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Sicily, An Island at the Crossroads of History 2015, HARD COVER, 432 PAGES, $32.00
Norwich delivers a page-turning account of Sicily, from the Classical period through the Mafia, highlighting the crucial role the island has played in world politics. (Item ITA558)

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Eyewitness Guide Sicily 2015, PAPER, 252 PAGES, $23.00
This superb guide to Sicily features color photography, dozens of excellent local maps and a synopsis of the island’s attractions. Handsome, convenient and up-to-date, this is the guide to carry. (Item ITL468)

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**ALSO RECOMMENDED**

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Joseph Privitera
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Privitera covers the scope of Sicily and its diverse civilizations in lively prose and well-chosen illustrations in this succinct history. (Item ITA158)

Robert Leighton
Sicily Before History, An Archaeological Survey from the Paleolithic to the Iron Age
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This rich survey of Sicily's archaeology, featuring 150 black-and-white photographs and organized chronologically, is recommended both for students and serious-minded travelers. (Item ITL110)

G. Messineo, E. Borgia
Ancient Sicily, Monuments Past & Present
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In this illuminating overview, ingenious overlays depict 17 important sites as they appear today and how they may have appeared in the past. (Item ITL733)

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Andrew Edwards
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