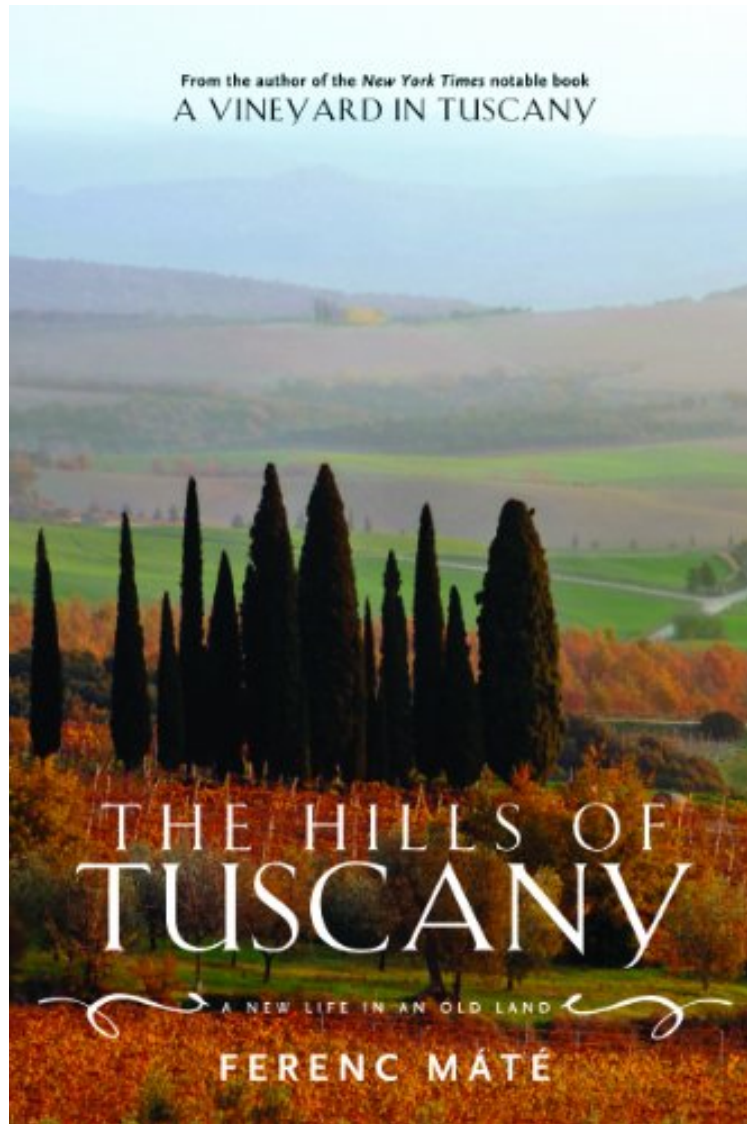


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**Von Ferenc Máté : The Hills of Tuscany: A New Life in an Old Land (Augustana Historical Society Publication)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hills of Tuscany: A New Life in an Old Land (Augustana Historical Society Publication):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Hills of Tuscany : A New Life in an Old LandVon M. C. MeyerHere is a charming book that will take you on a year

long journey of life in the Tuscan Hills. Mate has done an excellent job of capturing the ambiance of the area. One can almost feel the warmth of the Tuscan sun, smell the olives as they mature and hear the buzz of cicadas floating through the night air. For mushroom aficionados Mate describes the find and the preparation of these woodland morsels in words that only a mushroom hunter can heartfully appreciate. For the rest of the world, there is the opportunity to simply savor the well described flavor and the joy of the mushroom hunter -- which all Italians seem to be. And, speaking of food, the author has captured the menus of Tuscany and the preparation of many home gourmet dishes; the gathering of the grapes and the making of wine; the butchering of a pig and the making of prociutto, sausages, head cheese and a host of other products coming from swine. Meet Pasquale, Anna, and a other locals in Mate's well developed characters. It's easy to imagine them living next door, chatting in the trattoria, or cursing the bull that got away. These folks have wisdom gleaned from the time continuum and indelible personalities. Highlighting their development are typical Italian phrases the reader is likely to hear upon visiting the region. This book is a must read for anyone wishing to take a vacation in words or prime themselves for a trip to wonderful Tuscany. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another very enjoyable memoir of life in Tuscany! Von Liz MI would have bought this book just for the beautiful photo on the dust jacket (which makes you want to leap, Alice-in-Wonderland-like, into the picture). If you have read *Under the Tuscan Sun*, it will be impossible not to compare the two, but these are definitely different perspectives of Tuscany, written in distinct but equally enjoyable voices. If you have already read Mayes's book, Ferenc Mt's will draw you once again into that languid, colorful world, filled with wonderful tastes, smells and sights. (I worry that Tuscany will be overrun with American tourists. I know that if I don't get some pici with funghi soon, I may faint from hunger!) The Mts have actually lived year-round in Tuscany since the late '80s, and this book explores their early years of finding a house (already restored), furnishing it, making friends and learning the local ways; his self-deprecating descriptions of bumbling through learning Italian and doing things like cutting hay are very funny. I find it astonishing that his prose is so fluid and easy-to-read given that his first language is apparently Hungarian. Candace Mt's small illustrations throughout are just wonderful. (On another note, just from reading his short bio on the dust flap, I'd really like to see Mr. Mt write his life story, from his escape from Hungary through his many careers and moves. I think it would be fascinating.) 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A witty, passionate, rollicking adventure Von Ein Kunde Once again I am being transported to the Tuscan countryside care of a writer's memoirs. Mate's writing is humorous, romantic and soul-searing. I have shared his dismays, his joys and his wonders at what makes up the life of a Tuscan "contadino". I have felt my senses reawaken to glory in love and life while absorbing this memoir. I have tasted the Tuscan life, the food, the wine and most of all - discovered its people. Ferenc Mate has drawn a vivid picture of how one can be assimilated into the Tuscan way of life simply by choosing to live there and accept its people and traditions. The people are the most wonderful discovery. Hard-working, honest, generous, happy, life-loving, emotional, tempestuous and good-natured. These are people who enjoy the simple pleasures life has to offer - food, wine, love and laughter! This is also a magical mystery tour through the lives of two fascinating and very likeable people - Ferenc and Candace Mate. Thank you for this chance to share in your adventures and to join you on hilarious escapades. I have delighted in the gifts of your wit and passion for the romantic things in life. An absolute delight to read for anyone who loves Italy, travelling, adventure or just living life. Wonderful stuff - definitely a celebration of life!

Kurzbeschreibung Titanic in potential appeal . . . the Mts do something rare; they go native. Washington Post This hilarious, international bestseller is a true-life adventure of a New York City couple moving to Tuscany. Ferenc Mts enthusiastic prose is infectious. He brings to life the real Tuscany: the contadini neighbors, country life the harvest, grape, and olive picking, wine making, mushroom hunting, woodcutting the holidays, and of course the never-ending, mouthwatering meals. deA sensuous valentine to author Ferenc Mt's adopted homeland, *The Hills of Tuscany* brims with lush descriptions of golden dales, scrumptious meals, rich wines, and friendly natives. After years of nomadic roaming from Central America to Canada, Mt (a writer) and his wife, Candace (a painter), visit Tuscany and impulsively decide that this is where they will settle down. A year later they return and begin the hunt for their dream house. As the likeable Mts (they're funny and suitably grateful for the chance to live in one of the world's garden spots) troll the countryside with a series of colorful Tuscan middlemen, it's impossible not to become emotionally involved in their quest. And when they finally discover the perfect abode--La Marinaia, a tastefully renovated stone farmhouse set amid scenery that Ferenc describes as "like being in the middle of a painting"--you're thrilled right along with them. Subsequent chapters follow the Mts' growing friendship with their neighbors, who not only help rototill the garden but also reveal where to find porcini mushrooms and truffles in the nearby woods. All in all, reading *The Hills of Tuscany* is the next best thing to quitting your job, climbing on a plane, and finding your own Tuscan dream house. --Rebecca Gleason.co.uk A sensuous valentine to author Ferenc Mtecaute;'s adopted homeland, *The Hills of Tuscany* brims with lush descriptions of golden dales, scrumptious meals, rich wines, and friendly natives. After years of nomadic roaming from Central America to Canada, Mtecaute; (a writer) and his wife, Candace (a painter), visit

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