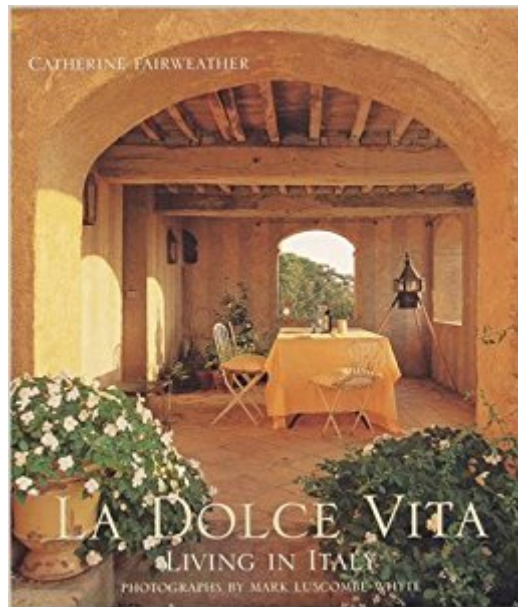




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# **La Dolce Vita: Living In Italy**



## Synopsis

La Dolce Vita invites us into the homes of artists, writers, eccentrics, and noblemen-both native and expatriate-living in Italy: artist Sandro Chia's austere monastery surrounded by vineyards in Tuscany, Gore Vidal's cliffside retreat on the Amalfi Coast, and the farmhouse in Chianti which inspired the film *Stealing Beauty*. With 180 color photographs showing off the rich variety of styles across the regions of Italy, from seaside palazzo to Venetian townhouse, this book will inspire readers to bring the loveliness of Italy into their own homes.

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## Customer Reviews

Catherine Fairweather spent the formative years of her life in Rome, where her father was a British Ambassador. She returned in her twenties to work as a contributing editor for *House and Garden* and as a broadcaster for Vatican Radio. She is now the travel editor for *Harpers & Queen* in London.

This book was my selfish gift to me. I used it as design inspiration for authentic Italian interiors. I still refer to it for ideas. The photos of country villas, rural retreats and urban apartments, took my inspiration in several directions. Keep that in mind because it's not all rustic villas. I especially enjoyed the wall plaster colors and textures as well as the variety in flooring tiles. How simply some of the rooms are furnished! The cover photo is so gorgeous in composition, color, structure....it doesn't get any better.

Great book! If you are looking for ideas to paint your walls it is a added plus. Great photos!

Living La Dolce Vita: Bring the Passion, Laughter and Serenity of Italy into Your Daily Life This is an endearing publication of a vibrant society. Find the inspiration of the Italian mystic in pictures and comments. Experience the lifestyle which inspires poets and artist globally.

Amazing book that goes through beautiful Italian estates. Nice addition to the library or even good enough to leave out on a coffee table for guests.

Catherine Fairweather has honed her skills as a writer from her days as a contributing editor to House and Garden and here joins forces with photographer Mark Luscombe-Whyte to present a volume of life in Italy that not only makes for a beautiful and informative book, it makes the reader long for the pleasures of living in what surely is the world's most romantic country. Separated into chapters - Grand Style: classic villas and country estates; Bohemian Chic: rural and island retreats (Tuscany, Lazio, Puglia); Urban Elegance: city apartments and townhouses (Milan, Rome, Venice) - Fairweather enters private homes of the rich and famous and describes how the regions and the atmosphere dictate the home's ambience. The photographs are gorgeous: full views of each home entered as well as separate views of rooms and bibelots, both inside the home and from the garden make us feel as though we have at least spent a full day in each location. For a coffee table tour of the places rarely seen in Italy, this book is as fine as they come. Other volumes may offer more sophisticated history and cultural input, but Fairweather and Luscombe-Whyte take the personal approach - and that works very well! Grady Harp, November 2004

Instead of reserving this book to a coffee table, read it, enjoy it and see what Italy has to offer. Now that your interest has been sparked, travel to the places in Italy that are featured in this book.

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