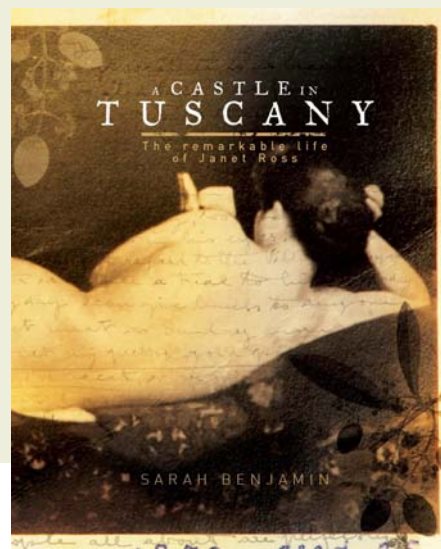


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Description

A Castle in Tuscany: The Remarkable Life of Janet Ross tells the story of the extraordinary Janet Ross. To lovers of classic food books, Janet's name is recognisable, as the eminent Elizabeth David cited her as a source and her work changed the way the English thought about vegetables. Few people though know much about the life she lived.

Born in 1842 to a gifted and unconventional British upper-class family, as a young girl she was a muse to writers and artists. She earned the admiration of Bedouin chiefs for her adventurous spirit while living in Egypt as a young bride. The financial ruin of her banker husband, Henry, led the couple to Italy and there they fell in love with the land, its people, food, art and culture. Their home became a place to visit for the interesting and talented, including Mark Twain and Bernard Berenson. It was in Italy that Janet truly discovered her gifts for agriculture, food and writing.

In this fascinating biography, author Sarah Benjamin details Janet's passion for nature and food and uncovers a life full of talent, generosity, ideas, family secrets and intrigue.

Sales Points

- Accompanying historical photographs and stunning design make this a unique book to cherish
- Beautiful full-wrap cover on parchment-feel paper features a portrait of Janet Ross
- Includes a ribbon bookmark
- A captivating story of a true innovator well ahead of her time
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