

THE P.A.I. SICILIA BOOKCLUB

Herewith, a small selection from the many English language books that address Sicilian life and Sicilian themes. As with the books listed above under *The Literature of Sicily*, not all are currently in print, but copies of most should be available in your local library. If not, some may be acquired from local second hand dealers or via the Internet.

***On Persephone's Island – a Sicilian journal* - Mary Taylor Simeti**

Sicilian life as seen by an American woman who married a local in 1962 and settled in Sicily

***A House in Italy* - Daphne Phelps**

Elderly Englishwoman's account of maintaining a house and garden near Taormina

***In Sicily* - Norman Lewis**

Last thoughts on Sicilian life by an English travel writer with a long interest in Sicily.

***The Golden Honeycomb* - Vincent Cronin**

Classic travel book on Sicily first published in 1954. Focuses on art and architecture.

***The Stone Boudoir* - Theresa Maggio**

Exploration of remote Sicilian villages by an American author of Sicilian descent

***Blood Washes Blood* - Frank Viviano**

American journalist seeks to solve the mystery of an ancestor's mafia related death

***Sicilian Lives* - Danilo Dolci**

First hand accounts of life in Sicily collected b/w 1955 & 1974 by a pioneering social worker

***Words are Stones - Impressions of Sicily* - Carlo Levi**

Collection of observations on various aspects of Sicilian life. First published in 1955

***Midnight in Sicily* - Peter Robb**

Investigation into political corruption against a backdrop of Sicilian life and culture

***In Sicily* - Elio Vittorini**

Classic account of an urban Sicilian reconnecting with his roots in a primitive Sicilian village

****Sicily Through Writer's Eyes* - edited by Horatio Clare** (Eland Publishing Ltd)

Recent publication which includes a survey of writing on Sicily from Ancient Greek times through to the present day. Extracts from some of the above books included.

A wide variety of travel guides for Sicily is generally available at Borders, Readings and other major bookstores. These vary from the visually stimulating, easy to access *Eyewitness Guide* and the popular *Lonely Planet* and *Rough Guides*, to more academic studies such as the *Cadogan* and *Blue Guides*. There are also the reliable *Michelin* and *Touring Club Italiano Guides*.

The less familiar titles and other interesting travel books can often be found at the *Hill of Content* bookstore in Collins Street, *Reader's Feast* in Swanston Street or *Traveller's Bookstore* in Smith Street, Collingwood.

Take your pick! Just don't all buy the same one!