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From Albania To Sicily



Synopsis

Albanian communities have been in existence in Sicily for over 500 years. Albanians have been living in Sicily since the 15th century. They have preserved their language and traditions that pre-date the arrival of the Ottomans in the Balkans. This volume is about the descendants of the Albanians who left their Balkan homelands when they were invaded by the Ottoman Turks in the 15th century. Known as the Arbëreshë in Sicily and the other parts of Italy where they settled, many of the descendants of these refugees have managed to continue their Albanian traditions, culture, and language whilst integrating harmoniously with their Italian neighbours. In this book, Adam Yamey describes his visit to the Sicilian Arbëreshë people and illustrates it with a profusion of fascinating photographs. Combining personal observation with in-depth research, this - at times entertaining, and always informative - personal travelogue is one of only a few books in English about Sicily's Albanians.

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Customer Reviews

From Albania to Sicily is a very interesting book that describes the life and culture of Arberesh people living today in Sicily. I enjoyed reading this book not only for its rich information but also for its images and pics of Arberesh people's daily life. I was amazed at the author's hard work and research in writing this book. It's written with love and passion. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the history of Balkan people as well as in the history of the Albanian people who left their mother land after the Ottoman Empire occupied their country around 15 century.

Very interesting book- but not as I expected. It is written more like a travel journal than a history book (what I expected). Still good reading though!

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