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Italian Encounters: Rome & Tuscany

Suggested Reading Guide
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GUIDES

Blue Guide Tuscany (Fifth Edition)

by Alta Macadam

978-1905131266

Blue Guide Rome (11th edition)

by Alta Macadam and Annabel Barber

978-1905131723

TRAVEL LITERATURE & LITERATURE

Florence: A Traveller's Reader

by Edward Chaney

Robinson (Publ.), Revised edition, 2019

978-1472141293

Desiring Italy: Women Writers Celebrate the Passions of a Country and Culture

by Susan Cahill

Ballantine Books, 1997

978-0449910801

A Room with a View –and– Howards End

by E.M. Forster

Empire Books, 2012

978-1619493414

A Month in Siena

by Hisham Matar

Hardcover, Random House, 2019

978-0593129135

The Scribe of Siena: A Novel

by Melodie Winawer
Gallery Books, 2018
978-1501152269

HISTORY

Rome: The Biography of a City

by Christopher Hibbert
Penguin UK, 1987
978-0140070781

The House of Medici: Its Rise and Fall

by Christopher Hibbert
William Morrow Paperbacks, 1999
978-0688053390

House of Secrets: The Many Lives of a Florentine Palazzo

by Allison Levy
Tauris Parke, 2019
978-1788313605

Florentine Art under Fire

by Frederick Hartt
Cluny Media LLC, 2019
978-1949899405

The Pursuit of Italy: A History of a Land, Its Regions, and Their Peoples

by David Gilmour
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012
978-0374533601

FILMS

***Roma. Città Aperta (Rome. Open City)*, dir. Vittorio de Sica (1945)**

A classic of Italian neo-realism, this chronicles the efforts of various members of the Italian resistance during the Nazi occupation of Rome late in World War II.

***Roman Holiday*, dir. William Wyler (1953)**

In a film that made the Bocca della Verità famous, Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn team up in a sweet romantic comedy with marvelous scenes of post-war Rome.

***La Dolce Vita*, dir. Federico Fellini (1960)**



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Playing a journalist, Marcello Mastroianni witnesses the “sweet life” of Rome. A classic Fellini film with great scenes of 1960s Rome.

Caro Diario (The Criterion Collection), dir. Nanni Moretti (1994)

A set of three episodes that take the viewer on an exploration of Rome in August, the islands to the southwest of Italy, and the medical world of Rome.

Rick Steves' Europe Season 7 (2011), Episodes 1-3

These episodes offer a fun and interesting taste of some of the places that we will visit and may spark ideas for others that you would like to see.

La Grande Bellezza (2012), dir. Paolo Sorrentino

A beautiful, thought-provoking, at times melancholy, evocation of aspects of the city of Rome told through the lens of one of the ‘kings’ of its social world. The images of the city are striking.