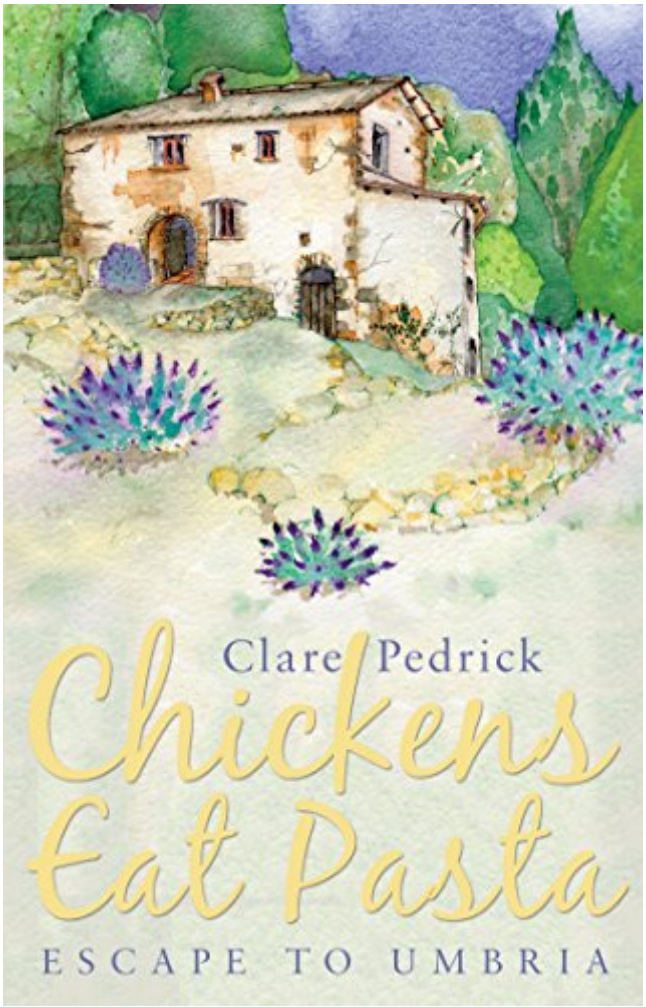
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Synopsis

Not just another romance, but a story of escapism, coincidences, friendship, luck and most of all... love.Chickens Eat Pasta is the tale of how a young Englishwoman starts a new life after watching a video showing a chicken eating spaghetti in a mediaeval hill village in central Italy. Ã¢â ¬Å“Here I was, 26 years old, alone and numb with boredom at the prospect of a future which until recently had seemed to be just what I wanted.Ã¢â ¬Â•Unlike some recent bestsellers, this is not simply an account of a foreignerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s move to Italy, but a love story written from the unusual perspective of both within and outside of the story. As events unfold, the strong storyline carries with it a rich portrayal of Italian life from the inside, with a supporting cast of memorable characters. Along the way, the book explores and captures the warmth and colour of Italy, as well as some of the cultural differences Ã¢â ¬â œ between England and Italy, but also between regional Italian lifestyles and behaviour. It is a story with a happy ending. The author and her husband are still married, with three children, who love the old house on the hill (now much restored) almost as much as she does. Chickens Eat Pasta is ClareÃ¢â ¬â„¢s autobiography, and ultimately a love story Ã¢â ¬â œ with the house itself and with the man that Clare met there and went on to marry. If you yearn for a happy ending, you wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t be disappointed. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a story that proves anything is possible if you only try.

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Customer Reviews

Chickens Eat Pasta is one of those books that you get into straight away, and you don't want to put down until the author forces you to by bringing the story to a close. It was a joy to read throughout, and is written in a style that easily transports you from the streets of London, the cornfields of Iowa (where I currently am), or wherever you are to the wonderful places that Clare so beautifully describes. It is clear how much Clare appreciates her adopted country, and it doesn't take much effort for to infect you to do so too!This is a story of a young woman who created for herself a home in a foreign land, and was quickly accepted as family by the people who had lived in a small Umbrian community for generations. It's a story of love and of heartache, of fun and of friendships that run deep. It introduces many new beginnings and yet subtly teaches some of the lessons life has for us all. Not once to be forgotten in this book are the gastronomic delights of living in that part of the world - throughout the book Clare describes the most delicious food and drink so enticingly that she makes you want to reach out and partake of it there and then.I gather this book is to a large degree autobiographic, which is interesting in itself. What will be the basis for Clare's next book ... her memories of a past life perhaps?

I loved Clare PedrickÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s story about moving to Italy in the eighties. I was an expat myself in the seventies when I moved to Latin America and became a journalist, so I can appreciate many of her experiences, which were similar to my own. She writes beautifully and itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s easy to lose yourself in her journey as she deals with the bureaucracy of living in a foreign country, buying and renovating a beautiful old house, making friends, and finally ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ finding love. This is a sweet story that will stay with me for a long time. Thanks, Clare. I feel like I know you.

I was hoping for an escapist book that told me a bit more about the area, the people, and perhaps, some experiences of refurbishing an old house in Italy. It was mostly about the exploits of the writer, some interactions with the people, and lots about her work and love life. I think if you are after a story about a young woman who finds romance in Italy, this book is for you. If you are more interested in the place and the people, you might want to pass on the book.

A wonderful, flowing read. Hard to put down with the ever moving cast of characters and real feel for the countryside and culture. If you're pressed for reading time right now, at least get a hold of a copy for summer beach reading!

This book has a little something for everyone; vicarious traveling, info on Italian culture, romance, friendship, Italian food and enough quirkiness to keep you interested. The book arrived from the UK quickly, and nicely packaged. Very happy with my purchase!

I adored this book! It completely took me back to Italy with it's wonderful and vibrant description of characters, location... and of course, the food! For anyone that loves Italy, would like to visit (or visit again!) or even just loves well written story, I highly recommend this book!

Since we are planning an extended stay in Perugia, I was very excited to read some of the pecularities of this region. Thank you for such an enjoyable way to explore this area before we arrive! Well written and so very happy with the ending!!

Loved this story. Easy to read and the descriptions of Italy and the Italians made me want to go there right away.

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