



7 Good Reads to Get in the Mood

Umbria: Regional Recipes from the Heartland of Italy by Julia della Croce. Explore the fresh earthy flavors of Umbria--and the very soul of this region.

Songbirds, Truffles and Wolves by Gary Nabhan. An American naturalist who hiked from Florence to Assisi talks about nature in Italy.

Walking and Eating in Tuscany and Umbria by James Ladsun. Wonderfully specific suggestions for hikes and country walks with beautiful picnics and luscious restaurant meals.

A Valley in Italy by Lisa St. Aubin de Teran. The author's firsthand account of how her eccentric family made their home in a deteriorating villa in a small town in Umbria.

Villa Fortuna by Geoffrey Luck. An Australian's visit to Umbria

After Hannibal by Barry Unsworth. A dark comic novel of deceit set among the lanes of Umbria where an assortment of oddball characters all consult the same devious lawyer.

Summer's Lease by John Mortimer. This amusing mystery centers around a villa rental with an overly curious tenant, an ominously mysterious absentee landlord and a trip along the Piero della Francesca trail.

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