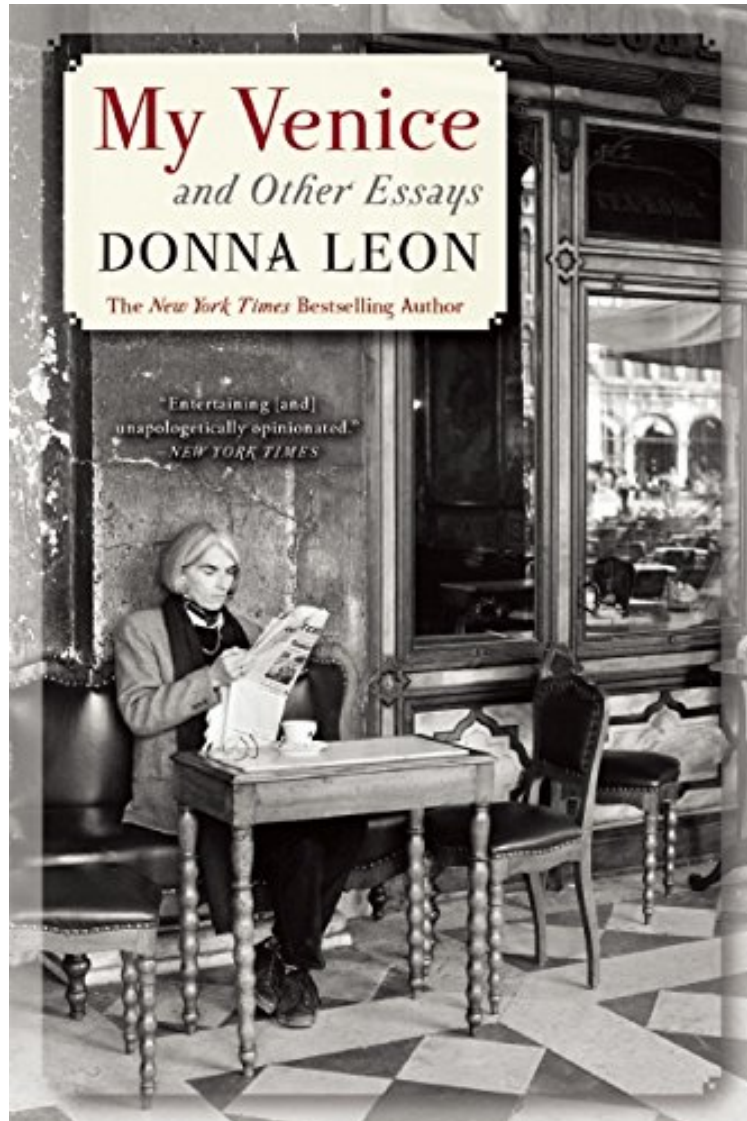


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**Donna Leon : My Venice and Other Essays** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Venice and Other Essays:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. She's a favorite fiction writer By WriterGal She's a favorite fiction writer, so I'd hoped for more writing about Venice. There is one crabby essay about the city (there are too many people who have crowded into it since she inserted herself in the city some 25 or so years ago, she hates tourists, and especially hates cruise ships [I, too, think they should not be allowed to dock in the Grand Canal, but then, neither should Italian warships--which I have seen blocking the views] The latter essays about how fat Americans are, etc. are

just unpleasant to read. One wonders, has she never travelled to Denver? Seattle?--actually anywhere except her native New York, New Jersey area? It reveals a side of this writer I am sorry to discover. All her happy feelings are subsumed into the mystery series--which I do recommend. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great read  
By Amy Heath I loved the vignettes dealing with Venetian life and thoroughly enjoyed the other 'non-Venice' essays as well. I've lived abroad for nearly 20 years and can relate to her grievances with American culture/mentality. Those who felt her harsh have probably never left the country. As well, isn't the author allowed to write of other subjects besides those which involve Venice? Is a fine read, and I'm glad I purchased it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, Except Where She gets Angry  
By Nemoman I bought this book because I collect books on Venice and Italy. I was unaware that she had written a large number of crime novels set in Venice. The book contains a number of short essays loosely organized by topic. I liked her vignettes about living in Venice. I do not care for opera, so her musings on music passed me by. She writes well. She is at her best when she combines her powers of observation with an acerbic wit. She is at her worst when she becomes strident and angry. I will have to try her fiction.  
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Donna Leon's wildly popular novels starring Venetian Commissario Guido Brunetti have been praised for their intricate plots and gripping narratives, but also for their insight into the culture, politics, family life, and history of Venice, one of the world's most treasured cities and Leon's home for over thirty years. Leon's books open the doors to a private Venice, beyond the reach of the millions of international travelers who delight in the city's canals, food, and art every year. *My Venice and Other Essays* is a treat for lovers of Italy and La Serenissima. Collected here are over fifty funny, charming, passionate, and insightful essays that range from battles over garbage in the canals to troubles with rehabbing Venetian real estate. Leon shares episodes from her life in Venice, explores her love of opera, and recounts tales from in and around her country house in the mountains. With poignant observations and humor, she also explores her family history and former life in New Jersey, and the idea of the Italian man.