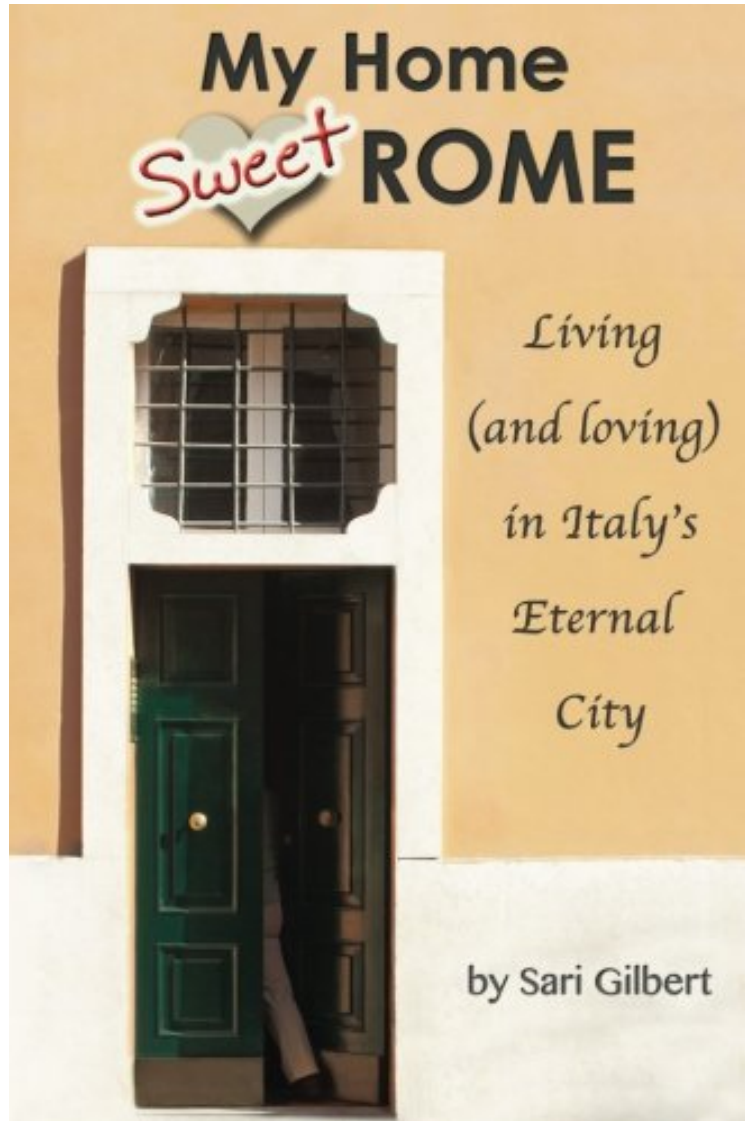


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Sari Gilbert : My Home Sweet Rome: Living (and Loving) in the Eternal City before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Home Sweet Rome: Living (and Loving) in the Eternal City:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. My Home Sweet Rome, Living and Loving in the Eternal City By Linda Cypress My Home Sweet Rome etc. was disappointing. I was hoping for a book that was richer in people charm, and instead got what seemed to me like a rewrite of the author's old-style dayrunner datebook mashed up with news of

the day items. It was factual, but surprisingly flat. The book chronicles the author's many years in Rome--from a college semester in the 1960's onward. Lots and lots o' muddy water under the ponte. I'm sure the author is a good journalist. She is factual. I know a lot more now about life in Italy. The author mentioned many of types of pasta and pastry, listed reasons why Italians are not motivated to succeed, cites details of who lived in which apartment on which floor of her apartment. It was a lot of information, but it was akin to leafing through an old Montgomery Ward's catalog. Here's your info. Through it all, she is spectator and judge. Here is a topic, here are the facts, here is the author's opinion. It's "Living", but I didn't get the "Loving". Sex, yes, Love, no. Love, zero. Warmth, zip. She wrote about a lot about a lot of men. She sought primo sex, describing herself as horny. She complains when younger men didn't appreciate her sexuality. All righty. I appreciate the fact that the author is a ballsy, independent woman. She didn't give most of her Italian sex partners many stars in the delivery of sexual satisfaction department. Again, we get the facts, but no sizzle. It was pretty dry. Yeah, yeah, that was on purpose. It was an okay book. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An excellent read. By Reniera Lupton If I were the author, I probably would not have been as honest as Sari Gilbert about my personal life. But her willingness to do so makes it clear that she is also being honest and open about her discoveries regarding the nature of Italian society – in both its positive and negative aspects. Many of us, blinded by the beauties of the Italian countryside, its cities and its artworks, tend to forget that this is a country where normal people (not tourists) live their daily lives. Gilbert makes it clear that for them it is not always easy. I have been to Italy several times, but her book will give me a new perspective and more insight the next time I visit. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enrich your trip to Rome with Sari's book. By Customer Sari provides insights into life in Italy that are only possible if you have been immersed in the culture for many years. Her American perspective derived from a childhood and young adulthood in New York and studies at American Universities offers a view of Italian life that shares both her clear love of the ancient flavor, romance and earthiness of Italy, and sophisticated insights into the provincial, political corruption, and flawed economic foundation that inhibits the fulfillment of Italy's potential on the world stage. With all its foibles, Ms. Gilbert displays Italy's vitality in its neighborhoods, small world communities, and new multicultural environment. I loved the book, her descriptions of personal encounters, profiles of men and women, famous and not. As a well-known journalist, her writing is superb, colorful and entertaining. I would recommend the book to a traveler or anyone who would like to really understand the intimate relationships and networks that make a country a home. Besides, there are great descriptions of food delights. Fran Wills

It's a nice place to visit but would you really want to live there? Sari Gilbert, who has lived for close to 40 years in what many have called the Eternal City, answers with a resounding "yes" – but it's a "yes... but". A native New Yorker who moved to Rome after finishing graduate school and then became a journalist, Gilbert's book "My Home Sweet Rome: Living (and Loving) in the Eternal City" describes what life is really like in the Italian capital: to sum it up, "fascinating, and delightful, but not at all easy". Many foreigners have moved to Italy, but relatively few have decided to stay on for the rest of their lives, unless they are married and have put down family roots. Gilbert uses her own particular status – as an attractive and single woman, as a journalist for major U.S. and Italian news organs, and as an American – as a magnifying lens to examine the various aspects of Italian and Roman life. She gives us an unveiled view of the country's politics, its stifling bureaucracy, its contradictory social customs, everyday concerns and gastronomical habits. Gilbert also takes us through the less pleasant phases of recent Italian history: Mafia, terrorism, the assassination attempt on the life of the first (but not the last) non-Italian Pope, the meteoric rise of Silvio Berlusconi. In the process, we learn what it is like to work in Italy as both a foreign correspondent and a local reporter for Italian newspapers. Even more intriguing perhaps, Gilbert sheds light on what love affairs are really like with Italian men, be they average Giuseppes or high-placed movers and shakers.

About the Author In love with Italy from a young age, Sari Gilbert has been living in Rome since the 1970's. As a foreign correspondent, Gilbert wrote for a number of American and Canadian publications, including Newsweek and the Washington Post, covering everything except soccer matches and fashion shows. Subsequently she worked, in Italian, for the short-lived daily L'Indipendente and then for the prestigious Italian daily, Il Sole 24 Ore. She now writes for pleasure and edits for a living.