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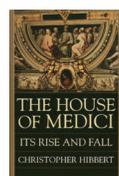


Beppe Severgnini

La Bella Figura

2007, PAPER, 288 PAGES, \$15.00

Italians themselves love this guide to the Italian character, which addresses their never-ending passion for beauty, disorder and high emotion. The book opens with a snapshot of Malpensa Airport, then moves on to Tuscany, Rome, Naples and Sardinia. (Item ITL718)



Christopher Hibbert

The House of Medici, Its Rise and Fall

1982, PAPER, 364 PAGES, \$16.99

A well-written, entertaining history of the Medicis in Renaissance Florence. Great to read before going to Florence, where the influence of the Medicis and the artists they supported is still very much in evidence. (Item ITL135)



Ada Gabucci (Editor)

Ancient Rome: Art, Architecture, and History

2002, PAPER, 144 PAGES, \$19.95

This lively, illustrated survey of Ancient Rome's monuments, history and art is a terrific introduction. (Item ITL419)



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Eyewitness Guide Italy

2015, PAPER, 672 PAGES, \$30.00

Another gem in the Eyewitness series, this superb guide is handsome, convenient and up-to-date. Featuring color photography, dozens of excellent local maps and a region-by-region synopsis of the country's attractions. (Item ITL32)



Borb Maps

Italy Map

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2015, PAPER, 272 PAGES, \$9.99

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Blue Guide Italy Food Companion

2016, PAPER, 200 PAGES, \$12.99

This pocket guide to ordering, understanding and enjoying the best of Italian food can be used in preparation for a visit to Italy or as a handy reference while you're there. (Item ITA195)



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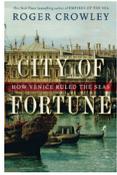


Jonathan Buckley (Editor), Tim Jepson (Editor)

Rough Guide Tuscany and Umbria

2015, PAPER, 384 PAGES, \$24.99

This comprehensive travel guide includes region-by-region descriptions and a good overview of history and culture. (Item ITL292)

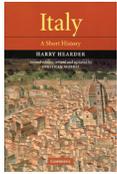


Roger Crowley

City of Fortune

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Crowley spins tales of plunder and plague, imperial conquest and piracy in this riveting new history, chronicling the transformation of a tiny city of lagoon dwellers into the richest place on earth. (Item MED185)

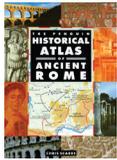


Harry Hearder

Italy, A Short History

2001, PAPER, 294 PAGES, \$29.99

Elegantly written, generous and informative, this compact book takes in the sweep of Italian history from the Roman Republic through the Renaissance, World War II and up to the present. (Item ITL56)

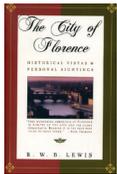


Christopher Scarre

Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Rome

1995, PAPER, 144 PAGES, \$20.00

A vivid overview of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire and its expansion throughout North Africa and the Mediterranean, illustrated with ingenious color maps on many topics (political borders, trade, defense, religion) and 80 color photographs. (Item ITL29)

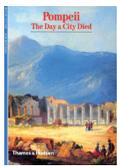


R.W.B. Lewis

The City of Florence

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A vivid tour of the city and its riches by the fine biographer. Lewis has written what he calls "a partial biography of Florence," interweaving the personal and the historical. (Item ITL47)



Robert Etienne

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This indispensable pocket guide illustrates daily life in the city as revealed by its evocative frescoes, mosaics and treasures. (Item ITL01)

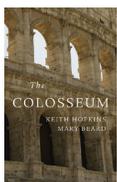


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The Art of the Renaissance

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A classic, illustrated survey of the world of the Renaissance and its art. With chapters on Florence and its artists, the Netherlands and many individual artists. (Item ITL14)

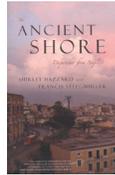


Keith Hopkins, Mary Beard

The Colosseum

2011, PAPER, 224 PAGES, \$17.00

This engaging overview of the history of the Colosseum deconstructs Hollywood-perpetrated misconceptions of gladiator-eating lions, Nero fiddling and other myths. (Item ITL654)



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The World of Venice

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A Room with a View

1989, PAPER, 248 PAGES, \$9.95

E.M. Forster's classic tale of love among the middle classes, set largely in Florence. (Item ITL142)



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