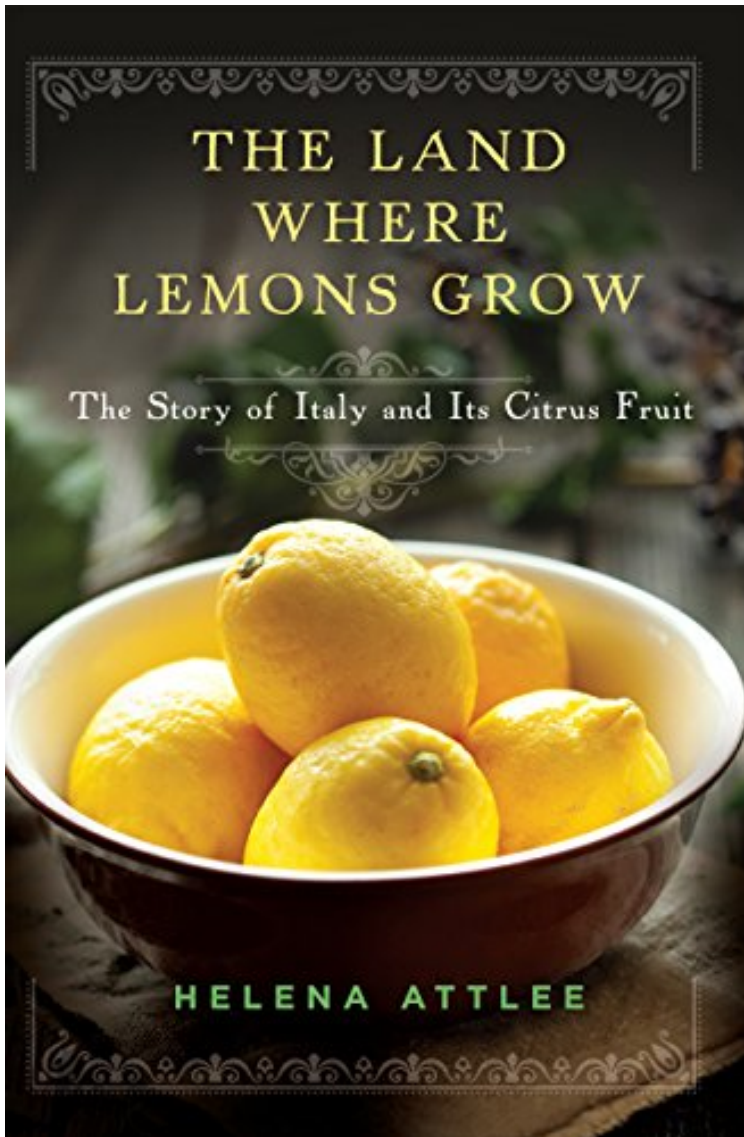


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Tuscany, or the story of the Mafia and Sicily's citrus groves, Attlee transports readers on a journey unlike any other. Revue de presse Thrillingly sensual, and zesty in every sense, Helena Attlee is the best of companions as she leads us through sundrenched citrus groves and in and out of history. A book full of surprises, with many curiosities, stories and recipes on the way (Deborah Moggach, author of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*) Inspired and inspiring, in prose as sharp as the fruit it celebrates (David Wheeler, editor of *Hortus*) This is the first among my books of the year. Every page of Attlee's subtle fusion of history and horticulture made me feel that it's time to pack the bags again for Italy (Jonathan Keates *Literary*) 4 stars. Attlee, who knows and loves Italy and the Italians, takes the reader through the country's scented gardens with her sharp descriptions, pertinent stories and quotes and intriguing recipes. I was there with her (Anna del Conte *Sunday Telegraph*) Fascinating . . . A distinguished garden writer, Attlee fell under the spell of citrus over ten years ago and the book, like the eleventh labour of Hercules to steal the golden fruit of the Hesperides, is the result. She writes with great lucidity, charm and gentle humour, and wears her considerable learning lightly . . . Helena Attlee's elegant, absorbing prose and sure-footed ability to combine the academic with the anecdotal, make *The Land Where Lemons Grow* a welcome addition to the library of citrologists and Italophiles alike (The *Times Literary Supplement*) A paradise of citrus is how I always think of Italy too: a place where ice-cold limoncello is sipped from tiny glasses on piazzas, and everything from ricotta cake to osso bucco is enlivened with zest. What a joy, therefore, to read Helena Attlee's *The Land Where Lemons Grow*, which tells the story of Italy through its citrus fruit (Bee Wilson *Telegraph*) Truly fascinating . . . For many years, Attlee has been collecting evidence for a story of citrus trees in Italy. The result, *The Land Where Lemons Grow*, is remarkable, excellently produced and essential for all lovers of Italy, their summer libraries and out-of-season itineraries . . . Attlee's book is unmissable for anyone intrigued by the relation between humans' travel, greed and ingenuity and the spread of the plants that we eat, smell and drink (Robin Lane Fox *Financial Times*) 'It would be a treat to find *The Land Where Lemons Grow* under the tree' (Carolyn Hart *Telegraph*, *Books of the Year*) 'It turned out to be the book I pressed on friends more than any other this year. If they were bemused, I hope they remained to be charmed. I read it randomly a few pages at a time until there were no pages I hadn't read twice. It was my respite from purposive reading.' (Tom Stoppard *TLS*, *Books of the Year*) Presentation de l'diteur A unique culinary adventure through Italian history *The Land Where Lemons Grow* is the sweeping story of Italy's cultural history told through the history of its citrus crops. From the early migration of citrus from the foothills of the Himalayas to Italy's shores to the persistent role of unique crops such as bergamot (and its place in the perfume and cosmetics industries) and the vital role played by Calabria's unique Diamante citrons in the Jewish celebration of Sukkoth, author Helena Attlee brings the fascinating history and its gustatory delights to life. Whether the Battle of Oranges in Ivrea, the gardens of Tuscany, or the story of the Mafia and Sicily's citrus groves, Attlee transports readers on a journey unlike any other.