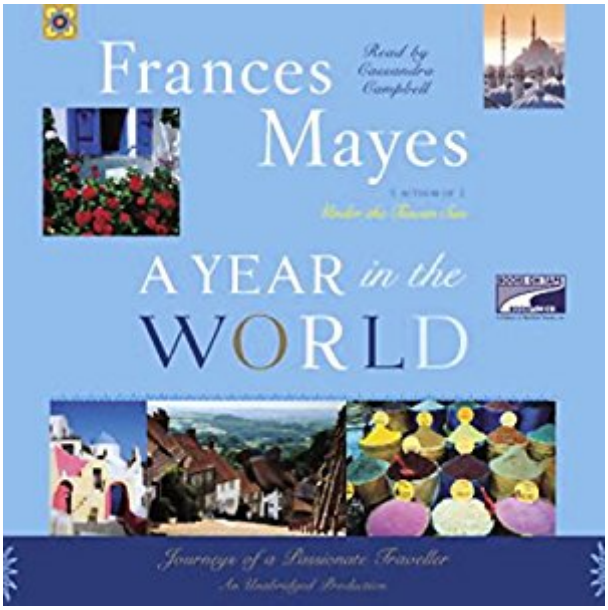
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Synopsis

The author who unforgettably captured the experience of starting a new life in Tuscany in best-selling travel memoirs expands her horizons to immerse herself, and her readers, in the sights, aromas, and treasures of 12 new special places.A Year in the World is vintage Frances Mayes, a celebration of the allure of travel, of serendipitous pleasures found in unlikely locales, of memory woven into the present, and of a joyous sense of quest. An ideal travel companion, Frances Mayes brings to the page the curiosity of an intrepid explorer, remarkable insights into the wonder of the everyday, and a compelling narrative style that entertains as it informs.With her beloved Tuscany as a home base, Mayes travels to Spain, Portugal, France, the British Isles, and to the Mediterranean world of Turkey, Greece, the South of Italy, and North Africa. In Andalucia, she relishes the intersection of cultures. She cooks in Portugal, gathers ideas in the gardens of England and Scotland, takes a literary pilgrimage to Burgundy, discovers an ideal place to live in Mantova, and explores the essential Moroccan city of Fez. She rents houses among ordinary residents, shops at neighborhood markets, wanders the back streets, and everywhere contemplates the concept of home. While in Greece, she follows the classic Homeric voyage across the Aegean, lives in a bougainvillea-draped stone house in Crete, and then drives deep into the Mani. In Turkey with friends, she sails the ancient coast, hiking to archaeological sites and snorkeling over sunken Byzantine towns.Weaving together personal perceptions and informed commentary on art, architecture, history, landscape, and social and culinary traditions of each area, Mayes brings the immediacy of life in her temporary homes to the reader. An illuminating and passionate audiobook that will be savored by all who loved Under the Tuscan Sun, A Year in the World is travel writing at its peak.

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Customer Reviews

I love going on journeys with her

Love this book, I did enjoy, every place, every food, every experience through Frances's writing.

The foodie aspect is interesting, but the way they travel is too slow for my taste, and I would like to hear about visits to the castles that she abhors, not the gardens that she loves.

I enjoyed Under The Tuscan Sun more- STill recommeneded.Perhaps becauseit was set in one locale. In this true novel, Frances and husband travel across Europe to places they always wanted to visit. I enjoyed the history and the references to literary figures (and cultural as well) as I was a teacher many years. Not quite a good beach book but a good book to read a litle of every night.

It read like my travel diaries read. Today we went here, saw this and ate this. I hoped it would give more details about gardens visited.

Disappointing as I loved Under the Tuscan Sun. Couldn't even finish this one.

I like her conversational style and vivid descriptions of the landscape, the people, the food. Enjoyed it very much.

I thought Under The Tuscan Sun was better - this one just didn't grab me as much. It had a totally different tone.

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