

Bella Figura How To Live Love And Eat The Italian Way

"A celebration of reading in general and [a] ... recommendation of specific books that can help guide us through our daily lives ... for everyone who loves books, loves reading, and loves to hear the answer to the question: 'What have you been reading lately?'"--

"She walks down the street with a swing in her step and a lift to her head. She radiates allure as if followed by a personal spotlight. She may be tall or short, slim or pneumatically curvaceous, dressed discreetly or ostentatiously—it matters not. Her gait, her composure, the very tilt of her head is an ode to grace and self-possession that makes her beautiful whatever her actual features reveal." This is the bella figura, the Italian concept of making every aspect of life as beautiful as it can be, that Kamin Mohammadi discovered when she escaped the London corporate media world for a year in Italy. Following the lead of her new neighbors, she soon found a happier, healthier, and more beautiful way of living. The bella figura knows: • That the food that you eat should give you pleasure while eating it. Pause for meals, and set a place, even if you are eating alone. • To seize any opportunity to get moving—be it taking the stairs, doing a coffee run at work, or dancing with abandon. • To drink a spoonful of excellent-quality extra-virgin olive oil four times a day. • To seek out nature, be it a city park, a tree on your street, or some wild place. • And to love yourself. The bella figura—occupies her space, emotionally and physically, with style and entitlement.

Annette Joseph's years in Italy revealed this truth: Italy, in all its multifaceted, glorious history and culture has to be experienced in full. Over almost three decades, Italy has fed, entertained, confused, excited, lured, promised, lied, satisfied, occasionally disappointed, and utterly enchanted her. She's left, but can't stay away—she'll always return. Always. Just like a beloved partner...Italy Is My Boyfriend will take you through the journey of finding love, life, and a sense of home. While often times a lonely, challenging place, never once did the love for this special place waiver. See how one very determined lady finds her dream place in the Tuscan sun.

Italian Days is one of the richest and most absorbing travel books written—a journey that traverses the Italian peninsula and immerses readers in a culture which provides the reader with a definition of the good life.

One woman's story of finding beauty, and herself--and a practical guide to living a better life, the Italian way! Kamin Mohammadi, a magazine editor in London, should have been on top of the world. But after heartbreak and loneliness, the stress of her "dream life" was ruining her physical and mental health. Gifted a ticket to freedom--a redundancy package and the offer of a friend's apartment in Florence--Kamin took a giant leap. It did not take her long to notice how differently her new Italian neighbors approached life: enjoying themselves, taking their time to eat and drink, taking their lives at a deliberately slower pace. Filled with wonderful characters--from the local bartender/barista who becomes her love adviser, to the plumbers who fix her heating and teach her to make pasta al pomodoro--here is a mantra for savoring the beauty and color of every day that Italians have followed for generations, a guide to the slow life for busy people, a story of finding love (and self-love) in unlikely places, and an evocative account of a year living an Italian life.

A yet heartbreakingly honest, endearing memoir of incredible weight loss by a young food blogger who battles body image issues and overcomes food addiction to find self-acceptance. All her life, Andie Mitchell had eaten lustily and mindlessly. Food was her babysitter, her best friend, her confidant, and it provided a refuge from her fractured family. But when she stepped on the scale on her twentieth birthday and it registered a shocking 268 pounds, she knew she had to change the way she thought about food and herself; that her life was at stake. It Was Me All Along takes Andie from working class Boston to the romantic streets of Rome, from morbidly obese to half her size, from seeking comfort in anything that came cream-filled and two-to-a-pack to finding balance in exquisite (but modest) bowls of handmade pasta. This story is about much more than a woman who loves food and abhors her body. It is about someone who made changes when her situation seemed too far gone and how she discovered balance in an off-kilter world. More than anything, though, it is the story of her finding beauty in acceptance and learning to love all parts of herself.

Joe DiMaggio was, at every turn, one man we could look at who made us feel good. In the hard-knuckled thirties, he was the immigrant boy who made it big—and spurred the New York Yankees to a new era of dynasty. He was Broadway Joe, the icon of elegance, the man who wooed and won Marilyn Monroe—the most beautiful girl America could dream up. Joe DiMaggio was a mirror of our best self. And he was also the loneliest hero we ever had. In this groundbreaking biography, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Richard Ben Cramer presents a shocking portrait of a complicated, enigmatic life. The story that DiMaggio never wanted told, tells of his grace—and greed; his dignity, pride—and hidden shame. It is a story that sweeps through the twentieth century, bringing to light not just America's national game, but the birth (and the price) of modern national celebrity.

What makes Italian passion so undeniably unique? Dianne Hales unspools the answer to this question with gusto in *La Passione- How Italy Seduced the World*, her ambitious follow-up to *La Bella Lingua- My Love Affair with Italian, the World's Most Enchanting Language*. Whether they built aqueducts, chiseled arches, conducted choirs, directed movies, raced cars, or designed fashion and furniture, Italians have done so with a full-hearted zest that transforms everything they touched. What didn't exist, they invented- the first universities, public libraries, and law and medical schools; the first modern histories, satires, and sonnets; the battery, barometer, radio, and thermometer-even the gift of music. Dante and Petrarch, titans of the Italian language, translated their fervid love for idealized muses into literary landmarks. Michelangelo carved a Bacchus so sinuously delectable that a Florentine sniped, "Buonarotti could not have sinned more with a chisel." Puccini swept listeners, in a biographer's words, "into that place where erotic passion, sensuality, tenderness, pathos, and despair meet and fuse." *La Passione* traces this earthly, earthy drive back to its roots, follows its course through the centuries, and chronicles its impact on the realms of literature, art, music, cuisine, and style, as its people came to embrace, fully and deeply, a passion for life itself. Combining her adroit journalist's eye with extensive research, Hales delves into passions of the heart, senses, and soul across the ages in this perfect read for the casual Italophile, inquisitive tourist, or history buff in your life.

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.

An Italian travelogue describes the trains that traverse the country, from the architecture of old train stations to the new high-speed railways, and portrays the author's memorable encounters along the way.

62 Affirmations for Spiritual Growth and Healing "My hope is that you'll use this deck daily as a spiritual guide to help expand your miracle mind-set. When in doubt, put your hand on the deck and say, 'Thank you, divine guidance. I need a Miracle Now. Show me what you've got!' Trust in the guidance you receive and let it inform your next right action." —Gabrielle Bernstein

When Rachel Roddy visited Rome in 2005 she never intended to stay. But then she happened upon the neighborhood of Testaccio, the wedge-shaped quarter of Rome that centers around the old slaughterhouse and the bustling food market, and fell instantly in love. Thus began an Italian adventure that has turned into a brand new life. *My Kitchen in Rome* charts a year in Rachel's small Italian kitchen, shopping, cooking, eating, and writing, capturing a uniquely domestic picture of life in this vibrant, charismatic city. Weaving together stories, memories, and recipes for thick bean soups, fresh pastas,

braised vegetables, and slow-cooked meats, My Kitchen in Rome captures the spirit of Rachel's beloved blog, Rachel Eats, and offers readers the chance to cook "cucina romana" without leaving the comfort of home.

No sooner had Chris Stewart set eyes on El Valero than he handed over a check. Now all he had to do was explain to Ana, his wife that they were the proud owners of an isolated sheep farm in the Alpujarra Mountains in Southern Spain. That was the easy part. Lush with olive, lemon, and almond groves, the farm lacks a few essentials—running water, electricity, an access road. And then there's the problem of rapacious Pedro Romero, the previous owner who refuses to leave. A perpetual optimist, whose skill as a sheepshearer provides an ideal entrée into his new community, Stewart also possesses an unflappable spirit that, we soon learn, nothing can diminish. Wholly enchanted by the rugged terrain of the hillside and the people they meet along the way—among them farmers, including the ever-resourceful Domingo, other expatriates and artists—Chris and Ana Stewart build an enviable life, complete with a child and dogs, in a country far from home.

The author of *Romantic Europe and the Ghost of Italy* paints an intimate portrait that blends together history and the unusual to show how his "two Italies" join and clash in unexpected ways. 15,000 first printing.

Why don't you...run away with the gypsies? Ten-hour shifts in a high-end department store and catering to snooty customers...Nellie Bennett's life wasn't supposed to turn out this way. But maybe all she needs to do is infuse a little passion into her routine—through flamenco dance lessons, for instance. What Nellie doesn't realize is that flamenco is not just a dance—it's a way of life that seems much more enticing than her depressing retail gig. So she packs her suede dance shoes and leaves everything she knows behind, flying halfway around the world to seek the authentic experience in Seville, where the dark-eyed gypsy boys and mouth-watering tapas are enough to make Nellie want to stay in Spain forever. And why shouldn't she? Only in Spain is a foot-stomping, full-on firecracker of a memoir—crackling with energy, food, dance, gypsies, and love—that will capture your heart with the first "Olé!" "A vivid, entertaining memoir...Bennett had me itching to pack my bag and join her."—Ann Vanderhoof, author of *An Embarrassment of Mangoes and The Spice Necklace*

The purpose of this book is to indicate in a clear, concise way "the natural principles governing the relation between the creative action of all thought-power and material things," i.e., circumstances and conditions. If these few simple principles are carefully studied, and mastered to your satisfaction, and then put into practical, hourly application, the reader will find very soon that it is possible for man to make conscious contact with the Almighty, Ever Present, Never-Failing God; and this just naturally means individual freedom, freedom from every form of limitation and bondage of any nature.

"In the tradition of M.F.K. Fisher and Peter Mayle, this ... memoir follows American-born Katherine Wilson on her adventures abroad, where a three-month rite of passage in Naples turns into a permanent embrace of this boisterous city on the Mediterranean. It is all thanks to a surprising romance, a new passion for food, and a spirited woman who will become her mother-in-law--and teach her to laugh, to seize joy, and to love"--

Join the bestselling author of *Ciao, America!* on a lively tour of modern Italy that takes you behind the seductive face it puts on for visitors—la bella figura—and highlights its maddening, paradoxical true self You won't need luggage for this hypothetical and hilarious trip into the hearts and minds of Beppe Severgnini's fellow Italians. In fact, Beppe would prefer if you left behind the baggage his crafty and elegant countrymen have smuggled into your subconscious. To get to his Italia, you'll need to forget about your idealized notions of Italy. Although *La Bella Figura* will take you to legendary cities and scenic regions, your real destinations are the places where Italians are at their best, worst, and most authentic: The highway: in America, a red light has only one possible interpretation—Stop! An Italian red light doesn't warn or order you as much as provide an invitation for reflection. The airport: where Italians prove that one of their virtues (an appreciation for beauty) is really a vice. Who cares if the beautiful girls hawking cell phones in airport kiosks stick you with an outdated model? That's the price of gazing upon perfection. The small town: which demonstrates the Italian genius for pleasant living: "a congenial barber . . . a well-stocked newsstand . . . professionally made coffee and a proper pizza; bell towers we can recognize in the distance, and people with a kind word and a smile for everyone." The chaos of the roads, the anarchy of the office, the theatrical spirit of the hypermarkets, and garrulous train journeys; the sensory reassurance of a church and the importance of the beach; the solitude of the soccer stadium and the crowded Italian bedroom; the vertical fixations of the apartment building and the horizontal democracy of the eat-in kitchen. As you venture to these and many other locations rooted in the Italian psyche, you realize that Beppe has become your Dante and shown you a country that "has too much style to be hell" but is "too disorderly to be heaven." Ten days, thirty places. From north to south. From food to politics. From saintliness to sexuality. This ironic, methodical, and sentimental examination will help you understand why Italy—as Beppe says—"can have you fuming and then purring in the space of a hundred meters or ten minutes."

At twenty-seven years old, M. E. Evans had just graduated from college and still had no idea what to do with her life besides frequent strip clubs and fantasize about being a woman known for a sort of vague, unnamed success. After the loss of her brother, she moves to Italy no longer for personal growth but for self-preservation. Insanity ensues.

Follows the author's quest to learn Italian over twenty-five years and her study of the ties between the language and Italy's culture, literature, history, and food.

Are you looking for a lesson in language and in life? If the answer is yes, look no further. Luckily for us, Italians have gifted the globe with their many contributions in the realms of art, opera, cinema, pizza—the list is endless. Although, one area which is often overlooked is the Italian gift of the gab. The greatest gift of them all. Italians possess a bevy of phrases to get you through all of life's phases. So, if you want to change your life, it's simple. All you must change is your vocabulary. *Living The Lingo of Linguine* will provide you with some of Italy's wisest words, expressions, and proverbs. It will strike up a conversation of cultural comparison and translate these words, not only into English but into a carefully curated way of life. You are welcomed to embrace this language of longevity. To value a vernacular which will raise your vibration. To proudly pronounce an existence of peace and positivity. And to dive into a dialogue like no other.

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. Dream of Venice captures the mysterious allure of the ancient floating city with the evocative photography of Charles Christopher and the beguiling words of a diverse group of contemporary Venetophiles. With a captivating foreword by bestselling author Frances Mayes, Dream of Venice will inspire you to listen to the silence of the canals and lose yourself in the ethereal mist of Piazza San Marco.

Through the eyes of a fashionable Italian in America, the reader gets the behind-the-scenes of all that entails to achieve enviable style, the Italian way; that quintessential seal of always looking pulled together with insouciant elegance. The reader is catapulted into a life of rousing style filled with carefully-crafted clothing, summer holidays in the Italian countryside, the aroma of fresh tomato sauce simmering in the kitchen, and fresh lavender escaping from grandma's armoire. Through playful and witty prose, anecdotes, tips and interviews, Francesca transports the reader into a world of desirable glamour, and teaches them how to achieve the same understated chicness Italians are recognized for regardless of nationality, age or budget. You'll learn how not to follow trends, how to borrow from the boys' closet and why lingerie is for you and not him. Get ready to empty out all the meaningless clutter, and curate an inspirational wardrobe while reclaiming yourself.

Rejuvenate your life with these zesty Italian principles. America's yearning for living life with passion and serenity is answered in simple, concrete steps and examples of how to adopt the Mediterranean dolce vita, or "sweet life." Living La Dolce Vita will help you channel "the sweet life" through: --The power of family --The art of friendship --The unabashed joy of romance --Meals that nourish both body and soul

Ah, that inimitable Italian style. It's embedded in an Italian woman's DNA. Fashion doesn't define her. She defines herself. She knows that an extraordinary life is not about status, money, or achievement. The only mastery it requires is one her heritage has given her, the irrepressible passion to make art of life itself. She doesn't follow trends and she doesn't follow rules. She embraces tradition and rejects convention. For her life is a gift. Everything is a reason for wonder. The hard stuff is just a provocation to shake things up. Ask an Italian woman where she gets her sense of style and she will tell you it's not about labels. It's tethered to humble roots; humanity, community, conscious consumerism, and a profound appreciation for art in all its forms. Sass, Smarts, and Stilettoes takes the reader on a journey from the humble hill towns of Abruzzo to the revered fashion capitals of Milan and Rome, into the artisan workshops of Florence, and the humanistic business practices of Luisa Spagnoli, Brunello Cuccinelli, and Alberta Ferretti, from the emergence of Italy's fashion industry after WWII, to slow food and sustainable fashion initiatives taking root around the world. Life lessons echo in the words of the author's mother and grandmother, in the voices of Italian film divas, designers, tastemakers, writers, and artisans across generations, from the first Sala Bianca in Florence to the game changing design ethic of Franca Sozzani, Miuccia Prada, and Donatella Versace. Learn how to live fully within your own philosophy of living. Say good-bye to mindless consumerism, emotional clutter, and others' expectations. Create a personal style that fits like a custom blazer by Ferrè and enchants like the colors of a Sicilian sunset. Then go on to craft an extraordinary and empowering life made-to-measure for you alone.

A memoir of a family's year living in Reykjavik that "captures the fierce beauty of the Arctic landscape" (Booklist). Sarah Moss had a childhood dream of moving to Iceland, sustained by a wild summer there when she was nineteen. In 2009, she saw an advertisement for a job at the University of Iceland and applied on a whim, despite having two young children and a comfortable life in Kent, England. The resulting adventure was shaped by Iceland's economic collapse, which halved the value of her salary; by the eruption of the volcano Eyjafjallajökull; and by a collection of new friends, including a poet who saw the only bombs fall on Iceland in 1943; a woman who speaks to elves; and a chef who guided Sarah's family around the intricacies of Icelandic cuisine. Moss explored hillsides of boiling mud and volcanic craters and learned to drive like an Icelander on the unsurfaced roads that link remote farms and fishing villages in the far north. She watched the northern lights and the comings and goings of migratory birds, and as the weeks and months went by, she and her family learned new ways to live. Names for the Sea is her compelling and very funny account of living in a country poised on the edge of Europe, where modernization clashes with living folklore. "Beautifully written . . . A stranger in a strange land, Moss grapples with new foods, customs and landscapes that are both oddly familiar and wildly alien in this absorbing memoir." —Financial Times

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.

La Bella Figura is a lifestyle guide for the woman who aspires to live a European-style life filled with simple pleasures and wants to look good while she does it. It is about making your life

richer with less, not more, just like European women do. Who Should Read This Book: * Do you feel overwhelmed and yearn for a life where you spend the majority of your time, money and energy toward what you think really matters? * Have you ever looked in your closet and felt overwhelmed by the sheer number of clothing items you own and yet still feel as if you have nothing to wear? * Do you want to elevate everything in your world to an art form -- from the way you dress to how you eat and spend your leisure time? La Bella Figura shows how you can bring all the simple pleasures of a European lifestyle into your home and life no matter what your budget or where you live.

A humorous and practical guide offers tips on how to clean out the closet, find personal "signature styles" that make stylish dressing simple and effective, and save money while clothes shopping. Original.

After years of living vicariously through the heroines in her novels, bestselling author Eloisa James takes a leap that most of us can only daydream about. She sells her house, leaves her job as a Shakespeare professor, and packs her husband and two protesting children off to Paris. Grand plans are abandoned as she falls under the spell of daily life as a Parisienne — exquisite food, long walks by the Seine, reading in bed, displays of effortless chic around every corner, and being reminded of what really matters in a place where people seem to kiss all the time. Against one of the world's most picturesque backdrops, she copes with her Italian husband's notions of quality time; her two hilarious children, ages eleven and fifteen, as they navigate schools — not to mention puberty — in a foreign language; and her formidable mother-in-law, Marina, who believes dogs should be fed prosciutto and wives should live in the kitchen. An irresistible love letter to a city that will make you want to head there, *Paris in Love* is also a joyful testament to the pleasures of savouring life.

There is a confidence, poise, and sophistication that only comes with age. It is a certain serenity and *joie de vivre*. It might have come at a high cost. It might be carved out of knowledge that there is still life after illness, tragedy, and heartache. It is the realization that despite all of that, we can all still find moments of deep joy. If we are lucky enough to survive all the things life throws at us and are in our second act of life, let's be sure to embrace life and learn to make the most of every moment. In this book, you will find inspiration, motivation, and reassurance that you can have your best life ever during your later years. For the most part, we have little control over what happens to us. Mostly, all we can control is how we respond. Attitude is everything. This is the time of life to take control of that attitude. To embrace what we as older women have that younger women don't have, but will also one day earn if they are lucky enough. There is a reason that men in Paris and Rome seek out women "of a certain age" who are witty, self-confident, and utterly comfortable in their own skin. They may or may not have the body they had when they were in their twenties and that's okay because their *joie de vivre*, nonchalant attitude and worldliness make them more beguiling and mesmerizing than their younger counterparts. And, in fact, many women are finding that with age and self-confidence comes a new eating and fitness regime that has helped them have the body they dreamed of decades earlier. Learn how to embrace growing older. Learn how to make these the best years of your life. Take a page out of chic French and Italian women of a certain age and learn to live with *joie de vivre* and truly embrace growing older by becoming utterly comfortable in one's skin. This inspirational and practical guide will show you easy ways to grow old gracefully by focusing on style, fitness, morning routines, balance in your life, work, relationships, health, makeup, attitude, motivational and inspirational icons and ways to continually enrich your life. This indispensable book is one that you will keep on your nightstand and refer to often for inspiration.

Explores the history, culture, and religion of the Italian people, shedding new light on many aspects of Italian life.

The beloved chef presents her most accessible and affordable cookbook to date, a gathering of more than 100 Italian recipes that have become Lidia's go-to meals for her very own family—the best, the most comforting, and the most delicious dishes in her repertoire. In *Lidia's Favorite Recipes*, you'll find a fresh take on more than 100 of Lidia's signature and irresistibly reliable dishes, including: • Fried Mozzarella Skewers—*Spiedini alla Romana* • Escarole and White Bean Soup—*Zuppa di Scarola e Cannellini* • Ziti with Broccoli Rabe and Sausage—*Ziti con Broccoli Rabe e Salsicce* • Baked Stuffed Shells—*Conchiglie Ripiene al Forno* • Eggplant Parmigiana—*Melanzane alla Parmigiana* • Savory Seafood Stew—*Zuppa di Pesce* • Chicken Cacciatore—*Pollo alla Cacciatore* • Veal Ossobuco with Barley Risotto—*Ossobuco di Vitello con Risotto d'Orzo* • Cannoli Napoleon—*Cannolo a Strati* • Limoncello Tiramisù—*Tiramisù al Limoncello* From the classic sauces to the delicious desserts, these recipes have been revised and updated to be more concise and clear, but just as soul-satisfying as ever. With new information about the affordability, seasonality, and nutritional value of the ingredients, this book shows there is no question why these dishes are the easiest and most enjoyable to bring to the family table for your most memorable moments. Beautifully illustrated throughout with full-color photographs, *Lidia's Favorite Recipes* will give both new cooks and longtime fans something extraordinary to celebrate.

Full of lighthearted humor, sumptuous food, the wisdom of an Italian mother-in-law, and all the atmosphere of Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Novels, this warm and witty memoir follows American-born Katherine Wilson on her adventures abroad. Thanks to a surprising romance—and a spirited woman who teaches her to laugh, to seize joy, and to love—a three-month rite of passage in Naples turns into a permanent embrace of this boisterous city on the Mediterranean. In this warmly funny and spirited memoir, American-born Katherine Wilson arrives in Naples, Italy, for an internship at the U.S. Consulate. One evening, she meets handsome Salvatore and finds herself immediately enveloped by his elegant mother, Raffaella, and the rest of the Avallone family. From that moment, Katherine's education begins: Never eat the crust of a pizza first, always stand up and fight for yourself and your loved ones, and consider mealtimes sacred—food must be prepared fresh and consumed in *compagnia*. Unexpectedly falling for Salvatore, and captivated by Raffaella's companionship and guidance, Katherine discovers how to prepare meals that sing—from hearty, thick ragù to comforting pasta al forno. Through courtship, culture clashes, marriage, and motherhood, Katherine comes to appreciate carnale, the quintessentially Neapolitan sense of comfort and confidence in one's own skin. *The Mother-in-Law Cure* is a sumptuous story that is a feast for the senses. Goethe said, "See Naples and die." But Katherine Wilson saw Naples and started to live. Praise for *The Mother-in-Law Cure* "In a world filled with food memoirs, this one stands out. Katherine Wilson gives us more than the fabulous food of Naples. She offers us a passport to an exotic

country we would never be able to enter on our own.”—Ruth Reichl, author of *My Kitchen Year* “Warmhearted . . . an exuberant account of love and great Italian food.”—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “Sweet and humorous.”—Publishers Weekly “Wilson has written a glorious memoir celebrating the holy trinity of Italian life: love, food, and family. Her keen eye and sense of humor take you through the winding streets of Naples at a clip, on a ride you hope will never end.”—Adriana Trigiani, author of *The Shoemaker’s Wife* “How lucky we are to get these hilarious and wise perceptions filtered through a sincerely loving eye.”—Julie Klam, author of *Friendkeeping* “This thoroughly enjoyable love letter to Naples is a tribute to the author’s irrepressible mother-in-law.”—Luisa Weiss, author of *My Berlin Kitchen* and founder of *The Wednesday Chef*

You don't have to be born Italian or French to capture the effortless chic, nonchalance, and mystique that these women exude as they glide through life living la bella vita. With these three little books that explore French, Spanish, and Italian chic, you can bring Euro Chic to your own life wherever you may be and without spending a dollar more than you do now.

The instant New York Times bestseller Supermodel and philanthropist Gisele Bündchen shares personal stories, insights, and photos to explore lessons that have helped shape her life. Gisele Bündchen's journey began in southern Brazil, growing up with five sisters, playing volleyball, and rescuing the dogs and cats around her hometown. In fact, she wanted to become either a professional volley player or a veterinarian. But at the age of 14, fate suddenly intervened in the form of a modeling scout, who spotted her in São Paulo. Four years later, Gisele's appearance in Alexander McQueen's memorably rain-soaked London runway show in the spring 1998 launched her spectacular career as a fashion model, and put an end to the "heroin chic" era of fashion. Since then, Gisele has appeared in almost 400 ad campaigns and on over 1200 magazine covers. She has walked in more than 470 fashion shows for the most influential brands in the world. Gisele has become an icon, leaving a lasting mark on the fashion industry. But until now, few people have gotten to know the real Gisele, a woman whose private life stands in dramatic contrast to her public image. In *Lessons*, she reveals for the first time who she really is and what she's learned over the past 37 years to help her live a meaningful life--a journey that takes readers from a childhood spent barefoot in small-town Brazil, to an internationally successful career, motherhood and marriage to quarterback Tom Brady. A work of great openness and vulnerability, *Lessons* reveals the inner life of a very public woman.

Sunday dinners, basement kitchens, and backyard gardens are everyday cultural entities long associated with Italian Americans, yet the general perception of them remains superficial and stereotypical at best. For many people, these scenarios trigger ingrained assumptions about individuals' beliefs, politics, aesthetics, values, and behaviors that leave little room for nuance and elaboration. This collection of essays explores local knowledge and aesthetic practices, often marked as "folklore," as sources for creativity and meaning in Italian-American lives. As the contributors demonstrate, folklore provides contemporary scholars with occasions for observing and interpreting behaviors and objects as part of lived experiences. Its study provides new ways of understanding how individuals and groups reproduce and contest identities and ideologies through expressive means. *Italian Folk* offers an opportunity to reexamine and rethink what we know about Italian Americans. The contributors to this unique book discuss historic and contemporary cultural expressions and religious practices from various parts of the United States and Canada to examine how they operate at local, national, and transnational levels. The essays attest to people's ability and willingness to create and reproduce certain cultural modes that connect them to social entities such as the family, the neighborhood, and the amorphous and fleeting communities that emerge in large-scale festivals and now on the Internet. Italian Americans abandon, reproduce, and/or revive various cultural elements in relationship to ever-shifting political, economic, and social conditions. The results are dynamic, hybrid cultural forms such as valtarò accordion music, Sicilian oral poetry, a Columbus Day parade, and witchcraft (stregheria). By taking a closer look and an ethnographic approach to expressive behavior, we see that Italian-American identity is far from being a linear path of assimilation from Italian immigrant to American of Italian descent but is instead fraught with conflict, negotiation, and creative solutions. Together, these essays illustrate how folklore is evoked in the continual process of identity reevaluation and reformation.

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