

## JOHANNES THIELE THE ITALIAN IN ME



### **A Midsummer Night's Dream in Italian.**

“Oh, come on.” Leonie smiled and ran her fingers through my hair in a gesture she always claims is loving, but which I still don’t like, and is definitely on the list of ten things I hate about you. “You need to chill out. You’ll love it. Italy! Goethe! The land where the lemon trees blossom.”

#### **Book**

**T**he land where the lemon trees blossom”: This simple enticement throws Henry Wunderlich’s life – which has until now run in far too straight a rut – into total confusion. Summer, sun, sand – the charmingly old-fashioned Grand Hotel right on the azure Adriatic coast promises a wonderful holiday for the whole family. But Henry doesn’t actually like holidays. He hates sand under his feet, the southern sun is far too hot for him, and Italians are loud by nature. Too loud.

Beneath Italian skies the yearning for love obviously flourishes, and Henry has to look on as all his loved ones are infected by a strange

virus: *amore all'italiana*. It's not just that his daughters Laura and Julia discover the joys of freedom and sail off on the back of a vespa. Even his wife seems not to be disinclined towards an adventure – one called Alessandro, with bright blue eyes.

Henry soon feels totally out of his depth and abandons himself to pleasant musings about Giulia, the pretty waitress. And how good it is that he finds a new friend: the Italian in himself. Who gives him lessons about *dolce vita* and *amore* which catapult him into a completely new way of looking at life ...

320 pages

### **Sales arguments**

- We've always loved Italy – now at last we know exactly why.
- A turbulent comedy about relationships, full of unforgettable characters. A wonderful declaration of love for the art of living.

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