

Return By Minor Road: An Epic Journey Through the Heart of Italy



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Return By Minor Road is a captivating memoir of an extraordinary journey through the heart of Italy. Author Federico Picchianti embarks on a solitary pilgrimage along the Via Francigena, an ancient pilgrimage route that has been traversed for centuries. Along the way, he encounters a diverse cast

of characters, explores the country's rich history, and discovers the true meaning of home.

Picchianti's journey begins in Canterbury, England, where he sets off on foot with little more than a backpack and a map. He travels through France, Switzerland, and Italy, following the ancient path that was once taken by pilgrims from all over Europe. Along the way, he meets a wide range of people, from fellow pilgrims to local villagers to friendly strangers. Each encounter teaches him something new about himself and the world around him.

Picchianti's writing is lyrical and evocative, and he brings the Italian landscape to life with his vivid descriptions. He writes about the rolling hills of Tuscany, the snow-capped peaks of the Alps, and the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean Sea. He also explores the country's rich history, from the Roman Empire to the Renaissance to the present day. Through Picchianti's eyes, we see Italy as both a beautiful and complex country, with a long and fascinating past.

Return By Minor Road is more than just a travelogue. It is a deeply personal story about one man's search for meaning and belonging. Picchianti sets out on his journey as a solitary figure, but he returns home a changed man. He has learned the importance of human connection, the value of perseverance, and the power of the human spirit.

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Praise for Return By Minor Road

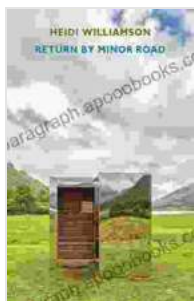
"A lyrical and evocative memoir of a journey through the heart of Italy. Picchianti's writing is beautiful and his insights are profound. This is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it." —Pico Iyer, author of *The Art of Stillness*

"A wonderful book about Italy, pilgrimage, and the search for meaning. Picchianti's writing is honest and engaging, and he has a gift for capturing the beauty of the Italian landscape and the spirit of its people." —Tim Parks, author of *Italian Ways*

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About the Author

Federico Picchianti is an Italian writer and journalist. He has written for a variety of publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. His work has been translated into more than 20 languages. *Return By Minor Road* is his first book.



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