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THE Dog WHO ATE THE Truffle

A MEMOIR OF STORIES AND RECIPES FROM UMBRIA

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Ciao,

Everyone wonders how I came to write a book about Umbria, but the more interesting story is how things evolved after I arrived at my apartment near Umbertide in the Upper Tiber River Valley.

What I didn't know during those early days of living next door to my Italian tutor Mario was that my relationship with him would flavor my book and change its direction from a cookbook to a memoir filled with stories and authentic recipes. Because Mario and his family—an old aristocratic clan from Umbertide—“adopted” me, I learned to live, speak, and cook like an Umbrian so I was able to write an intimate look at the culture and cuisine.

Living in Umbria was an adventure. Tagging along with Vincenzo the legendary truffle hunter whose dog ate the truffle. Scouring the forest for wild asparagus with Luigi. Making ravioli with eleven-year old Alberto. Learning to roast Umbrian *porchetta* from a local butcher. Rolling pasta with eighty-year old Rita. After living in Umbertide for a year and a half, I returned to Napa Valley with enough stories and recipes to fill a couple of books. I am sharing the material that didn't fit in the book on my blog (www.SuzanneCarreiro.com).

The Dog Who Ate the Truffle is the only Umbrian cookbook written by an American who lived in the region. It was researched, written, and tested by a seasoned culinary professional and an authority on Umbrian cuisine. It is filled with recipes that work and stories that delight.

I invite you to browse through my book, to share my culinary journey. If you would like an interview, please contact my publicist Nadia (Nadea.Mina@stmartins.com).

Cordiali saluti,



Suzanne Carreiro