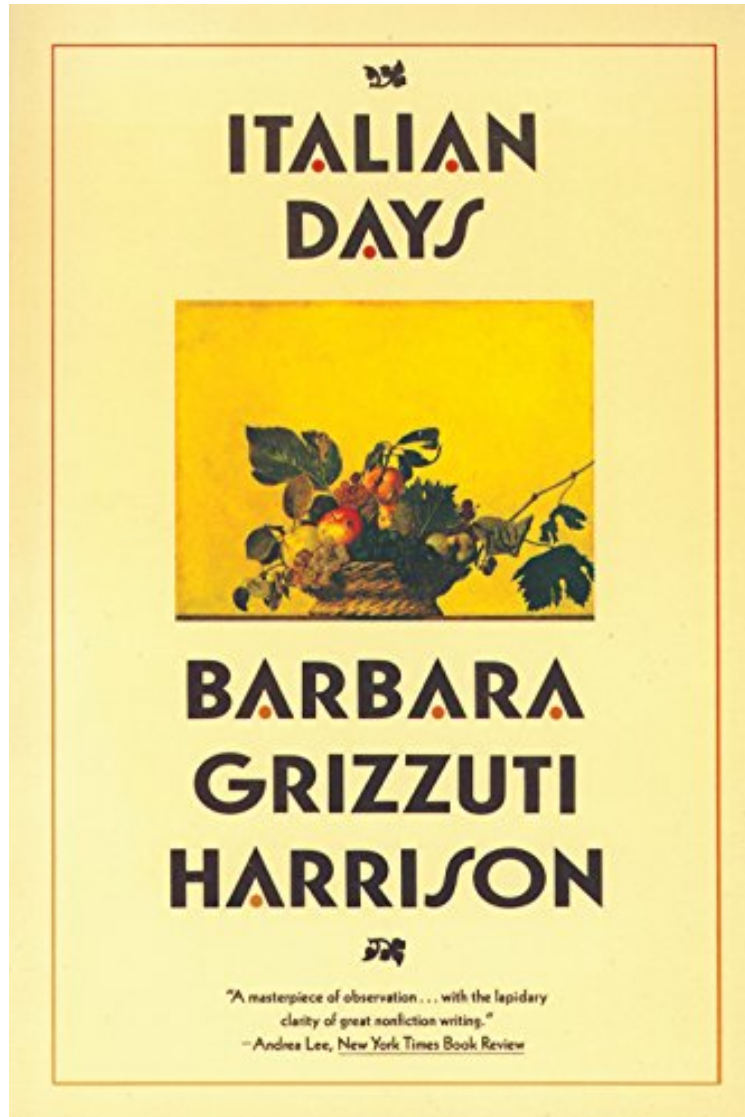


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Von Barbara Grizzuti Harrison

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Von Barbara Grizzuti Harrison : Italian Days before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Italian Days:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a lovable but uneven and poorly edited bookVon Ein KundeToo many ellipses here--not the ones you use to edit quotations, though there are plenty of those too- but the ones poor writers use as a sort of gesture to ineffability, the elusiveness of some particular moment. They are the written equivalent of a sigh and an outstretched hand grasping at empty air, and just about as sincere. Why didn't her editor cut this and similar crap out and help give some shape to a book that is

about 65% brilliant, the sort of bravura performance any writer would envy. I couldn't decide between three or four stars for this book. Perhaps three stars with a fourth one in parentheses might have been best. I have great enthusiasm for *Italian Days*--its reflectiveness, its lyricism, its humor--but there are long sections that are self-conscious, affected, and just careless (the "scent of oleanders?"--they have no scent--poetic license is a myth, language is at its most evocative when it is most accurate). Subjectivity is dandy in travel writing but it needs, paradoxically, to be presented objectively: I am happy to see Italy through her eyes, but she regularly interrupts some of her best moments not to let us see things as she sees them, but rather to have us watch her while she is watching Italy (or is she just watching herself? sections read like really bad Proust). I love this book enough to wish that it had been much better. I love it enough to give it as a gift and then apologize for my bad taste in loving it. With greater discipline, this could have been just about the equal of any travel book ever written on Italy, a large claim, but a defensible one, and yet as it stands it is just one more good, fun Italy book. Somehow, given the author's talent, that doesn't seem to be enough.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A book to savor and cherish
Von Miles D. Moore
"Italian Days" is a book for reflective readers--those who love to ponder beautiful language and beautiful things. It is as much a guide to the author, Barbara Grizzuti Harrison, as to Italy, and I gladly could have continued my journey with her for another thousand pages. I made my first trip to Italy this past autumn, and although I knew and loved the book before I left, I was amazed at how accurately she captured the look, smell, feel--and taste (she writes mouth-wateringly of her Italian meals) of the country. I gave this book as a gift this year, and I certainly will do so again.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great travel classic is back in print.
Von Ein Kunde
This finely crafted book bespeaks a visceral love of Italy and things Italian that rises to true sublimity. Using the Italian human and cultural landscape as a springboard for lyrical meditations on the beauties, pleasures, and sorrows of life, Ms. Harrison takes her rightful place among writers like Henry James, Stendhal, Goethe, and Barzini, who have all celebrated the quintessential humanitas of Italy. If you have any feeling for the arts at all, don't deny yourself the experience of reading this magnificent book--and then get yourself to Italy! A literary and cultural tour de force.

Kurzbeschreibung
"Italian Days" is one of the richest and most absorbing travel books written--a journey that traverses the Italian peninsula and immerses readers in a culture which provides the reader with a definition of the good life.