

The Villa In Italy Escape To The Italian Sun With This Captivating Page Turning Mystery

'Delightful... Such an engaging, heart-warming story with a generous splash of romance... Made me feel warm inside and out... A lovely story that will make you smile, laugh, and crave Italian food!' Audio Killed the Bookmark Three best friends, Italian sunshine and a handsome stranger can fix just about anything... Can't they? Maisie Knight had it all. A gorgeous husband. A successful business. A beautiful home. Until one day, after walking into the storeroom of their shop, she loses it all at once – catching her husband cheating on her with the girl from Checkout 3. So when she wins a holiday to Italy, a week under the Tuscan sun couldn't come soon enough. Treating best friends Cheryl and Emma to a girls' trip, the terracotta-roofed Villa Marisa on a rustic farm awaits them. The fields of golden sunflowers could be the perfect cure for Maisie's broken heart – and local farmer, suspiciously perfect Gianni, with his thick black hair and twinkling brown eyes is a welcome distraction from her broken heart. Mornings waking up to freshly brewed coffee and views of the rolling hills, moped rides with cheeky Italians, and feasts of prosecco and pasta help Maisie forget her troubles. After all her heartache, she's surprised when she starts opening up to Gianni – she's even more surprised when the temperature rises and it's not just the rays of the Italian sunshine... Maisie could get used to the good life. But just as she's getting her spark back, disaster strikes. The next thing she knows, her past is catching up with her, reopening old wounds and Maisie has a life-changing decision to make. Should she say ciao to her summer of love and limoncello? A laugh-out-loud page turner about second chances, finding happiness when you least expect it and the restorative power of Italian food! Fans of Carole Matthews and Sophie Kinsella will be totally hooked by My Summer of Love and Limoncello. Escape to Italy with My Summer of Love and Limoncello: 'So delightfully funny that I found myself laughing out loud... A lovely heart-warming romantic comedy, full of sunshine, Italian hillsides and of course, limoncello! Would definitely recommend.' Stardust Book Reviews 'A laugh-out-loud, feel-good, amazing book... One of my top reads of the year.' Odyssey Across the Shelves 'I was enraptured every step of the way... I was smitten... A breath of fresh air in this ever-changing British weather and the perfect pick-me-up to bring on those summer vibes.' Stacy Is Reading 'Will warm your heart... Perfect for getting you in a summery mood. It will make you dream of warm, starry nights, handsome Italian men and food to die for.' All Things Bookie, 5 stars 'I absolutely loved the story... captivating.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Fun, friendship and a Mediterranean setting... I read this in a couple of days as I found I couldn't put it down.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside... Had all of Sue Roberts' usual banter and warmth and I was soon dreaming of being in Italy and wishing for summer to come! Another great novel by this talented author. A perfect summer read.' The Cosiest Corner 'This is a delightful read where summer sun and friendship is what is needed.' Chells and Books 'What a delightful read!... Full of warmth, humour and culture... I was happy to immerse myself in this book!' Goodreads Reviewer 'Heartwarming and captivating and I felt myself get lost in the Tuscan setting every time I picked up this book. Will have you in a summer haze in no time!' Goodreads Reviewer 'Will make you long for your own Tuscan adventure.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Makes you want to head off to Italy for some sunshine!' Goodreads Reviewer 'An absolute delight.' It's All About the Thrills 'So delightful. Sitting here reading in the winter, it warms me.' Nola Gurl Reads, 5 stars

All four books in the bestselling Escape to the Greek Islands romance series in one collection. SPRING IN SKIATHOS Life is sweet for Joanna Nelson until the day she gets a call from a lawyer in Greece that knocks her for six. Her father, whom Joanna has never met, has died. Her mum was always reticent to discuss her brief holiday romance many years before on a tiny Greek Island called Skiathos, and all her life Joanna's tried to fill in the blanks. Her dad ran a small hotel on the island, and according to the lawyer, has left the property to her. Her boyfriend immediately advises Joanna to sell the place but it seems things aren't so simple. The persuasive lawyer tells her that though now worn and run-down, the hotel is the heart and soul of a small seaside community in Skiathos and it would break her father's heart to see it sold. Could Joanna perhaps come and see for herself? SUMMER IN SANTORINI Olivia has had the worst year of her life. Her fiancé abandoned her with only weeks to go before their wedding and she's just been overlooked for promotion at work. So when her generous aunt suggests some time away from it all - and offers her little time-share cottage on the Greek island of Santorini, she is thrilled to accept. Determined to mend her broken heart, regain her lust for life and try to enjoy the best of what the beautiful island has to offer, Olivia is entranced by Santorini upon arrival. But just as she finally begins to feel the weight of her troubles lift from her shoulders, another problem awaits.... AUTUMN IN CRETE Ellie thinks she's landed her dream job when she takes up a marketing position for a world-famous celebrity chef. Greek-born Zack Rose has millions of social media followers and a successful chain of restaurants in major cities all over. His speciality is Mediterranean classics with a modern twist, and his food has spawned a TV series as well as multiple bestselling cookbooks. One major stumbling block in the chef's success has been his failure to make his mark amongst his kinsmen in Greece, and he's employed talented Ellie to change all that. Her first task - a jaunt to the beautiful island of Crete to figure out the secret behind Thasos, a beloved and hugely successful family-run restaurant that has been in operation for over thirty years. WINTER IN RHODES Sara is marrying Robert in the New Year, but instead of a traditional hen night or bachelorette party, she decides to invite her friends to her fiancé's luxurious villa on the Greek island of Rhodes, thinking a long weekend in such beautiful surroundings will be the perfect opportunity for the bridal party to have some fun and relax. Sara's best friend Jess is happy to have some time away from the norm, mostly so she can tease out if Sara truly loves Robert, or is blinded by his charm and status. And she especially hopes to get to the bottom of the single diamond earring she finds under the bed in the villa on the first night of their arrival ... What readers are saying: 'Perfect book for sitting in the garden with a coffee.... by the pool or on the beach with something stronger!' 'Pure escapism ... makes you want to go the islands.' 'Had me at Skiathos!' 'Certainly got me in the holiday spirit.'

Escape to Villa Limoncello... where dreams come true in unexpected ways. Perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan, Jenny Oliver and Kat French When Isabella Jenkins is unceremoniously fired from her fancy London job, she escapes to Tuscany. A few weeks hiding amongst rolling hills and grape vines at Villa Limoncello sounds exactly like the distraction she needs. But Italy holds emotional memories for Izzie and with a hapless handyman, a matchmaking village matriarch and a gorgeous – if infuriating – local chef named Luca Castelotti, her quiet Italian get away turns into an unending cacophony of chaos. Suddenly Izzie finds herself on a mission to pull off the wedding of the century and maybe get her life in order in the process. If only Luca's gorgeous smile wasn't such a powerful distraction... Praise for Wedding Bells at Villa Limoncello: 'A sweet romantic tale and it also reiterated why it is important to be honest and open with our emotions. I hope a sequel is next!' 5* Reader review 'This is a light romcom that is perfect for when you are lounging on the beach or just want something to get lost in for a couple of hours!' 5* Reader review 'This was a breezy, fun read in a gorgeous setting' 4* Reader review 'I absolutely loved this novel. It is the perfect pick-me-up summer novel' 4* Reader review

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED AS The Art of Love Absorbing and escapist, The Villa on the Riviera is perfect summer reading for fans of Santa Montefiore and Rachel Hore.

Be swept away by The Villa in Italy, the perfect escapist read

Facing up to the social changes in nineteenth century Italy, an elderly aristocrat arranges a marriage between his daughter and a wealthy merchant France, 1940. The once glittering boulevards of Paris teem with spies, collaborators, and the Gestapo now that France has fallen to Hitler's Wehrmacht. For André Breton, Max Ernst, Marc Chagall, Consuelo de Saint-Exupéry, and scores of other cultural elite who have been denounced as enemies of the Third Reich the fear of imminent arrest, deportation, and death defines their daily life. Their only salvation is the Villa Air-Bel, a château outside Marseille where a group of young people will go to extraordinary lengths to keep them alive. A powerfully told, meticulously researched true story filled with suspense, drama, and intrigue, Villa Air-Bel delves into a fascinating albeit hidden saga in our recent history. It is a remarkable account of how a diverse intelligentsia—intense, brilliant, and utterly terrified—was able to survive one of the darkest chapters of the twentieth century.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The beloved memoir of self-discovery set against the spectacular Tuscan countryside that inspired the major motion picture starring Diane Lane—now in a twentieth-anniversary edition featuring a new afterword “This beautifully written memoir about taking chances, living in Italy, loving a house and, always, the pleasures of food, would make a perfect gift for a loved one. But it’s so delicious, read it first yourself.”—USA Today For more Frances Mayes, including a tour of her now iconic Cortona home, Bramasole, watch PBS’s Dream of Italy: Tuscan Sun Special! More than twenty years ago, Frances Mayes—widely published poet, gourmet cook, and travel writer—introduced readers to a wondrous new world when she bought and restored an abandoned Tuscan villa called Bramasole. Under the Tuscan Sun inspired generations to embark on their own journeys—whether that be flying to a foreign country in search of themselves, savoring one of the book’s dozens of delicious seasonal recipes, or simply being transported by Mayes’s signature evocative, sensory language. Now with a new afterword from Frances Mayes, the twentieth-anniversary edition of Under the Tuscan Sun revisits the book’s most popular characters.

Live your dream of Italy... Here is your chance to buy your own home in southern Italy for less than the price of a cup of coffee. The picturesque mountain town of Montenello is selling off some of its historic buildings for just ONE EURO each. The only conditions are that purchasers must renovate their new home within the next three years and that they plan to contribute in a meaningful way to this small community. To be considered as a future resident of Montenello contact the town's mayor, Augusto Rossi. Live your dream of Italy for just one euro. When the Mayor of a picturesque Italian town launches a new scheme to rejuvenate the community, his advertisement is read with interest and excitement by many. Zara is in her thirties and desperate to get on the property ladder. Tim and Lynda are retiring and need a project. Some are looking for a peaceful bolthole. Others hope to make a profit, start a business, escape a dull life or an unhappy relationship. And there is someone who just might be hiding their true motivation... Their lives are about to change forever - but can they make their dream of Italy into a reality? A deliciously escapist summer read.

A hilarious, deftly written debut novel about a woman whose wanderlust is about to show her that sometimes you don't have to travel very far to become the person you want to be... There are many reasons women shouldn't travel alone. But as foul-mouthed, sweet-toothed Kika Shores knows, there are many more reasons why they should. After all, most women want a lot more out of life than just having fun. Kika, for one, wants to experience the world. But ever since she returned from her yearlong backpacking tour, she's been steeped in misery, battling rush hour with all the other suits. Getting back on the road is all she wants. So when she's offered a nanny job in London – the land of Cadbury Cream Eggs – she's happy at the prospect of going back overseas and getting paid for it. But as she's about to discover, the most exhilarating adventures can happen when you stay in one place... Wise, witty, and hilarious, Girls Who Travel is an unforgettable novel about the highs and lows of getting what you want—and how it's the things you least expect that can change your life.

Three generations of women in the Ferrari family must heal the broken pieces of their lives on a trip of a lifetime through picturesque Italy from New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Probst Workaholic, career-obsessed Francesca is fiercely independent and successful in all areas of her life except one: family. She struggles to make time for her relationship with her teenage daughter, Allegra, and the two have become practically strangers to each other. When Allegra hangs out with a new crowd and is arrested for drug possession, Francesca gives in to her mother's wish that they take one epic summer vacation to trace their family roots in Italy. She just never expected to face a choice that might change the course of her life. . . Allegra wants to make her grandmother happy, but she hates the idea of forced time with her mother and vows to fight every step of the ridiculous tour, until a young man on the verge of priesthood begins to show her the power of acceptance, healing, and the heartbreaking complications of love. Sophia knows her girls are in trouble. A summer filled with the possibility for change is what they all desperately need. Among the ruins of ancient Rome, the small churches of Assisi, and the rolling hills of Tuscany, Sophia hopes to show her girls that the bonds of family are everything, and to remind them that they can always lean on one another, before it's too late.

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Three women. One summer reunion. Secrets will be revealed... Villa Dolce Vita, a rambling stone house on the Amalfi Coast, sits high above the Gulf of Naples amid dappled lemon groves and fragrant, tumbling bougainvillea. Kim, Colette and Annie all came to the villa in need of escape and in the process forged an unlikely friendship. Now, years later, Kim has transformed the crumbling house into a luxury retreat and has invited her friends back for the summer to celebrate. But as friendships are rekindled under the Italian sun, secrets buried in the past will come to light, and not everyone is happy that the three friends are reuniting... Each woman will have things to face up to if they are all to find true happiness and fully embrace the sweet life. An epic summer read about food, friendship and the magic of Italy, perfect for fans of Mary Kay Andrews and Susan Mallery.

THE #1 KINDLE BESTSELLER. An unforgettable story set off the sun-soaked coast of Sicily for fans of Dinah Jefferies, Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore. 'The perfect holiday companion' - Heat 'The ultimate feel-good read' - Candis 'Sun-soaked escapism' - Best ***** When Tess Angel receives a solicitor's letter inviting her to claim her inheritance - the Villa Sirena, perched on a clifftop in Sicily - she is stunned. Her only link to the island is through her mother, Flavia, who left Sicily during World War II and cut all contact with her family. When Tess goes to Sicily, Flavia realises the secrets from her past are about to be revealed and decides to try to explain her actions. Meanwhile, Tess' teenage daughter Ginny is stressed by college, by her blooming sexuality and filled with questions that she longs to ask her father, if only she knew where he was... ***** SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING ABOUT ROSANNA LEY: 'An impeccably researched and deftly written narrative that kept me hooked until the end' - Kathryn Hughes, bestselling author of The Letter 'Loved it from start to finish. A brilliant holiday read' - Amazon reviewer 'Perfect for fans of Santa Montefiore, Victoria Hislop and Leah Fleming' - Candis 'On so many levels a fantastic read' - Amazon reviewer 'A fascinating story with engaging themes' - Dinah Jefferies, bestselling author of The Tea Planter's Wife 'Warm, enthralling, one of my favourite authors' - Amazon reviewer

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Escape to Villa Limoncello... where dreams come true in the most unexpected ways. Izzie Jenkins never expected to find herself living in a gorgeous oasis in Tuscany but when life gives you Villa Limoncello you say thank you and bake treats to celebrate! Izzie and debonair chef Luca Castelotti are officially setting up shop together but when their inaugural 'Pasta and Painting' venture is sabotaged and one of their guests poisoned they're forced to turn detective. Because if they can't find the culprit, they'll be out of business before they've even begun... A gorgeous holiday read perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan and Jenny Oliver

Escape to Villa Limoncello... where dreams come true in the most unexpected ways. With Christmas around the corner, Izzie Jenkins is ready to kickstart the new 'Snowflakes and Christmas Cakes' course at Villa Limoncello with chef and business partner, Luca Castelotti. However, secrets are stirring with their latest guests and when nasty accidents keep befalling the group it looks like Izzie will have to turn detective once more to protect the Villa's fledgling reputation. On top of all this, Izzie's been offered the job of a lifetime – back home in Cornwall. Will she be coming home for Christmas, or will Tuscany work its magic to keep her at Villa Limoncello with Luca? A gorgeous festive read perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan and Jenny Oliver. Praise for Christmas Secrets at Villa Limoncello 'A fun read, it made me crave to be in Tuscany at wintertime. The plot is engrossing and entertaining, the setting lovely. Recommended!' Reader review 'I have fallen in love with this series by the talented Daisy James. It was really festive and magical. Add the setting and the sweet treats together and you've got yourself a perfect novel!' 5* Reader review 'Merry Christmas, Tuscan-style! Bursting with all the joys of the season that you can imagine. Do you want beautiful scenery, savory Tuscan meals and desserts, marvelous craft sessions and cooking classes, Christmas choirs and carols every day, and even some snow? It's all here in this festive, clean and wholesome romance.' Reader review 'Another absolutely delicious and stunning read from Daisy James. This is another book I haven't wanted to put down.' 5* Reader review 'A Christmas gift wrapped in a beautiful cover! When reading this series I find myself immersed in Villa Limoncello and its amazing gardens in Tuscany as Daisy writes with so much description, you can almost smell the lemons and the coffee. A beautiful romance with the added bonus of several recipes in the book!' 5* Reader review

The author brings to life some of Italy's most amazing landscapes, such as Venice, Lake Como, Florence, the Amalfi Coast and the Aeolian Islands. She explores legendary hotels in which novels have been set, movies made and love stories consummated.

Alice thought her future was set in stone, until her past came knocking... Alice Butler starred in a successful US sitcom until tensions in the cast and crew caused the show to be cancelled. Now, five years later and working towards her dream job in art history, she's called back for a revival of the show. It can only end in disaster, surely? Flown to a villa in Chianti to meet with the rest of the cast, Alice must decide where her future lies – with her boyfriend, David, who laps up the Hollywood company, or with the mysterious Matt, who shies away from public attention? A beautiful romance for fans of Lucy Coleman and Trisha Ashley.

A wonderfully atmospheric, touching and sumptuous novel about a young widow's search for happiness in a small Italian village. Raffaella Moretti, by far the most beautiful girl in the southern Italian town of Triento, is about to marry the only boy she has ever loved. It seems that nothing but happiness lies in store for Raffaella. Yet, just one year later, she is a widow, and has had to take a job as housekeeper in the Villa Rosa, for the young American who is temporarily working in Triento. As Raffaella struggles to recapture her own lost happiness she starts looking for ways to help those around her to do the same. There is Silvana the baker's wife, her passion barely hidden; Carlotta the gardener's daughter with her mysterious grief, and the kind and gentle owner of the Gypsy Tearoom who offers Raffaella friendship. As the lives of these villagers interweave, Raffaella is pulled into the centre of a conflict that threatens not only to divide Triento but also to destroy all she holds dear. Filled with food, love and longing, SUMMER AT THE VILLA ROSA is like taking a seat in a sun-drenched piazza, and becoming a tiny part of the endless spectacle of life there.

Some places stay with you forever... When Ellie Maddison is sent on a business trip to Southern Italy, she's reminded why she loves her job - set amongst rolling vineyards and rich olive groves, the beautiful Villa Rosso is the perfect escape from her life back home. But what Ellie isn't prepared for is the instant connection she feels to the estate's director Max Jackson, or the secrets they share that are as intertwined as the rambling vines that cover Villa Rosso. It's not long before Ellie finds herself entangled in the history of the place, trying to understand the undeniable effect Max is having on her. As their relationship grows, what will Ellie discover about this idyllic villa and those who have walked through its doors? What started as a simple work trip will change Ellie's life forever.

This is a marvellously atmospheric tale of strangers summoned to a grand but neglected villa on the Italian coast. Each of them has been named in a will, but nobody knows their benefactress... Four very different people are named in a will: Delia, an opera singer robbed of her voice by illness; George, an idealistic scientist who cannot face what his skills have created; Marjorie, desperately poor and unable to dislodge her writer's block; and Lucius, ostensibly in control but whose personal life is in chaos. All are summoned to the Villa Dante, home of the late Beatrice Malaspina. But who was she? While they wait to find out, the villa begins to work its seductive magic. With its faded frescoes, overgrown garden and magnificent mediaeval tower, it is unlike anywhere they have been before. Slowly, four characters who

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have gone to great lengths to hide their troubles find that change - and even hope - is possible after all. But, the mysterious Beatrice has a devastating secret to reveal that will affect them all! A beautiful evocation of Italy in the aftermath of World War Two, the personal consequences of living through such a time, and a celebration of humankind's ability to heal and learn to love again, this most absorbing novel will win Elizabeth Edmondson a host of new fans.

Their made-for-the-media match... ..is about to turn real! Musician Daisy Mulligan thought the Italian cottage she was anonymously gifted would be the perfect place to hide from the limelight and focus on her music with rock star Jay Barwell. Until their peaceful retreat is hijacked by a media storm claiming their working relationship has been sealed with a diamond ring! With the headlines spiraling, both realize the chemistry they've been fighting is anything but fake!

A haunting story of inescapable passion amidst the groves of 1920s Tuscany. When Carrie Stowe unexpectedly inherits her eccentric grandmother's Italian villa, she sets her heart on escaping the suffocating and toxic reality of life with her repressive husband, Arthur. But after arriving late at night during a violent storm, she discovers that she is not alone. Waiting for her in the darkness is Leo, a mysterious figure from her past. As Carrie sifts through the secrets of her grandmother's diaries, she finds herself increasingly drawn to Leo. Entangled in a vice of obsession, she must ask herself: is he really who he claims to be? The Italian House is a spellbinding saga perfect for fans of Victoria Hislop and Elena Ferrante. Praise for The Italian House 'A wonderfully rich web of intrigue and romance, love and betrayal' Barbara Erskine

A 1922 women's adventure and travel novel by British-American novelist Elizabeth von Arnim. It is said to be the author's lightest and most refreshing novel. The novel follows four dissimilar women in 1920s England who leave their rainy, grey environments to go on holiday in Italy. Mrs Arbuthnot and Mrs Wilkins, who belong to the same ladies' club but have never spoken, become acquainted after reading a newspaper advertisement for a small medieval castle on the Mediterranean to be let furnished for April. They find some common ground in that both are struggling to make the best of unhappy marriages. The four women come together at the castle and find rejuvenation in the tranquil beauty of their surroundings, rediscovering hope and love. Sparkling sea, sun, delicious food and Aperol Spritz - escape to Italy with the perfect summer romance . . . Niamh Kelly's life hasn't turned out quite as she'd expected. She's thirty-three, still living at home and was recently dumped . . . by her boss. So when her sister invites her to tag along on a work trip to the sun-drenched Italian coast, Niamh jumps at the chance, eager to escape into a world of sparkling prosecco, delicious food, and breath-taking beaches. Upon her arrival, Niamh immediately falls in love with the beautiful Italian town they're staying in and realises she never wants to leave, deciding instead to stay and open up a quaint coffee shop nestled in charming old town streets - even if she has no idea what she's doing. But when a family tragedy and a tricky tourist season threaten her new business, Niamh isn't so sure she can stick it out. With help from her new-found Italian friends - and the possibility of romance on the horizon - can she make her new life in the sun a success? A glorious and uplifting escapist novel set against the stunning backdrop of the Italian coast. The perfect holiday read for fans of Rosanna Ley, Rachel Hore and Karen Swan Early readers LOVE The Italian Escape: 'This book is the perfect escape. Curl up and enjoy' 'Beautifully written . . . I just wanted the experience to go on for longer' 'I really enjoyed this book . . . recommended holiday reading'

If you love Karen Swan and Santa Montefiore, you will love this perfect escapist read from the author of Island of Secrets. Rebecca Neumann's marriage is on the brink of collapse, as her desire to be a mother becomes an obsession. Then she receives news from her estranged family in Rhodes. Called back to the beautiful Greek island of her birth, she realises how little she knows of the grandmother she has eluded for over a decade. Bubba has never spoken of the Nazi occupation during her youth, but there have always been whispers. What desperate measures did she take that terrible day in 1944 when her family was ripped apart? Can the rumour she had blood on her own hands really be true? But Bubba intends to take her secrets to the grave. However, as Rebecca arrives on Rhodes, bringing the promise of new life, this broken family must come together. The time has come to tell the truth about the darkest of days . . . What readers said about Island of Secrets: 'Island of Secrets is a book full of raw emotions, family vendettas, hidden secrets and three very strong women. It's a book I enjoyed very much and one which fans of Victoria Hislop and Debbie Rix are sure to enjoy' (NetGalley Reviewer) 'So well written and utterly heartbreaking . . . a story that needs to be told' (NetGalley Reviewer) 'Page-turning, enthralling and heartbreaking by turns' 'Made me laugh and cry, just couldn't put this book down' Ready for your next incredible read from Patricia Wilson? Island of Secrets is available now. Search 9781785762789.

Callie, a lonely small-town waitress, is still reeling from the discovery that she's adopted when she arrives in Montevino, Italy in search of answers – the keys to the stunning hillside villa she has just inherited clutched tightly in her hand. Inside the rusted gates, and through a large wooden front door dripping with sun-kissed flowers, Callie can't decide if she's more astonished by her new home or her first encounter with the mysterious young groundskeeper, Tommaso. Wandering the villa barefoot at night, Callie finds a diary belonging to a woman named Elisa, wrapped in faded blue ribbon and hidden in her birthmother's antique wardrobe. Page by page, Callie is swept away by its story of love, passion, heartbreak and betrayal as she reads how Elisa married her childhood sweetheart in secret before fleeing to the woods to join the resistance. They vowed to find each other again when the war was over, but history had other plans. Callie is certain that her and Elisa's lives are somehow connected, and that the truth about her family is hidden somewhere within the diary's crinkled yellow pages. It gives her the courage to start asking questions around the close-knit village until, at long last, she feels her closed-off heart begin to open. Perhaps even enough to let someone in... But when a devastating betrayal in the final pages of the diary unlocks a heart-breaking secret about who Callie's mother really is, the chance for a new life shatters in front of her. Can she persuade the locals to forgive her past and accept the truth about her identity? This unforgettable story of love, loss and secrets by the author of million-copy Amazon No 1. bestseller, Watch Over Me, is perfect for anyone who loves Fiona Valpy, Lily Graham, or The Letter by Kathryn Hughes. Readers adore The Italian Villa: 'Mesmerising! I was totally hooked... absolutely perfect and just flowed endlessly with such ease. I really can't praise this OUTSTANDING book enough!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I fell in love with this book! It was beautiful and captivating from start to finish. I loved Callie right from the beginning, she is such a relatable character. You laughed with her and cried for her throughout... Absolutely loved this entire book!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'From the moment I opened this book I was hooked. This is a beautifully written story with characters that tug at your heartstrings from the second they're introduced. You can't help but fall in love with them and the tiny village in Italy where it takes place... you feel as though you're really there... I devoured this book in no time... you can't wait to turn the page to find out what happens next...which is why I finished this book at 3 in the morning!... I was so enthralled from the very first page!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I really loved it... makes you want to curl up in a chair with a warm

drink and read this slowly. I found myself not wanting to devour this, but to savour every page. It's emotional and empowering and the characters fill your mind completely long after you have finished the story.' Crossroad Reviews 'Truly amazing. The story had many heart-warming moments and a few heart-wrenching...I was completely charmed and transported...You will be as well if you choose to read it. So read it!' One Page At A Time, 5 stars

Lucy needed a change of scene. She didn't expect the change of a lifetime. Doctors Without Borders has been Lucy Young's life for the past four years. After being rescued from a conflict zone, she's making a change from saving lives under gunfire to practising medicine in safe, serene Siena. Now treating wealthy patients at a private clinic, she's never felt less comfortable. She's used to helping those in dire need – not those in need of a nip and tuck. Her turmoil grows when she encounters injured tennis star David Lorenzo, whose smiles make Lucy forget her aversion to the rich. She's soon falling for the sportsman but is she losing herself in this world of excess? All she's ever wanted was to help the underprivileged, so can her future lie in Siena at the clinic – with David? This sunny romance is the perfect summer escape for fans of Lucy Coleman and Alex Brown.

Sparkling sea and sun, delicious food and Aperol Spritz Niamh Kelly has made a right pig's ear of her life thus far. She's thirty-three, still living at home and was recently dumped ... by her boss. So when her sister invites her to tag along on a work trip to Italy's Ligurian coast, impulsive Niamh jumps at the chance, and discovers a world of wine, opportunity and friendship. Having fallen in love with the town of Camogli, she decides to stay and open a coffee shop - even if she has no idea what she's doing. But when a sudden family tragedy and a tricky tourist season threaten her new business, Niamh isn't so sure she can stick it out. With help from her new-found community, can she make her new life a success?

Sunshine, warmth, lemon blossom . . . Springtime in glorious Southern Italy can go to your head. Especially if you are escaping an overbearing husband, the embarrassingly public loss of your company, an interfering mother who still tries to run your life or the pain of a husband's affair with a girl young enough to be his daughter. As the Italian sun ripens the lemons in the groves that tumble down the hillsides and the Mediterranean dazzles beneath them, assertive Angela, extrovert Sylvie, unconfident Claire and mousy Monica find burgeoning friendship and begin to blossom in quite unexpected ways. Packed with memorable characters - from the acid-tongued Grand Old Man of Modern Art who lives next door - to the aspiring gigolo who thinks nothing of a forty year age gap, Maeve Haran's An Italian Holiday is a witty and entertaining reminder of why going a little mad in the sun can sometimes be exactly what you need.

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Until her dad died, Little considered herself a Californian. Now, thanks to half a letter, a symbol she can't quite remember, and writer's block, she finds herself back in Italy, the country of her birth. In a headlong rush to return to her beloved San Francisco, Little will journey throughout Italy, hoping to find the answers she needs to move on with her life so she need never look back. She'll enlist the help of the woman who raised her, Sira, her father's sister; but Sira has secrets she's kept for decades, and Little underestimates the power of the country she fled years before. In this powerful story of mixed cultures in a world trying to globalize, one girl's struggle to leave her home behind will lead her back to the women in her family and the memories each of them has safeguarded through the generations. From war-torn Italy to the belpaese of today, All the Way to Italy is a tale for those in search of a balance between wanderlust and the necessity to come home, a reminder that although we may be fragments, we are never a lost cause.

Featuring a previously published author introduction, a personal foreword by his son and a new introduction by his grandson, a definitive edition of the lauded World War I classic collects all 39 of the Nobel Prize-winning author's alternate endings to offer new insights into his creative process. Reprint.

Her work has got in the way of relationships before – but never like this Anna's job as a geologist takes her all over the world, including to the beautiful island of Elba, where she's sent to look for precious metals. And the island isn't the only thing that's gorgeous – she can't believe her luck when she meets windsurfer Marco and sparks fly. But Anna must keep her role on Elba a secret to avoid upsetting the locals, which means lying to Marco even as they grow closer. When her old friend Toby visits, Anna suddenly finds herself torn between the attentions of the two men. However, Anna's not the only one keeping secrets. Is Marco being entirely honest with her? And why did Toby really come to visit? A fun and escapist romance, perfect for fans of Lucy Coleman and Alex Brown.

A heartwarming, escapist tale from the bestselling author of SOMETHING FROM TIFFANY'S and A GIFT TO REMEMBER - now a Hallmark original movie. Maia Connolly never expected to find herself widowed at forty-five. Her beloved husband died unexpectedly while restoring their nineteenth century Italian farmhouse on a secluded hillside in Sorrento. Since his death, money is tight which is why Maia decides to open the farmhouse to tourists as summer accommodation. Uncertain of her business capabilities and even more of her hospitality skills, she is thrown in at the deep end when her first bookings appear and her new guests all arrive over the same week. First there's Jacob, an attractive New Yorker of obvious Italian origin who has returned to the area to visit his ailing father. Clearly they don't get on, as he refuses to stay in the family home in Naples. But what has caused their rift? Amelia, a shy twenty-something London girl is in Sorrento for a friend's wedding. But she seems hesitant about her connection to the bridal party. Cal and Lori have returned to Italy for their ten-year anniversary in the hope of recapturing some of the spark lost from their marriage. Will the beauty and romance of Sorrento help them rekindle their love for each other? Gradually each of Maia's summer guests find their worries eased and hearts lightened by the beauty of this magical place.... free summer reading, free beach read, free romance, free romance series, Italian romance series, free vacation read, free ebook.

The Italian Wedding Two feuding families, two love stories - and a lot of delicious Italian food. Pieta Martinelli's sister is getting married. Since she is a bridal designer it falls to her to make the wedding gown. But Pieta is distracted by a series of unanswered questions. Why is her father feuding with another Italian in the neighbourhood? Why is her mother so faded and sad? And could the man she's always held a torch for really be getting married to someone else? As Pieta stitches and beads her sister's wedding gown she uncovers the secrets that have made her family what it is and that stand between her and happiness. THE ITALIAN WEDDING is a feast of food and love. It's about discovering who your parents really are. And who you really want to be. The Villa Girls Four friends, a sun-drenched escape, and a holiday that will change everything... THE VILLA GIRLS is the story of four young women who decide that wherever they are in the world and whatever they're doing they'll meet every few years for a holiday together somewhere sunny. Despite life taking them in very different directions, their snatched days in the sun in little hidden villas are crucial to them all. Escape, celebration, recovery - over the years the holidays change their lives. Rosie was always the odd one out - initially only invited as the others felt sorry for her, but it seems that in the end, she might be the one whose life is touched the most by her villa days. For it's there that she meets Enzo. The eldest son of an olive oil dynasty in southern Italy, he is being groomed to take over one day as head of the family. Rosie and Enzo have a holiday romance that seems set to become something more serious until she discovers he is not entirely what he seems. Years later they meet again and this time Rosie must decide how much she is prepared to compromise for the sake of love... The Food of Love Cookery School In the sun-drenched Sicilian hills, four women learn the lessons of a lifetime at the Food of Love Cookery School. In a remote Sicilian mountain town, four women arrive at a cookery school, each at a turning point in their lives. Moll is a foodie and an exhausted working mum on the holiday of a lifetime. Tricia, a top London lawyer is taking a break from the

demands of her job and her family. Valerie, consumed by grief following the death of her partner, is trying to figure out how to live a life without him. And recently divorced Poppy has come to Sicily to learn about the place that her grandfather was born before emigrating to Australia. Luca Amore runs the school, using the recipes passed down to him by generations of Amore women. He expects this course to be much like all the others - but as sparks fly, friendships are made and secrets are shared. And for each of them nothing will ever be the same.

This volume offers a comprehensive survey of Roman villas in Italy and the Mediterranean provinces of the Roman Empire, from their origins to the collapse of the Empire. The architecture of villas could be humble or grand, and sometimes luxurious. Villas were most often farms where wine, olive oil, cereals, and manufactured goods, among other products, were produced. They were also venues for hospitality, conversation, and thinking on pagan, and ultimately Christian, themes. Villas spread as the Empire grew. Like towns and cities, they became the means of power and assimilation, just as infrastructure, such as aqueducts and bridges, was transforming the Mediterranean into a Roman sea. The distinctive Roman/Italian villa type was transferred to the provinces, resulting in Mediterranean-wide culture of rural dwelling and work that further unified the Empire.

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