

One Italian Summer: A Captivating Tale of Love, Loss, and Redemption

Summer is a season that embodies warmth, joy, and a sense of freedom. It is a time when life seems to slow down, allowing us to bask in the beauty of nature and the company of loved ones. And in the charming town of Monticello, Italy, the summer of 1968 came to life in a way that no one could have expected. This is the backdrop against which the captivating novel, *One Italian Summer*, unfolds.

Written by renowned author Shelley Wilson, *One Italian Summer* takes readers on a nostalgic journey to a time when innocence clashed with the realities of a changing world. Through its pages, readers are introduced to the Donovan family - a family in turmoil - as they embark on a life-changing vacation to Italy.



One Italian Summer: A Novel by Rebecca Serle(Kindle Edition)

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An Unforgettable Cast of Characters

At the heart of this enchanting tale is Ava, a conflicted teenager struggling with her identity and yearning for a place to belong. With her parents going through a bitter divorce, Ava finds herself caught in the crossfire, desperately seeking solace amidst the chaos.

Joining Ava on this journey are her two younger siblings, Olivia and Jack, each dealing with their own personal battles. Olivia, the ever-optimistic dreamer, hopes to find love in the most unexpected places. Jack, on the other hand, is a boy wise beyond his years, haunted by the loss of his childhood innocence.

As the Donovan family arrives in Monticello, they are welcomed with open arms by the vibrant locals, who marvel at the family's ability to persevere through their own struggles. It is here that Ava meets Giovanni, an enigmatic local boy whose infectious charm quickly captures her heart.

A Tale of Love and Self-Discovery

As the summer unfolds, Ava and Giovanni's romance blossoms against the backdrop of picturesque Italian landscapes. Their passionate love affair exudes a sense of innocence, hope, and self-discovery.

Through Shelley Wilson's evocative storytelling, readers are transported to the quaint streets of Monticello, where rich scents of pasta, gelato, and

jasmine fill the air. With every page turned, the reader is engulfed in the sights, sounds, and tastes of Italy, creating an immersive experience that leaves a lasting impression.

But amidst the idyllic setting, *One Italian Summer* explores the complexities of love, both the joy and the heartache. Ava soon learns that love comes with its own set of challenges, forcing her to confront her fears, insecurities, and the scars of her past.

A Journey of Healing and Redemption

As Ava delves deeper into her relationship with Giovanni, she begins to unravel a family secret that has haunted her for years. Through this discovery, she is forced to confront the complexities of love, loyalty, and forgiveness.

As the Donovan family faces their demons head-on, they slowly begin to heal, finding solace in the beauty of the Italian culture and the support of the locals. The characters in *One Italian Summer* undergo a transformation, emerging stronger, wiser, and with a newfound appreciation for life's simple joys.

A Captivating Tale for the Ages

With every page, *One Italian Summer* captivates readers with its delicate balance of heartache and hope. Shelley Wilson's masterful storytelling transports readers to another time and place, immersing them in the beauty of Italy and the emotional journey of the Donovan family.

Whether you are seeking a lighthearted summer read or a thought-provoking exploration of love and redemption, *One Italian Summer* is a

novel that will leave a lasting impression. It is a tale that reminds us of the transformative power of love, and the importance of embracing life's unexpected twists and turns.

So, pour yourself a glass of Chianti, find a cozy spot under the summer sun, and allow *One Italian Summer* to transport you to a time of love, loss, and ultimately, the joyful embrace of life.



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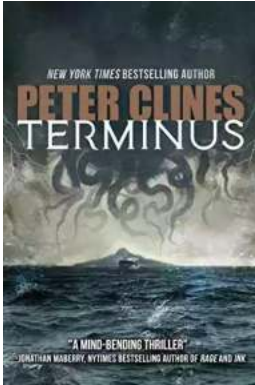
The New York Times bestselling author of *In Five Years* returns with a powerful novel about the transformational love between mothers and daughters set on the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

When Katy's mother dies, she is left reeling. Carol wasn't just Katy's mom, but her best friend and first phone call. She had all the answers and now, when Katy needs her the most, she is gone. To make matters worse, their planned mother-daughter trip of a lifetime looms: to Positano, the magical town where Carol spent the summer right before she met Katy's father. Katy has been waiting years for Carol to take her, and now she is faced with embarking on the adventure alone.

But as soon as she steps foot on the Amalfi Coast, Katy begins to feel her mother's spirit. Buoyed by the stunning waters, beautiful cliffsides, delightful residents, and, of course, delectable food, Katy feels herself coming back to life.

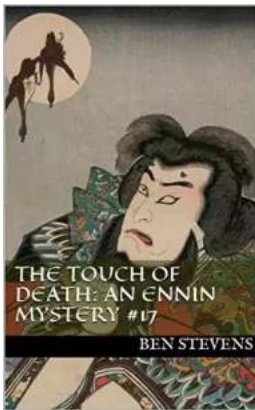
And then Carol appears—in the flesh, healthy, sun-tanned, and thirty years old. Katy doesn't understand what is happening, or how—all she can focus on is that she has somehow, impossibly, gotten her mother back. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as the young woman before her. She is not exactly who Katy imagined she might be, however, and soon Katy must reconcile the mother who knew everything with the young woman who does not yet have a clue.

Rebecca Serle's next great love story is here, and this time it's between a mother and a daughter. With her signature “heartbreaking, redemptive, and authentic” (Jamie Ford, New York Times bestselling author) prose, Serle has crafted a transcendent novel about how we move on after loss, and how the people we love never truly leave us.



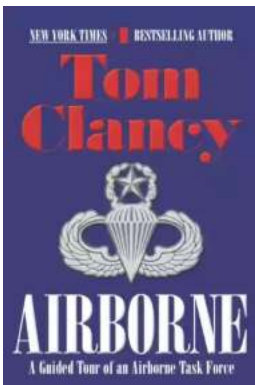
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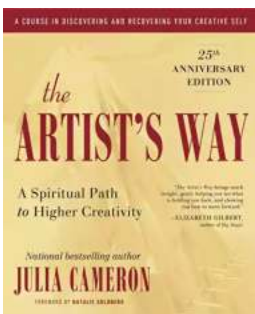
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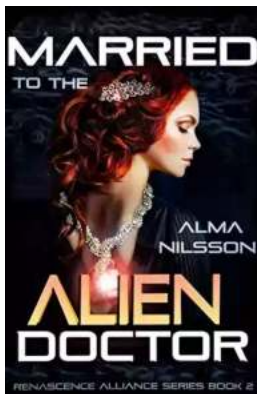
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