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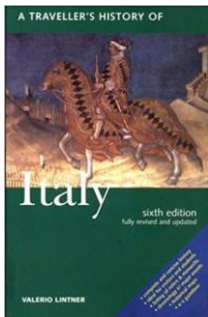
SUGGESTED READING GUIDE

Italy

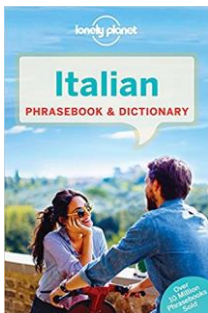
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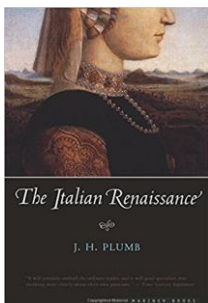
La Bella Figura: A Field Guide to the Italian Mind by Beppe Severgnini:
Italians themselves love this guide to the Italian character, which addresses their never-ending passion for beauty, disorder and high emotion.



The Traveler's History of Italy by Valerio Lintner:
A brief history of Italy through the 1990s – wide-ranging, accessible and necessarily condensed. With a useful chronology and historical gazetteer, this book marches confidently through the centuries. This book moves from Italy's prehistoric and Etruscan civilizations, through the Roman Empire and the Renaissance, through to the role of Italy in today's Europe, making this guide ideal 'before-you-go' reading.

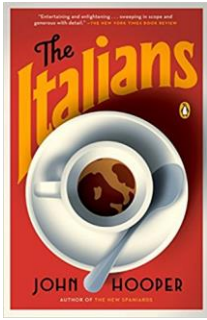


Italian Phrasebook & Dictionary by Lonely Planet:
This pocket-sized comprehensive language guide provides on-the-go language assistance; great for language students and travelers looking to interact with locals and immerse themselves in local culture. Another step closer to fully immersing yourself in Italian life!



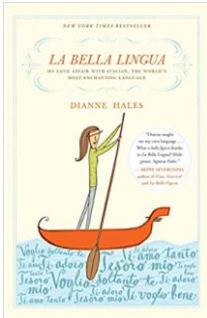
The Italian Renaissance by J.H. Plumb:
A well-written history of the Renaissance, its artists and thinkers, with chapters on Florence, Milan, Rome and Venice, Michelangelo, Da Vinci and Women of the Renaissance. Spanning an age that witnessed great achievements in the arts and sciences, this definitive overview of the Italian Renaissance will both captivate ordinary readers and challenge specialists.

HISTORY!



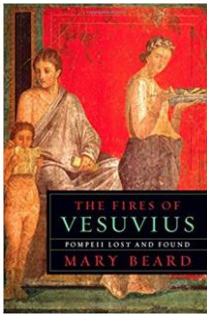
The Italians by John Hooper:

The Italy correspondent for The Economist, Hooper explores Italy – its baffling contradictions, unique character and contemporary culture – in this illuminating portrait. Hooper persuasively demonstrates the impact of geography, history, and tradition on many aspects of Italian life, including football and Freemasonry, sex, food, and opera. Brimming with the kind of fascinating—and often hilarious—insights unavailable in guidebooks



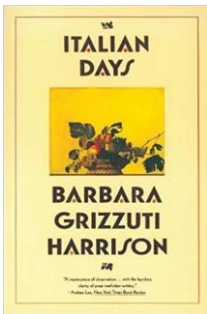
La Bella Lingua by Dianne Hales:

Inebriated with the sounds of Italian, lovesick for its phrases and enamored of its earthy idioms, Hales, "a sensible woman of sturdy Polish stock," dives into the Italian of the piazza, literature, movies and streets in this charming memoir.



The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found by Mary Beard:

This book shows us how much more and less there is to Pompeii than a city frozen in time. Pompeii is the most famous archaeological site in the world, visited by more than two million people each year. Yet it is also one of the most puzzling, with an intriguing and sometimes violent history, from the sixth century BCE to the present day.

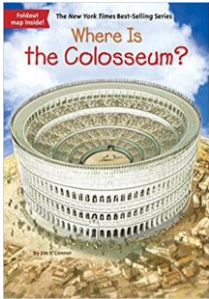


Italian Days by Barbara Grizzuti Harrison:

"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. Grizzuti Harrison writes with warmth and depth of her journey from Milan south to Calabria in this sprightly account of Italy and the Italians.

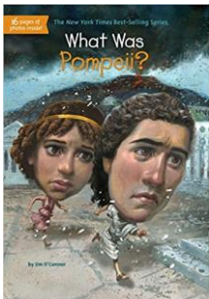
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FOR KIDS



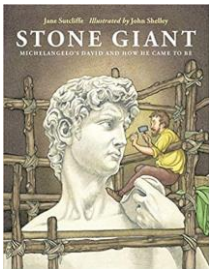
Where is the Colosseum? by Jim O'Connor:

This easy-to-follow and fun-to-read book teaches of the marvel of engineering that proclaimed the might of the Emperor of Ancient Rome.



What Was Pompeii? by Jim O'Connor:

Enjoy this interesting and gripping account of what happened to the inhabitants of the city of Pompeii after the unexpected eruption of Mount Vesuvius.



Stone Giant: Michelangelo's David and How He Came to Be by Jane Sutcliffe:

This is the story of how a neglected, discarded stone became a masterpiece for all time. It is also a story of how humans see themselves reflected in art. Night and day, Michelangelo worked in secret, lovingly coaxing statue out of the stone. Its majesty endures even today.