

## READING GUIDE

# Italy: Ancient Sicily

Here is a brief selection of favorite, new and hard-to-find books, prepared for your journey. For your convenience, you may call (800) 342-2164 to order these books directly from Longitude, a specialty mail-order book service. To order online, and to get the latest, most comprehensive selection of books for your voyage, go directly to <http://reading.longitudebooks.com/BJ75>.

### Essential

These 5 items are available as a package for \$72 including shipping, 15% off the retail price (Item no. **EXITL396**). Any additional books ordered are shipped free.

#### *Eyewitness Guides*

##### **Eyewitness Guide Sicily**

2007, PAPER, 240 PAGES, \$23.00

This superb guide to Sicily features color photography, dozens of excellent local maps and a synopsis of the island's attractions. Handsome, convenient and up-to-date, this is the guide to carry. (Item no. ITL468)

#### *Mary Taylor Simeti*

##### **On Persephone's Island**

1986, PAPER, 352 PAGES, \$14.95

Strong on the delights of rural life, Simeti's portrait of Sicily takes the form of a yearlong journal, capturing the spirit of the people, daily life, traditions and the land. (Item no. ITL03)

#### *Peter Robb*

##### **Midnight in Sicily, On Art, Food, History, Travel and La Cosa Nostra**

2007, PAPER, 400 PAGES, \$15.00

Combining interviews, journalism and essays on Sicilian history and culture, this vivid report by journalist Peter Robb is a superb introduction to Italy's glorious, corrupt and troubled south. (Item no. ITL74)

#### *Giuseppe Di Lampedusa*

##### **The Leopard**

1991, PAPER, 320 PAGES, \$14.00

A gripping and evocative tale of a Sicilian prince and his family, memorably set on a rural estate during the days of independence. (Item no. ITL11)

#### *World Mapping Project*

##### **Sicily Map**

MAP, \$9.99

A convenient map of Sicily at a scale of 1:200,000, featuring the excellent cartography of the World Mapping Project. Printed on water- and tear-resistant paper. (Item no. ITL20)

### Also Recommended

#### *Ellen Grady*

##### **Blue Guide Sicily**

2006, PAPER, 479 PAGES, \$26.95

A comprehensive guide to the ancient history and culture of Sicily featuring good maps and site plans of archaeological sites throughout the island. (Item no. ITL125)

#### *Michelin Travel Publications*

##### **Michelin Green Guide Sicily**

2007, PAPER, 385 PAGES, \$21.95

Organized alphabetically and featuring Michelin's famous star ratings, this venerable driving guide includes excellent local maps and site plans, suggested tours and visitor sites. (Item no. ITL795)

#### *Tommaso Astarita*

##### **Between Salt Water and Holy Water, A History of Southern Italy**

2005, PAPER, 352 PAGES, \$15.95

A concise, popular history of the part of Italy once known as the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. Astarita covers the turbulent times from Normans and Angevins through Spanish and Bourbon rule to the unification of Italy. (Item no. ITL597)

*Alexander Stille*

**Excellent Cadavers, The Mafia and the Death of the First Italian Republic**

1996, PAPER, 467 PAGES, \$16.00

This fast-paced book is a gripping account of corruption in Italy. The author offers an utterly absorbing account of the assassination of two top anti-Mafia prosecutors in 1992. (Item no. ITL58)

*Sandra Benjamin*

**Sicily, Three Thousand Years of Human History**

2006, HARD COVER, 498 PAGES, \$30.00

With clarity and authority, Benjamin traces the rich legacy of the Greeks and Romans, Vandals and Goths, Arab traders, Normans, Bourbons and others who have contributed to multi-faceted history of the kingdom of Sicily. (Item no. ITL731)

*Luigi Barzini*

**The Italians**

1996, PAPER, 352 PAGES, \$15.00

The definitive portrait of the Italian people, this is a classic, scholarly essay on the Italian character. Though first published in 1964, it's still worth reading for its insight, grace and wit. (Item no. ITL05)

*Steven Runciman*

**The Sicilian Vespers, A History of the Mediterranean World in the Later Thirteenth Century**

1992, PAPER, 355 PAGES, \$19.99

A spellbinding history of the 13th-century Kingdom of Sicily. The massacre of the French at Palermo, known as the Sicilian Vespers, is the springboard for the author's sweeping depiction of the Mediterranean in the late 1200's. (Item no. ITL295)

*R. Ross Holloway*

**Archaeology of Ancient Sicily**

2000, PAPER, 232 PAGES, \$45.95

A marvelously lucid, concise and comprehensive history of ancient civilizations and archaeology of the Mediterranean from the Paleolithic to the Romans. With ample illustrations, site diagrams and maps. (Item no. ITL521)

*Norman Lewis*

**In Sicily**

2002, HARD COVER, 169 PAGES, \$24.95

In this lovely, personable travelogue, Lewis ranges widely, introducing a cast of friends, journalists and residents from one end of the island to the other. An intimate account of the island and its people by a terrific writer. (Item no. ITL420)

*Elio Vittorini, Ernest Hemingway*

**A Vittorini Omnibus: In Sicily and other Novels**

1973, PAPER, 308 PAGES, \$18.95

Three short novels by one of Sicily's modern masters, including Vittorini's classic tale of a sophisticated man who returns to his native village, "In Sicily." (Item no. ITL10)

*Gioia Timpanelli*

**Sometimes the Soul, Two Novellas of Sicily**

1999, PAPER, 192 PAGES, \$15.00

Timpanelli reworks ancient Sicilian tales into two captivating modern novellas; one, "Ruesna, Not Quite Love" is a lyrical retelling of "Beauty and the Beast", set against the rustic backdrop of rural Sicily. (Item no. ITL113)

*Barry Unsworth*

**The Ruby in Her Navel, A Novel of Love and Intrigue in the 12th Century**

2006, HARD COVER, 384 PAGES, \$26.00

This novel by Booker Prize-winning historical novelist Barry Unsworth is set in Sicily during the Crusades. (Item no. ITL760)

*Andrea Camilleri*

**The Shape of Water**

2005, PAPER, 224 PAGES, \$12.00

The first installment in Camilleri's wildly popular Inspector Montalbano mysteries, nicely translated -- and shot through (pun intended) with not just memorable characters but also with Sicilian lore and politics. (Item no. ITL528)

*Leonardo Sciascia, Avril Bardoni, Alberto Mobilio*

**The Wine-Dark Sea**

2000, PAPER, 201 PAGES, \$12.95

A collection of 13 short stories, all set in the celebrated writer's native Sicily and featuring mafiosi, carabinieri and villagers. (Item no. ITL408)

**TO ORDER**

***LONGITUDE***

115 West 30th St, Suite 1206

New York, NY 10001 USA

(800) 342-2164

Tel: (212) 904-1144

Fax: (212) 695-8352

info@longitudebooks.com

www.longitudebooks.com

Shipping charges via UPS or Priority Mail: \$4.95 for first item,  
\$1 per additional item up to a maximum of \$9.95

*Item prices and availability subject to change*