

The Cielo: A Novel of Wartime Tuscany.

Paul Salsini.
iUniverse, 2006. 311 pp.

In the summer of 1944, members of the Italian Resistance battled German forces throughout the Tuscan landscape. With the approach of the Allies, the SS began committing ghastly atrocities, and terrified villagers fled to farmhouses in the hills for safety. This is the story of some of those villagers. It explores a young girl's encounter with romance, the heroic acts of two boys and the discovery of deeply hidden secrets. It is a gripping story of courage, endurance, and the power of the human spirit in the cruelest of times.

Vegan Italiano: Meat-free, Egg-free, Dairy-free Dishes from Sun-Drenched Italy.

Donna Klein.
Penguin, 2007. 192 pp.

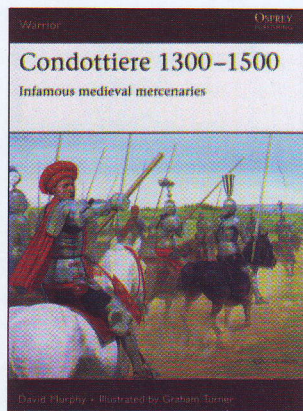
In the sumptuous style of classic Italian cuisine, this collection of delectably authentic recipes reinvents vegan. Mouth-watering dishes burst with fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts,

and healthy fats like olive oil – all within an animal-free diet, ideal for lactose-intolerant eaters and vegetarians, too. Delicious Italian food was made for bountiful and flavour-filled variations, not weak substitutions – which is why none of these recipes calls for tofu, soy milk, or other ingredients that mimic meat, dairy, and eggs.

Condottiere 1300-1500: Infamous Medieval Mercenaries.

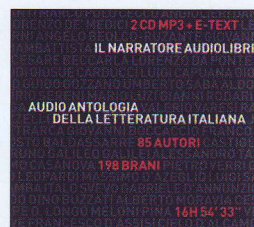
David Murphy. Osprey Publishing, 2007. 64 pp.

Originally contracted by wealthy Italian city states to protect their assets during a time of ceaseless warring, many *condottieri* of the Italian peninsula became famous for their wealth, veniality and amorality during the 14th and 15th centuries. Some even came to rule the cities themselves. Lavishly illustrated with contemporary depictions and original work, this title examines the complex mili-



tary organization, recruitment, training and weaponry of the *condottieri*. With insight into their origins and motivations, David Murphy

brings together the social, political and military history of these powerful and unscrupulous men who influenced Italian society and warfare for more than two centuries.



Audio Antologia Della Letteratura Italiana.

85 Autori. CD doppio, 16h 55m. Il Narratore Audio Libri, 2007.

L'opera è il frutto di un lavoro di ricerca letteraria e statistica a cura della redazione de Il Narratore durato anni per determinare quali fossero gli autori e i brani letterari più citate nelle antologie scolastiche delle scuole medie superiori italiane di ogni ordine e grado. L'opera può per tanto essere considerata lo specchio sonoro più attendibile dei normali studi di Storia Letteraria e di Lingua Italiana che si basano sull'uso delle Antologie a stampa nelle scuole.

Antonio Carluccio's Italia.

Antonio Carluccio.
Quadrille Publishing, 2007. 256 pp.

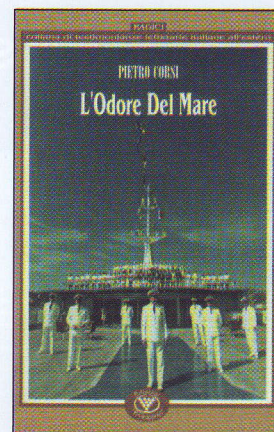
Antonio Carluccio's Italia is a gastronomic tour embracing every region of the country. Each chapter weaves together fascinating information on the region's traditions, its typical products and its characteristic regions. This book, pho-

tographed in Italy by Alastair Hendy, distills Carluccio's passion for his mother country and brings insight to the different factors that influence its food and cooking. The breathtaking visual content celebrates the gastronomic life of Italy with stunning photographs of countryside and architecture, of people and food products, and of mouth-watering recipes.

L'Odore del Mare.

Pietro Corsi. Edizioni Il Grappolo, 2006. 260 pp.

Dopo aver narrato, in una serie di romanzi, storie della sua terra d'origine e dei paesi latinoamericani nei quali è vissuto, l'autore dedica quest'ultimo libro alla sua straordinaria esperienza, durata 27 anni, sulle navi da crociera di una delle più



prestigiose compagne, la Princess Cruises di Los Angeles, dove inizio come ispettore di bordo nel 1965, diventando infine vice presidente esecutivo per una flotta di dieci navi.

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