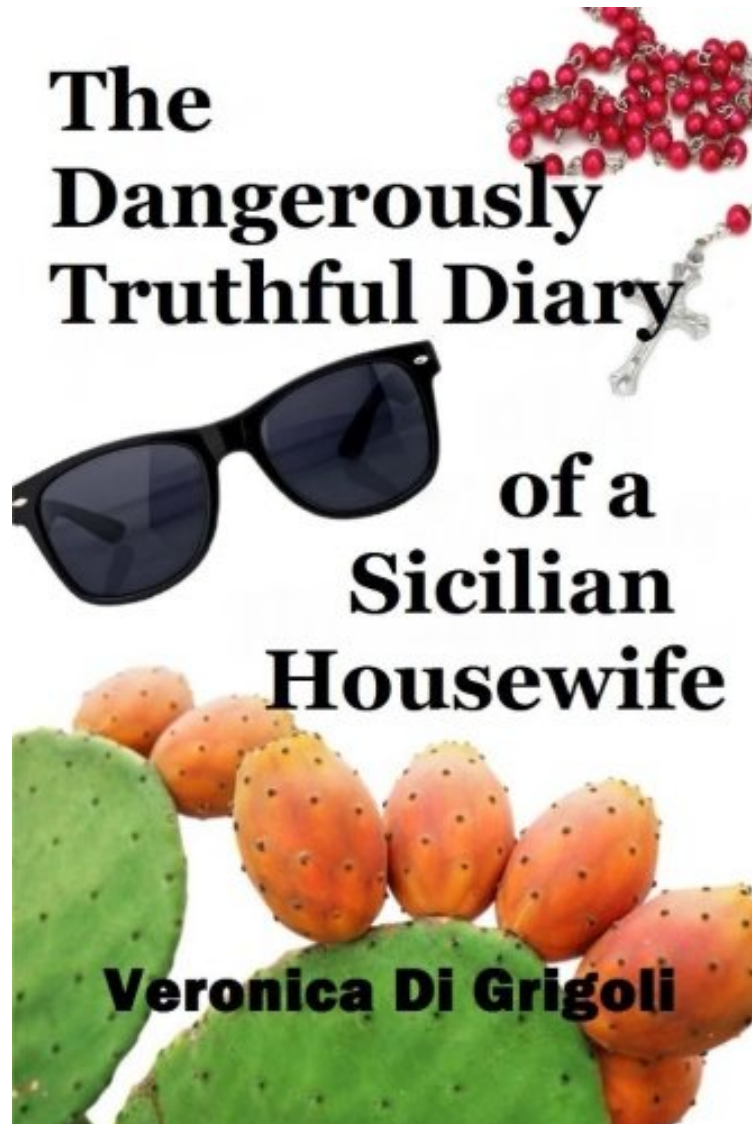


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best Book for a Trip to SicilyBy JanWhat a joy and relief it was to read this book. My husband and I are making our first and probably only trip to Sicily, for four weeks in the fall. For months I have been reading memoirs and history and travel books about the place in my kindle, dutifully highlighting

passages I can review on the plane. The longest slough was called something like "3,000 Years of Sicilian History" and it felt like it took that long to read. Hands down, this book was my best preparation for this big strange island. Veronica Di Grigoli, a Brit who married a Sicilian, is a natural writer and a comic. Her comedic voice and smart, wry insights made everything go down easily and memorably. No highlighting, because I can remember everything she taught me and I've shared it with my husband and our three friends who are joining us. I read aloud so many passages to my husband that he finally bought the ebook for himself, for which I am thankful because he'll really need the pages on how to drive there. I've gotten our friends to buy their own copies too. I can't wait for them to finish the book, so we can all refer to it on the trip. She touches on most aspects of life there--shopping (four pasta aisles in markets), their diet (many have Type 2 Diabetes), weddings (you can never overdress), pregnancy, having a baby, going to the opera, driving (don't ever use your blinker), family relationships, religion, dealing with contractors, the mafia (don't ever mention it to a Sicilian), the Sicilian language (several words for different kinds of farts), and much more. The "much more" includes her competitive mother-in-law referred to as The Godmother. I'm grateful that Veronica writes a blog, so I won't have a painful withdrawal from the book which I sadly finished this morning. I will read as many words from her as I can, before and during our trip. Buy this book! You'll love it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hysterical, must reading!!! Humor and history all rolled into one!!! By jwalcott I have been an avid follower of Veronica Di Grigoli's Wordpress blog for a couple of years, and I look forward to her every post. When we were planning a trip to Sicily last year I nearly canceled after reading her description of driving in that country! Yes it was exaggerated to say the least, but it made us doubly alert. My husband was nearly apoplectic by the time the trip was over despite the fact that we loved Sicily!! Her writing is colorful, full of ironic self deprecating humor, and of course comical exaggerations of nearly everything. You will belly laugh out loud, so you should not read this book in public, at the risk of being viewed dangerously unhinged. She is a gifted writer and I recommend this book to everyone whether or not they are interested in Sicily or Italy. It is a treasure!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More than I expected! By MG Yes, this is a very humorous book, but it does not stop there. The Dangerously Truthful Diary of a Sicilian Housewife provides some real insights into life in Sicily, as well as some handy travel tips. It's really a fun read- my husband keeps stealing it from me, so I have one chapter left. If you have been to Sicily, dream of traveling to Sicily, or maybe you are just a Sicilianophile (that may not be a real word) you will enjoy reading this book!

\*\*\*AN ENGLISH WOMAN TAKES ON PARENTHOOD, THE MAFIA AND A SICILIAN MOTHER-IN-LAW, ALL AT ONCE.\*\*\* When career-girl Veronica flies to Sicily for a friend's wedding, she accidentally falls in love with one of the groom's three-hundred cousins. A year later she has given up her job, house and friends, and is planning her own wedding with her Latin Lover in the shimmering heat of Sicily. She suspects her seaside dream-villa is being built by the Mafia when the stubbly foreman visits, brandishing a large hammer and demanding more money. In shock, she learns her Sicilian spleen-sandwich and prickly-pear cravings are because she is pregnant. Still reeling, Veronica is challenged to a duel fought with wooden spoons over who is the better woman, when her rosary-flailing mother-in-law starts checking her son's vests are ironed and inspecting the toilet bowl for subtle skidmarks. Can resourceful Veronica solve her problems by pitching one adversary against the other? Join her on an unpredictable journey of hilarity, reckless driving and dangerously large portions of spaghetti in this almost true travel-novel, for people who need more belly-laughs.