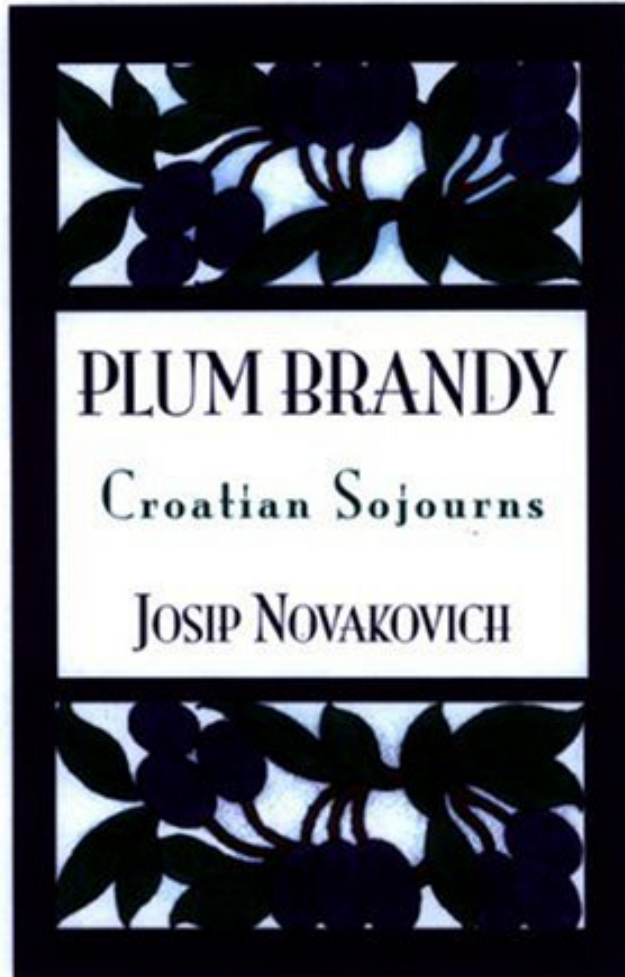


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**Josip Novakovich : Plum Brandy: Croatian Journeys (Terra Incognita Series, 7)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Plum Brandy: Croatian Journeys (Terra Incognita Series, 7):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful sharing of history, culture, experiencesBy Nancy in TacomaI am half Croatian, and since 2006 have been to "the old country" twice, searching out more information about my great grandparents, finding my relatives, bonding (beautifully!) with them, immersing myself in their culture. This

book is a wonderful, wonderful way to see things through the author's eyes, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it, and have read it twice (both times on the plane on the way to Croatia!) I especially enjoy reading about the people he knew in Cleveland, as half of my relatives moved to Cleveland after clearing Ellis Island (the other half went to Welland, Ontario, Canada which has a large Croatian population) also love the title. Croatians make some fine, fine brandy.... :- ) 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Short Stories from a Croatian Heart By Spudboater I should have written this review sooner than now. I read this book more than a year ago but found it a thoughtful series of journeys both in the country, and in the mind of Novakovich. This was the third book I read by this Croat immigrant professor, who came to the U.S in the 1970's prior to the Balkan War. I've spent quite a bit of personal time in various parts of Croatia and he captures an essence of a period of time from his childhood memories and current time frames. Each story provides the reader with an excellent snapshot of the country and mindsets during the past 40 years. Well worth reading. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Plum brandy, plum dumplings!!!! By Josef M. Laposal I agree with the prior reviews re: "Plum Brandy." For me, the final chapter on Josip searching for his grandmother's grave in Cleveland is worth the price on its own. Reminded me of my search (less complicated!) for the grave of my Slovenian great-aunt Marija in Saint Louis. The effect was very sentimental and uniquely personal. The memories of time spent and years since her death race through the mind. Glad to see another example of good relations between Slovenes and Croats. We are much more culturally and politically similar than different.

Immigrant writer Novakovich records his journeys to find his roots, some to his native Croatia, some no farther than Cleveland, where he searches for the grave of his grandmother, who refused to return to Croatia with the rest of her family. This moving collection reflects the joys and the difficulties in returning to a homeland left behind. "Novakovich is a strong, original writer. His subtle prose makes me beam with pleasure, and break into an anxious sweat at the same time. He has mastered the tone of bearing witness as a principle of moral literature."—Philip Lopate, *The Art of the Personal Essay* Josip Novakovich is the author of *Yolk*, *Apricots from Chernobyl*, and *Salvation and Other Disasters*.