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by Margo Sorenson

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## A Summer in Italy for an American Teen: Six Weeks of Dangerous Intrigue and a New Romance

In this celebration of Italian life and culture, seventeen-year-old Alessandra returns for the summer to Italy, where she grew up. Pressured by her parents into babysitting a rebellious twelve year old—ruining holiday plans with newfound American friends—Alessandra resigns herself to a tedious summer in Positano.

Her babysitting gig, however, turns out to be anything but boring! Not only does Alessandra fall for the handsome son of the Bertolucci family, renowned for their limoncello production, but when a body mysteriously turns up on the beach, the influence of organized crime in Positano becomes frighteningly real. As Alessandra is drawn further into an elaborate conspiracy, she must risk everything to protect herself, her family, and those she loves, and in the process finds herself—and her Italian heart.



### Praise for *Secrets in Translation*

“A teenage romance as sweet and satisfying as a summer day on the Amalfi coast, with a dark twist to add to the page-turning mystery. Margo Sorenson has deftly captured the enigmatic moodiness of a tween, the budding self-awareness of an almost-adult young woman, and the tantalizing seductiveness of Italy—and its young men. A delightful armchair excursion to the romantic heart of southern Italy! Brava!”

– Dianne Hales, author of *La Bella Lingua* and the forthcoming *La Passione: How Italy Seduced the World*

“*Secrets in Translation* is a perfect mix of travel, culture, romance and mystery! The descriptions of the towns, restaurants and the people allow the reader to feel as if they are traveling to Italy with Alessandra! The character deals with the pull between the loyalty of two cultures and coming of age. The story is intriguing and pulls the reader in leaving them wanting more. A fun and interesting book that teens are sure to love.”

– Anita Celucci, Past President MA Library Association, Librarian, Westborough HS, SLJ 2016 School Librarian of the Year

“High school senior Alessandra is not sure if she will have the time of her life or if she will regret agreeing to ‘babysit’ Carrie during a summer trip to Italy. Luckily for Alex she is wooed by several hot Italian guys and the romance makes the weeks fly by too fast. Sorenson has created a fun, dreamy romp in the Italian countryside with a dash of suspense and intrigue to keep life lively. *Secrets in Translation* is perfect for readers seeking dynamic entertaining summer read that will warm their hearts as they cheer for Alex and her newfound loves.”

– Wendy Woodfill, former Head, Hennepin County Library Children’s Collections, Minnesota



### About the Author:

Author of twenty-eight traditionally published books, Margo Sorenson spent the first seven years of her life in Spain and Italy, devouring books and Italian food. A former middle and high school teacher, Margo has won national recognition and awards for her books, including ALA Quick Pick Nominations, recommendations from Multicultural Review, and was named a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award in YA Fiction.

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