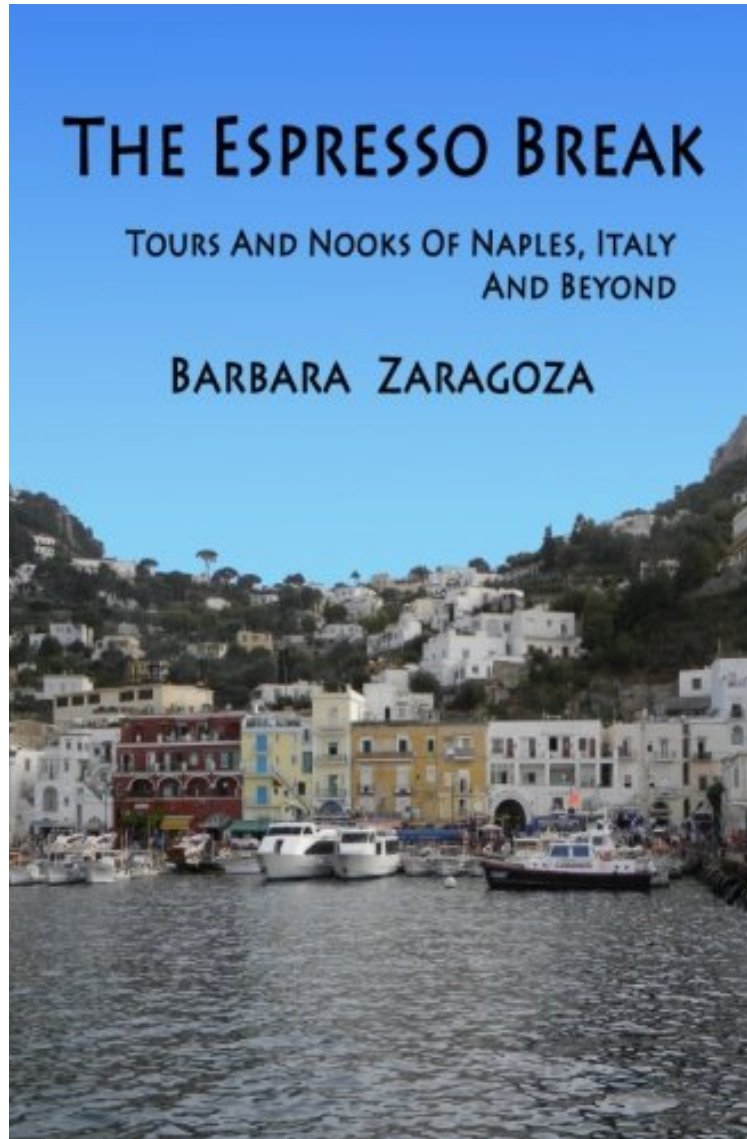


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Barbara Zaragoza : The Espresso Break: Tours and Nooks of Naples, Italy and Beyond before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Espresso Break: Tours and Nooks of Naples, Italy and Beyond:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Planngng to give Naples a chance after reading this interesting "travelogue diary"By jwalcottThe Espresso Break is extremely detailed, but highlights sites and historic sites not often mentioned in the usual guidebooks. Particularly, as Naples is often a destination avoided or where at the most one

would spend a day hitting only the more affluent areas of the city. Naples reputation as dirty, seedy, and crime ridden is probably overblown, but it can give one pause. While she recommends driving to many of the sites that she highlights, I, as a frequent visitor to Italy and Sicily, might avoid renting a car and cough up for a taxi if possible. GPS coordinates or addresses can often lead one down a grassy goatpath rather than at least a semi-paved "vicolo" where your tiny European rental might pass. And this is with the most recent, updated Italian data card!!! The book makes for good reading with lots of accurate historical references. As a retired Navy wife, I applaud her delving into everything Neapolitan during her husband's posting. We did the same during almost 4 years on the island of Okinawa, Japan. Despite that island's only being 60 miles long and 15 miles wide, and planning an excursion every weekend, we were still experiencing awesome sites right up to the end of our stay. While my husband and I are Italophiles and have been to Italy at least 10 times, we have only experienced the train and ferry stations in the Naples area, bypassing the city while heading to the Amalfi Coast or returning to Rome. We plan to definitely experience Naples after reading *The Espresso Break*!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed the history and stories that she writes and enjoyed ...By Nikki Sue Welcker My niece and I were looking forward to going to the restaurant which, according to the *Espresso Break Tours* book, invented Pizza. Unfortunately, the author gives a completely incorrect address. We ended up checking online and had to walk across town to the correct address. The book is informative and interesting but is missing maps to allow you to organize your days or even realize where the places are that she describes. Again, the book is interesting, but lacks organization and requires you to read it in its entirety before you can start to organize your trip. There is no index to look up individual sights and very limited information over the individual sights. It focuses on sights outside of Naples and only brushes over the sights in Naples itself. Still, I enjoyed the history and stories that she writes and enjoyed the book. If you are hoping for clear day plans with lists of sights to see, you will be disappointed. Still, I have to end on a positive note as I truly enjoyed this book and all of the historical facts. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Companion while in Napoli! By Snow Leopard What a great find! This book covers many places, which major guidebooks do not, and shines them from insider's view. Assuming a traveler like myself carries more than one guidebook, this one has become a great companion/supplemental guide while I was wondering around Napoli. In one occasion, I decided to venture out by looking for the little wine shop in the book; I left like my husband and I were on a treasure hunting! It's been almost a year since I took this book to Napoli, and I am about to go back there with it. *The Espresso Break* has brought many suggestions and has helped me appreciate the great city of Napoli and surround areas. Because I was very happy from the last year's trip, I ended up sending another copy to my dear friend who was interested in planning a trip there!

A Naples Travel Guide. Visit Hades and Purgatory, roam the ruins like the gluttonous Romans, or watch miracles happen. *The Espresso Break* takes you into the mythical land that is the oldest city in the Western World -- Naples, Italy -- and beyond.

In this readable, entertaining information guide for tourists, Zaragoza takes readers from the heights of Mount Vesuvius to the ruins of Pompeii and beyond. Part atlas, part history lesson, part epicurean review, this comprehensive handbook to Naples is without peer. -Kirkus s From the Author Travelers often fear Naples, Italy and it can indeed be hard to manage through the crush of traffic, the Neapolitan dialect, and the streets that accommodate two thousand year old ruins rather than cars. I wanted to provide myth and lore along with pragmatic information to make any stay in Naples turn from frustration to wonder. From the Back Cover What's Inside: