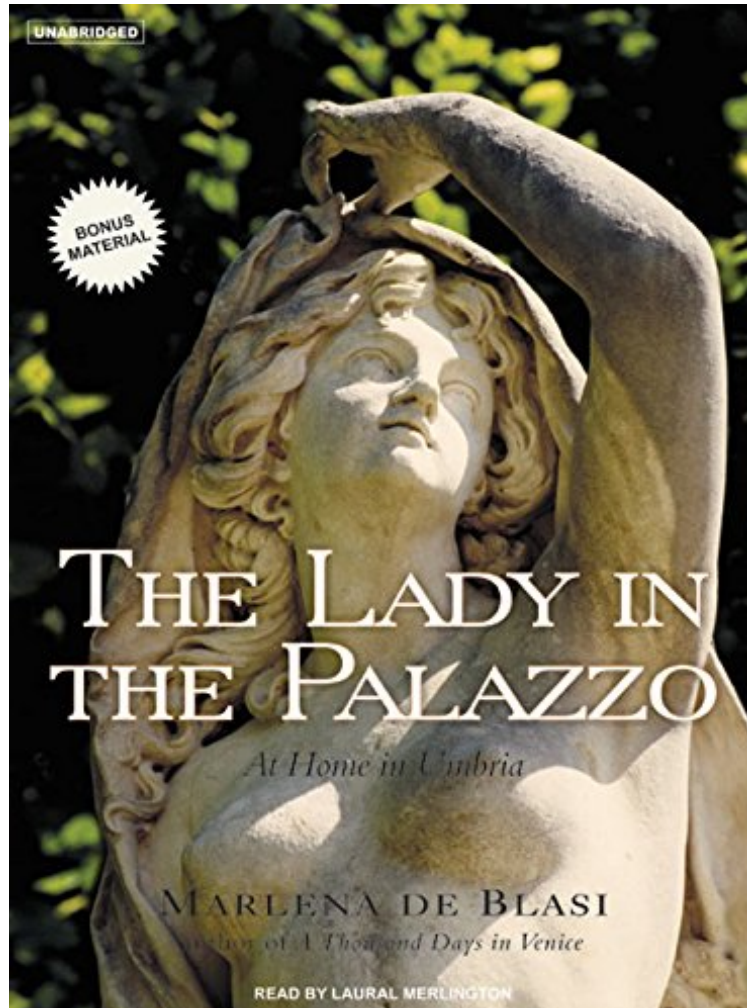


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From village feasts and rustic tavernas to ancient piazzas and moonlit balconies, the smells and tastes and sounds and

soul of Umbria come alive in bestselling author Marlena de Blasi's evocative memoir. By turns romantic and sensual, joyous and celebratory, touching and humorous, Marlena de Blasi's account of moving with her husband, Fernando, to Orvieto, the largest city in Italy's Umbria, will appeal to anyone who delights in travel and shares the fantasy of beginning a new life in a very different place. It is a tale of the couple's search for the right home—which turns out to be the former ballroom of a fifteenth-century palazzo—and the right balance in their lives, in this case making friends of cooks, counts, shepherds, and a lone violinist. It is a tale, too, of an American woman finding her niche in a society bound by tradition and seemingly closed to outsiders. With a voice full of wonder, de Blasi brings to life these engagingly quirky people and the aloof, almost daunting society that exists in Umbria. Not since Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence* has a writer so convincingly captures the essence of a singular place and created a feast for readers of all stripes. "Vivid writing and an affectionate appreciation of the sounds, scenes and flavors of Italy."—Publishers Weekly

"Merlington's Italian accent is believable as she portrays both haughty aristocrats and simple shepherds. Her pacing is just right, unhurried but not poky; ultimately, the author's fondness for her adopted country shines through." ---
Booklist
About the Author
Marlena de Blasi has been a chef, a journalist, a food and wine consultant, and a restaurant critic. She is the author of *A Thousand Days in Venice*, *Regional Foods of Northern Italy*, and *Regional Foods of Southern Italy*.
Laural Merlington has recorded well over one hundred audiobooks and has received several AudioFile Earphones Awards, including one for *Never Say Die* by Susan Jacoby.
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De Blasi's book, set in Orvieto, Italy, is about her effort, with her Venetian husband, to find, renovate, and, at last, move into the ballroom of a splendid but dilapidated palazzo of uncertain vintage. At the same time, listeners will enjoy Laural Merlington's down-to-earth, expert narration of the vivid Italian and English phrases that describe the life of the town and its inhabitants. Merlington reads clearly, seamlessly blending the two languages. She pours emotion into the dialogue as her exuberance and American disregard of Italian class distinctions at times distress her new friends and her husband. Merlington's presentation inspires a love of Italy and caresses its language. S.C.A. © AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine