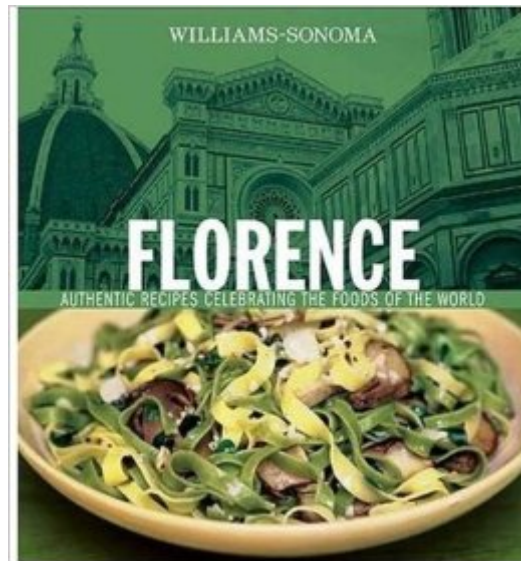


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# Williams-Sonoma Foods Of The World: Florence: Authentic Recipes Celebrating The Foods Of The World



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## Customer Reviews

This review is written from the perspective of someone that has been studying cooking for 25 years, and concentrating on Italian cooking for the last 10 years. I have more than 100 cookbooks on Italian cooking and have traveled to Italy many times. I am a tough critic on Italian cookbooks. This book begins with a little history of Italian cooking, the outdoor markets and specialty shops in Florence. Then the book discusses the following topics from a Florentine perspective: Salumi and Affettati (cured meat) Tuscan Olive Oil Cafes Tuscan Wine Artisan Bread Artisan Cheese Gelato The recipe section is subdivided as follows: Antipasti Primi (first course: soup, pasta, pizza) Secondi (second course: meat and fish) Contorni (side dishes: vegetables) Dolci (sweets) The photography in the book is fabulous. They did a wonderful job of capturing what it is like to walk down the streets in Florence. As you turn the pages each new photo is another little peak into Florentine life and food. If you have traveled to Florence you will recognize many of the street scenes that were photographed. The recipes are authentic. I am especially fond of the recipe for Grilled Florentine Steak with Arugula and Parmesan. Of the recipes that I have prepared (approximately 80% of the

book) all have turned out exactly as I expected. A few of the recipes are time consuming. It is not reasonable to expect to make homemade pizza in a hurry, not if you want it to be excellent. The recipe for pizza makes individual pies for each diner, as is the custom in Italy. If you are looking for a nice authentic cookbook on the cooking of Florence, written for Americans you will love this book.

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