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Extensive text features include more than two dozen photographs of notable sites in the area, a map of the region and of the city of Florence with key sites highlighted, an Author Profiles section with short bios of the writers and their works, a Chronology of Tuscany's cultural and political history, a bibliography for further reading, and an index for handy reference.

For anyone who has fallen under the Tuscan spell, as so many have before, this one-of-a-kind guide to the region will bring delight and a renewed sense of wonder about the place, and the artistic visions that have happened in Tuscany

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Editorial Review

Review

I'm fascinated to learn that Milton visited Galileo, that Freud could be "bowed over," and that Emerson described the Duomo as "like an archangel's tent." Bravo, Ted Jones, for gathering a trove of writers' responses to Tuscany and for writing such an engaging context for their travels. Knowing of those who traveled before us deepens our own responses to a place. This book enriches my own journeys in this fabled land. - Frances Mayes, author of *Every Day in Tuscany: Seasons of an Italian Life*

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Ted Jones is a writer and journalist who specializes in Travel and the Arts. He is the author of *The French Riviera: A Literary Guide for Travellers*. He currently resides in the South of France.

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Winston Nakashima:

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