorite expert on la dolce vita (Under the Tuscan Sun author) guides readers through Italy's iconic regions, replete with lavish National Geographic images. This lush guide, featuring more than 350 glorious photographs from National Geographic, showcases the best Italy has to offer from the perspective of two women who have spent their lives reveling in its unique joys. In these illuminating pages, Frances Mayes, the author of Under the Tuscan Sun and many other bestsellers, and New York Times travel writer Ondine Cohane reveal an Italy that only the locals know, filled with top destinations and unforgettable travel experiences in every region. From the colorful coastline of Cinque Terre and the quiet ports of the Aeolian Islands to the Renaissance architecture of Florence and the best pizza in Rome, every section features insider secrets and off-the-beaten-path recommendations (for example, a little restaurant in Piedmont known for its tajarin, a pasta that is the perfect bed for the region's celebrated truffles). Here are the best places to stay, eat, and tour, paired with the rich history of each city, hillside town, and unique terrain. Along the way, you'll make stops at the country's hidden gems--art galleries, local restaurants, little-known hiking trails, spas, and premier spots for R&R. Inspiring and utterly unique, this vivid treasury is a must-have for anyone who wants to experience the best of Italy.

A recipe-complemented work continues the author's tribute to the region of Tuscany and its people, tracing the course of a year during which she renovated a thirteenth-century house in the mountains above Cortona.

The bestselling author of Under the Tuscan Sun discovers the hidden pleasures of Italy in a sumptuous travel narrative that crisscrosses the country, with inventive new recipes celebrating Italian cuisine. Don't miss Frances Mayes in PBS's Dream of Italy: Tuscan Sun Special! "Reading this book is a vacation in itself."—The New York Times Book Review (Best Travel Books of the Summer) The Roman Forum, the Leaning Tower, the Piazza San Marco: these are the sights synonymous with Italy. But such landmarks only scratch the surface of this magical country's offerings. In See You in the Piazza, Frances Mayes introduces us to the Italy only the locals know, as she and her husband, Ed, eat and drink their way through thirteen regions—from Friuli to Sicily. Along the way, she seeks out the cultural and historic gems not found in traditional guidebooks. Frances conjures the enchantment of the backstreets, the hubbub of the markets, the dreamlike wonder of that space between lunch and dinner when a city cracks open to those who would wander or when a mind is drawn into the pages of a delicious book—and discloses to us the secrets that only someone who is on intimate terms with a place could find.

An International Bestseller! A LibraryReads and Indie Next Pick! A trio of second-born daughters sets out on a whirlwind

journey through the lush Italian countryside to break the family curse that says they'll never find love, by New York Times bestseller Lori Nelson Spielman, author of *The Life List*. Since the day Filomena Fontana cast a curse upon her sister more than two hundred years ago, not one second-born Fontana daughter has found lasting love. Some, like second-born Emilia, the happily-single baker at her grandfather's Brooklyn deli, claim it's an odd coincidence. Others, like her sexy, desperate-for-love cousin Lucy, insist it's a true hex. But both are bewildered when their great-aunt calls with an astounding proposition: If they accompany her to her homeland of Italy, Aunt Poppy vows she'll meet the love of her life on the steps of the Ravello Cathedral on her eightieth birthday, and break the Fontana Second-Daughter Curse once and for all. Against the backdrop of wandering Venetian canals, rolling Tuscan fields, and enchanting Amalfi Coast villages, romance blooms, destinies are found, and family secrets are unearthed—secrets that could threaten the family far more than a centuries-old curse.

Learning about a mysterious inheritance in Tuscany, overworked New York doctor Gemma, accompanied by her troublesome teen daughter and interfering mother, find themselves in a crumbling Italian villa in the midst of a disturbing culture clash. Reprint.

Thirty years after her British bomber pilot father parachuted from his stricken plane into German-occupied Tuscany, Joanna embarks on a healing journey to learn about her father's hidden wartime past.

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