

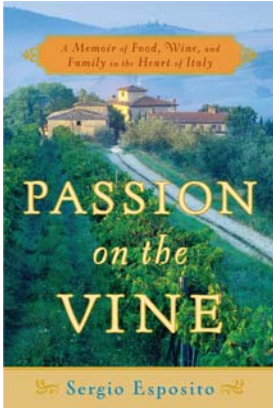
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Literary Tapas

By Stuart Reb Donald



Small dishes from the realm where paper meets palate.

Sergio Esposito's new book *Passion on the Vine: A Memoir of Food, Wine, and Family in the Heart of Italy* is being well received. Bill Buford (the food writer not the drummer from 70s art rockers *Yes*) states, "Without qualification, the best book about Italian wine today, if only because Sergio Esposito understands that its mysterious greatness is in its poetry—the earth, its diurnal magic, the ghosts of great-grandfathers. A beautiful, boldly sentimental memoir." *Passion on the Vine* is the latest in the growing genre of "culinary adventure" that began with Buford's bestseller *Heat* and continues with other publications like Bob Spitz's *The Saucier's Apprentice* which I am currently reading.