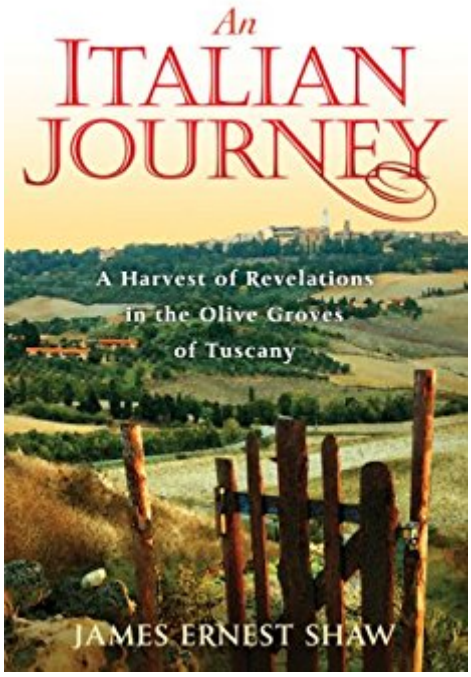
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Synopsis

"ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS I have ever read on the good people of Italy, its foods, customs, and hospitality.Ã¢â ¬Â• ~ Virginia H. Bliss "I LOVED READING THIS BOOK!. It made me grateful to be half Italian." ~ Lynn ZÃ¢â ¬Å“THE MAN IS A GENIUS! James Ernest Shaw captured the Italian spirit.Ã¢â ¬Â• ~ Lucretia VottaÃ¢â ¬Å“A GREAT BOOKÃ¢â ¬Â• ~ Debbie Barnard Heinzman"WONDERFUL BOOK‼ An Italian Journey takes you to the real Italy...and you learn why its siren song is so magical." ~ Nancy E Roberts"A MUST READ!! You will love it" ~ Maria Lodge"A VERY GOOD BOOK! James Ernest Shaw writes very wellÃ¢â ¬â •you can almost feel and see the things that he does.Ã¢â ¬Â• ~ Roberta"I LOVE ITALY & LOVED THIS BOOK! I fell in love with Italy 3 years ago. This book brought back some of the delightful scenes and experiences. I, too, noticed and enjoyed the hospitality. Tuscany was so beautiful and magical, just as the author described. It was like being there again." ~ Nancy"A MARVELOUS BOOK ABOUT MARVELOUS PEOPLE! The book transported me back to two happy experiences. One was growing up on a farm with my Italian grandma, the other was spending a summer in Tuscany. Shaw's adventures are divided into engaging chapters that nicely incorporate quotes and beautiful illustrations. AN ITALIAN JOURNEY made my heart glow with appreciation for Italians, the land, and life in general." ~ Janine O"PLANNING A TRIP TO ITALY? Read this so you don't miss out on the Italy that tours never visit. If you're staying at home, just sit back and enjoy the ride. Preferably with a nice Tuscan wine at your side." ~ Dianne Hales, author of La Bella Lingua"MANY OF US WOULD LOVE TO LIVE THIS BOOK. James Shaw has done it for us and allowed us to come along. I like it all, an adventurous journey with a compassionate author. Well Done, Well Done." ~ Roscaloni"I DIDN'T WANT AN ITALIAN JOURNEY TO END. We all have a "story" to tell of how our lives have been shaped by our faith. I so appreciated how the author wove the story of his faith journey into his journey of discovery in Italy. I'll be sharing this wonderful book! Ciao!" ~ Jeanne AAN ADVENTURE OF THE HEART in the mold of literature's classic spiritual journeys.IT BEGAN WITH A GIRL. Then it was Italian food. After that it was books and discovering that even Mark Twain had fallen for Italy. E.M. Forster was smitten too: Ã¢â ¬Å“Love and understand the Italians, for the people are more marvelous than the land.Ã¢â ¬Â•WHAT IS IT ABOUT ITALY AND ITALIANS?Italian movies immortalize the mystique. Fellini called it "La Dolce Vita." Tornatore's "Cinema Paradiso" took James Shaw back to the sweet memories of his childhood and the Italian family who operated the hometown theater. And just like in the movie, young James had an Ã¢â ¬Å“AlfredoÃ¢â ¬Â• who, by example, taught him about serving people. James learned that Italians don't feel they're special. Luigi Barzini, author of"The Italians," repeatedly asked, Ã¢â ¬Å“Why are we the way we are?Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •and found

noconclusive answer. But James was convinced there was a reason why the Renaissance was born in TuscanyÃ¢â ¬â œand Italy has given the world Saint Francis, Michelangelo, da Vinci, Galileo and now Benigni, whose film "Life Is Beautiful" shows us that the Italian zest for living can even make a heaven of a hell.And so, after a lifetime of thinking about Italy James became convinced that the way to find out why Italians are the way they are, would be to eat with them at their kitchen tables. Day after day he picked their olives and the Italians began treating him like family. And James began seeing their unique human quality that attracts people to Italy and keeps pulling them back again and again. But the story doesn't end in the olive groves of Tuscany. To discover theheart of Italian life, James had to travel back to World War II Italy.An Italian Journey will inspire you to follow your passions, your enthusiasms,to your own Beautiful Discoveries.BELLA SCOPERTA!

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Customer Reviews

I am a second generation Italian. We visited family in Torre del Greco and also traveled to Rome,

Florence . We stayed in a500 year old house in Umbria. I relived our trip through the authors wonderful descriptions. I thought the book was more about the authors spiritual journey which I also enjoyed..

Love the imagery found in the words of this book. I cannot wait to visit Italy.

I enjoyed the read and his need to understand his draw to the Italian culture. They are kind, unique and love the land.I haven't been to Tuscany, but experienced goodness, kindness and a volatile conversation between a husband and wife. It made me laugh because I experienced my mom and my nonno having the same exchange years ago.The religious views were insightful. They are not mine, but they are the story of others. Guess that's why I read!

Very nice read. The picturesque descriptions take me back to the landscape of Tuscany and yearn a return trip soon. More importantly, within the revelations of Mr. Shaw's 7 week sojourn + 2 year post reflections, one gains insight and deeper understanding of how in life, no matter how much technology and advances there are, the simple things in life, a solid core of values and family still mean the most.

Having been to Italy several times I loved reading this book. Gives you an idea of the Italian people and the values they live by. I would reccommend this book for sure.

This is a very different account of a journey to six farms in Tuscany to assist the owners with their olive harvest and other tasks in return for board amd lodging. The author travels between farms on a bicycle, a unique manner indeed. He meets with very different farming families and analyses their philosophy and beliefs to reach the essence of Italian life. His ideas are most interesting and stimulating, I hope many people read his book and absorb his ideas.

I was excited after reading the first few pages. That was the deciding factor when downloading the book on my kindle. And, we are planning a trip to Italy in 2016. The book dragged in parts but can't have a car chase throughout the book. It was well written and aside from all of his religious perspectives, enjoyable.

This book was recommended by a friend and once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. My life

long dream is to go to Tuscany and the author made every page come alive. I loved, loved, loved this book. I ordered it on Kindle, but now I want it in my permanent library as well. I will definitely order more of his books. Simply beautiful.

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