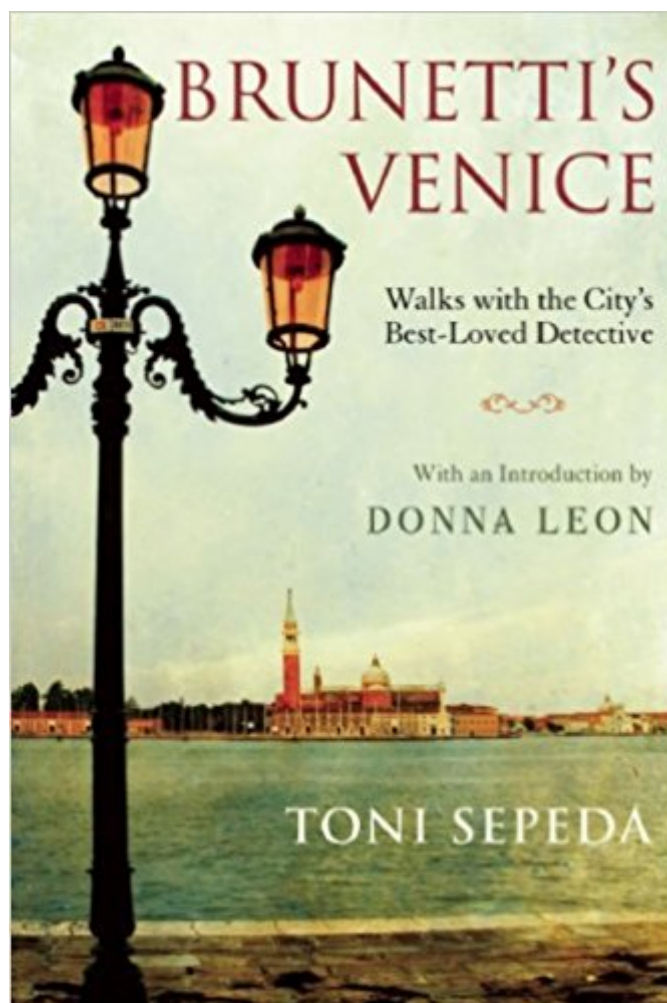


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Brunetti's Venice: Walks With The City's Best-Loved Detective



Synopsis

Follow Commissario Guido Brunetti, star of Donna Leon's internationally best-selling mystery series, on over a dozen walks that highlight Venice's churches, markets, bars, cafes, and palazzos. In Brunetti's Venice, tourists and armchair travelers follow in the footsteps of Brunetti as he traverses the city he knows and loves. With his acute eye for change in his native city, his fascination with the past, his ear for language and his passion for food and drink, and his familiarity with the dark realities of crime and corruption, Brunetti is the perfect companion for any walk across La Serenissima. Over a dozen walks, encompassing all six regions of Venice as well as the lagoon, lead readers down calli, over canali, and through campi. Important locations from the best-selling novels are highlighted and major themes and characters are explored, all accompanied by poignant excerpts from the novels. This is a must-have companion book for any lover of Donna Leon's wonderful mysteries.

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Customer Reviews

If you enjoy Donna Leon's Venice books and are planning a Venice visit, this is an enjoyable way to see the city and reflect on your reading. I have both the Kindle and paperback and the paperback is required for seeing the maps. Just returned from Venice and disappointed in how difficult the Kindle version was for following the suggested routes.

Interesting but only if you're a true Brunetti fan. Maps are hard to read on cheap paper - ink too faint, and there should be a succinct route at either the beginning or end of each adventure. It was too hard to figure out exactly where to go. And the book is too heavy and clunky to carry around

while actually strolling through Venice. I think Brunetti would have pitched it into a canal. If you're just looking for armchair ambience, it's fine.

I can't imagine taking this book with me to Venice this fall. The paper quality is bad and the print is so small and faint there are parts that are almost indecipherable. Disappointed.

I really liked this book. It gave good descriptions of many parts of the city, not just the top tourist spots. It is very well written and includes many quotes from Donna Leon's books regarding Brunetti's walks through Venice. However, I read this on my Kindle, and it was almost impossible to read the accompanying maps, even when I enlarged them. I am sure this is an excellent guide book to Venice, but I think I would have been better served by a print copy. Then you could flip back to the maps and visualize the scenes that are described. That is my only complaint.

As a devotee of both Brunetti and his wife Paola, and someone who loves to spend time in Venice, I was constantly trying to work out in my mind where exactly he/she were. Thankfully, this book saves the mental gymnastics! And since I will be anchored at the Cipriani in Venice from May 10, I can hardly wait to take Toni's book out on the town with me!

A bit broken up but interesting insights if you are going there.

Too repetitive.....Maybe it told me more than I need to know.

I bought this book for a friend who loves Venice but also bought one for myself because I've read more than half Donna Leon's novels and because there are no cars permitted in Venice everyone has to walk and having this book enabled me to have maps of all the streets including restaurants, opera houses, churches, canals and bridges I am able to easily follow the chief detective from place to place. The friend to whom I gave the book loves it and wishes she had it on her many trips to that city. I was fortunate in visiting Italy a few months ago and had a chance to see many beautiful cities but sadly did not visit Venice. I told the friend if I live long enough I must go back and spend a few days there and enjoy the architecture, churches, museums and restaurants because then I'd be able to walk around like a real citizen, and I'm Italian and all Italians must visit Italy and especially Venice; and, most importantly, avid readers of all nationalities should begin reading any of dozens of books Ms. Leon has written. It's not difficult on to see description of all her books. Do it! She is

one of my favorite authors ranking her in the top five, and I read over fifty books a year. When her latest book is announced on I stop reading whatever book I'm reading and thanks to Kindle the last page I read is saved until I've finished reading her book and I can go back to the previous novel super easily. I love my Kindle...I highly recommend you getting one...very affordable and it saves bookshelf space for grandma's treasures.

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