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[Art and the Form of Life](#) Rizzoli Publications

Through close examination of Renaissance paintings, drawings, book illustrations, and other art works, Patricia Fortini Brown brings fourteenth-fifteenth century Venice alive. She explores the role of the guilds and the nobility, the unique island setting, the environment of the church and the private home, the political rivalries with other states, the taste for symbols and metaphors, the myriad qualities that made Venice distinct and its art unique. Carefully interweaving art-historical analysis of individual works (both famous and little-known) with rich contextual discussions, she reveals a culture of high beauty, artifice, and craftsmanship.

[Brunetti's Venice](#) Penguin

An armchair traveler's companion to Donna Leon's Brunetti mysteries: "a splendid present for mystery-fiction fans [or] travel-lit buffs" (Tom Nolan, *The Wall Street Journal*). Follow Commissario Guido Brunetti, star of Donna Leon's international bestselling mystery series, on over a dozen walks that highlight Venice's churches, markets, bars, cafes, and palazzos. In Brunetti's Venice, tourists and armchair travelers follow in the footsteps of Brunetti as he traverses the city he knows and loves. With his acute eye, fascination with history, ear for language, passion for food, and familiarity with the dark realities of crime and corruption, Brunetti is the perfect companion for any walk across La Serenissima. Over a dozen walks, encompassing all six regions of Venice as well as the lagoon, lead readers down calli, over canali, and through campi. Important locations from the best-selling novels are highlighted and major themes and characters are explored, all accompanied by poignant excerpts from the novels. This is a must-have companion book for any lover of Donna Leon's wonderful mysteries.

[Venice Observed](#) Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

The remarkable and mysterious art of Venetian living is revealed here in 430 glorious color photographs.

Featured are modern apartments, small country homes, and the palazzos as well as the workshops of the glassmakers, weavers, lacemakers, and other artisans who have made Venice and its beauty famous and enduring. 430 full-color photographs.

[Exotic Brew](#) PublicAffairs

This is an account of the eating and drinking habits of the upper classes in the 18th century. The text examines the shift from a rich, heavy diet to a much lighter one which emphasized exotic foods like tea, coffee and chocolate.

[Street Level: Los Angeles in the Twenty-First Century](#) Yale University Press

Margaret Plant presents a wide-ranging cultural history of the city from the fall of the Republic in 1797, until 1997, showing how it has changed and adapted and how perceptions of it have shaped its reality.

[Private Lives in Renaissance Venice](#) Rizzoli Publications

Abandoned unfinished and left to rot on Venice's Grand Canal, 'il palazzo non finito' was once an unloved guest among the aristocrats of Venetian architecture. Yet in the 20th century it played host to three passionate and unconventional women who would take the city by storm. The staggeringly wealthy Marchesa Luisa Casati made her new home a belle epoque aesthete's fantasy and herself a living work of art; notorious British socialite Doris Castlerosse (née Delevingne) welcomed film stars and royalty to glittering parties between the wars; and American heiress Peggy Guggenheim amassed an exquisite collection of modern art, which today draws visitors from around the world. Each in turn used the Unfinished Palazzo as a stage on which to re-fashion her life, with a dazzling supporting cast ranging from D'Annunzio and Nijinsky, through Noël Coward, Winston Churchill and Cecil Beaton, to Yoko Ono. Individually sensational and collectively remarkable, these stories of modern Venice tell us much about the ways women chose to live in the 20th century.

[The Gardens of Venice](#) Pariyatti

The story of Venice's "Unfinished Palazzo"—told through the lives of three of its most unconventional, passionate, and fascinating residents: Luisa Casati, Doris Castlerosse, and Peggy Guggenheim. Commissioned in 1750, the Palazzo Venier was planned as a testimony to the power and wealth of a great Venetian family, but the fortunes of the Veniers waned midconstruction and the project was abandoned. Empty, unfinished, and decaying, the building was considered an eyesore until the early twentieth century when it attracted and inspired three women at key moments in their lives: Luisa Casati, Doris Castlerosse, and Peggy Guggenheim. Luisa Casati turned her home into an aesthete's fantasy where she hosted parties as extravagant and decadent as Renaissance court operas, spending small fortunes on her own costumes in her quest to become a "living work of art" and muse. Doris Castlerosse strove to make her mark in London and Venice during the glamorous, hedonistic interwar years, hosting film stars and royalty at glittering parties. In the postwar years, Peggy Guggenheim turned the Palazzo into a model of modernist simplicity that served as a home for her exquisite collection of modern art that today draws tourists and art lovers from around the world. Each vivid life story is accompanied by previously unseen materials from family archives, weaving an intricate history of these legendary art world eccentrics.

[Sargent, Whistler, and Venetian Glass](#) MIT Press

'Living as Form' grew out of a major exhibition at Creative Time in New York City. Like the exhibition, the book is a landmark survey of more than 100 projects selected by a 30-person curatorial advisory team; each project is documented by a selection of colour images.

[Back to Venice](#) Vintage

In the latter part of the 20th, a series of seminal books were written which examined Los Angeles by the likes of Reyner Banham, Mike Davis, Edward Soja, Allen Scott, Michael Dear, Frederick Jameson, Umberto Eco, Bernard-Henri Levy, and Jean Baudrillard which have been hugely influential in thinking about cities more broadly. The debates which were generated by these works have tended to be very heated and either defensive or offensive in approach. A sufficient amount of time has since passed that a more measured approach to evaluating this work can now be taken. The first section of this book, 'Contra This and Contra That', provides such a critique of the various theories applied to Los Angeles during the last century, balancing the positive with the negative. The second part of the book is an investigation of L.A. as it exists on the ground today. While political, the theoretical stance taken in this investigation is not mounted as a platform from which to advocate a particular ideology. Instead, it encompasses cultural as well as economic issues to put forth a view of L.A. which is coherent and cogent while at the same time considering its multi-layered, complex and ever-changing qualities. It concludes by arguing that sectorized off and 'totalizing' visions of the city will not do as instruments of urban analysis and that only a theory as mobile as its target will do: one that replicates the polymer nature of this place. It proposes that, extending that theory to the world beyond this particular city, only a theory that models itself on the mobile and polymer nature of the world, while still retaining a sense of the actual and the real, will do as an instrument with which to comprehend the world. In doing so, this book is not only a model by which to think through Los Angeles, but as a model by which to think through other world cities.

[Islands Magazine](#) Pushkin Collection

LA photographer Sarah Hadley's nostalgic photographs of Venice's architecture and fragility Los Angeles-based photographer Sarah Hadley's series *Lost Venice* is a haunting portrayal of Venice through a personal lens of loss and nostalgia. Channeling the ethereal nature of the city, Hadley alludes to the premature loss of her father, who introduced her to Italy as a child.

[Sargent's Venice](#) Yale University Press

For centuries, writers, painters, and musicians have succumbed to the magical charms of Venice. From the lagoon—the city's life source crisscrossed by fishermen, sailors, and gondoliers—to the streets and squares that form the backdrop to the Venetians' theatrical way of life, the authors invite us to discover extravagant interiors in a tour of the palazzi, modern apartments, and private homes and gardens. Visit the colorful workshops where goldsmiths, boatbuilders, weavers, lace-makers, and other artisans craft traditional Venetian specialties. This revised edition is illustrated with 430 photographs and completed by a guidebook listing more than two hundred hotels, restaurants, and shops recommended by true Venetians.

[Sarah Hadley: Lost Venice](#) U of Minnesota Press

Famous series of paintings reproduced in contemporary engravings by Visentini. Wonderful view of 18th-century Venice; thorough text by J. Links. 50 illustrations.

[The Unfinished Palazzo](#) Yale University Press

In the tradition of Jane Jacobs' *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* comes an urgent plea from internationally renowned art historian Salvatore Settis to preserve Venice's future. What is Venice worth? To whom does this urban treasure belong? Venetians are increasingly abandoning their hometown — there's now only one resident for every 140 visitors — and Venice's fragile fate has become emblematic of the future of historic cities everywhere as it capitulates to tourists and those who profit from them. In *If Venice Dies*, a fiery blend of history and cultural analysis, internationally renowned art historian Salvatore Settis argues that "hit-and-run" visitors are turning landmark urban settings into shopping malls and theme parks. He warns that Western civilization's prime achievements face impending ruin from mass tourism and global cultural homogenization. This is a passionate plea to secure Venice's future, written with consummate authority, wide-ranging erudition, and élan.

[Art and Life in Renaissance Venice](#) Seton Press

A quartet of essays on great European cities from the groundbreaking thinker Georg Simmel. These brilliant essays, from

one of Germany's greatest and most influential thinkers, are beautifully written and highly readable portraits of three Italian cities: Rome, Venice and Florence. Simmel saw the city as a work of art in itself, and taken together these pieces act as a powerful suite expounding that notion. A seminal work of psycho-geography, this collection has never been published together in English before.

Living as Form Vintage

A #1 New York Times Bestseller! "Funny, insightful, illuminating . . ." --The Boston Globe Twelve years ago, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* exploded into a monumental success, residing a record-breaking four years on the New York Times bestseller list (longer than any work of fiction or nonfiction had before) and turning John Berendt into a household name. The *City of Falling Angels* is Berendt's first book since *Midnight*, and it immediately reminds one what all the fuss was about. Turning to the magic, mystery, and decadence of Venice, Berendt gradually reveals the truth behind a sensational fire that in 1996 destroyed the historic Fenice opera house. Encountering a rich cast of characters, Berendt tells a tale full of atmosphere and surprise as the stories build, one after the other, ultimately coming together to portray a world as finely drawn as a still-life painting.

Venetian Chic Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

"As the sixteenth century opened, members of the patriciate were increasingly withdrawing from trade, desiring to be seen as "gentlemen in fact" as well as "gentlemen in name." The author considers why this was so and explores such wide-ranging themes as attitudes toward wealth and display, the articulation of family identity, the interplay between the public and the private, and the emergence of characteristically Venetian decorative practices and styles of art and architecture. Brown focuses new light on the visual culture of Venetian women - how they lived within, furnished, and decorated their homes; what spaces were allotted to them; what their roles and domestic tasks were; how they dressed; how they raised their children; and how they entertained. Bringing together both high arts and low, the book examines all aspects of Renaissance material culture."--BOOK JACKET.

Venice Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Art and the Form of Life takes a classic theme--philosophy as the art of living--and gives it a contemporary twist. The book examines a series of watershed moments in artistic practice alongside philosophers' most enduring questions about the way we live. Coupling Tino Sehgal with Wittgenstein, cave art with Foucault, Stanley Kubrick with Nietzsche, and the Bauhaus with Walter Benjamin, the book animates the idea that life is literally ours to make. It reflects on universal themes that connect the long histories of art and philosophy, and it does so using a contemporary approach. Drawing on great philosophical works, it argues that life practiced as an art form affords an experience of meaning, in the sense that it is engaging, creative, and participatory. It thus effects a fundamental renewal of experience.

Venice: Art and architecture Courier Dover Publications

The illuminating story of writer and muse--which also examines the cost to a young woman of her association with a larger-than-life literary celebrity--Autumn in Venice is an intimate look at Hemingway's final years. In the fall of 1948, Ernest Hemingway and his fourth wife traveled for the first time to Venice, which Hemingway called "absolutely god-damned wonderful." A year shy of his fiftieth birthday, Hemingway hadn't published a novel in nearly a decade when he met and fell in love with Adriana Ivancich, a striking Venetian girl just out of finishing school. Here Andrea di Robilant re-creates with sparkling clarity this surprising, years-long relationship, during which Adriana inspired a man thirty years her senior to complete his great final work. Hemingway used Adriana as the model for Renata in *Across the River and into the Trees*, and continued to visit Venice to see her; when the Ivanciches traveled to Cuba, Adriana was there as he wrote *The Old Man and the Sea*.

The Art of the Venice Academy Springer Nature

Murano Glass and its Collectors in *Aesthetic America* / Melody Barnett Deusner -- Venetian Mosaics and Glass in the United States, 1860-1917 / Sheldon Barr -- "Where Have Titian's Beauties Gone?" : Sargent and Whistler on the Streets of Venice / Stephanie Mayer Heydt -- *Interweaving Worlds : Antique and Revival Lace in Italy and in the United States, 1872-1927* / Diana Jocelyn Greenwold -- *Sparks of Genius : American Art and the Appeal of Modern Venetian Glass* / Crawford Alexander Mann III -- *Biographies* / Brittany Emens Strupp, Crawford Alexander Mann III.

The Milk of Dreams National Geographic Books

Venice, home of Tiepolo, Canaletto, Piranesi, Piazzetta, and Guardi, was the most artistic city of 18th-century Italy. This beautiful book examines the whole range of the arts in Venice during the period, including paintings, pastels and gouaches, drawings and watercolors, prints and illustrated books and sculpture. Beautifully illustrated.