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writes about the 'ordinary' and not just the well-known, famous sites throughout Italy. She discovers life and meaning in the quiet spaces--the garden of her hotel, in the kindness of strangers, in the gifts of the craftspeople, and ultimately, in the heart of the land and its lovely people...everywhere she goes, finding joy in unexpected places and having the courage to travel solo doing so! A beautiful book written by a very beautiful soul. A must read if you plan to visit Italy or if you have been there before and wish to return through Margie's words. And especially, if you are considering traveling solo, you should definitely read this: A true gem of a book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thank you for the trip Margie...By AJMargie Miklas certainly has a love affair with Italy, but I would go one step further to add that there is also a respect and understanding of the Italian people and culture as well. There is something beautifully charming about this simple journal chronicling Miklas' trip through Italy that leaves the reader smiling at the end of each chapter. The writing is straightforward, descriptive, and honest, and while Miklas clearly has knowledge of Italy, its culture, and language, she never leaves her reader behind during her journey. You taste the meals, you experience the relief of finding a laundromat, you are frustrated with transportation delays, and you feel success with a treasured purchase or chance connection with distant family. This is the perfect read before traveling to Italy or while settling down after a long day. Margie Miklas' kind, gracious voice invites everyone to join her in Italy, and at the end of the book, you are taken back to the U.S. feeling more worldly than the day you embarked on this trip with the Solo Traveler.