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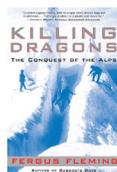


*Beppe Severgnini*

### La Bella Figura, A Field Guide to the Italian Mind

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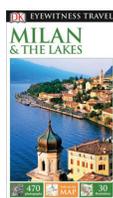


*D.H. Lawrence*

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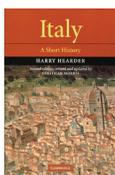


*Padraig Rooney*

**The Gilded Chalet, Off-Piste in Literary Switzerland**

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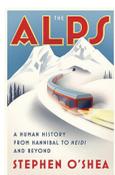


*John McPhee*

**La Place de la Concorde Suisse**

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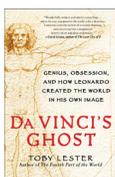


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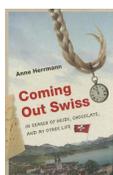


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**Barolo**

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