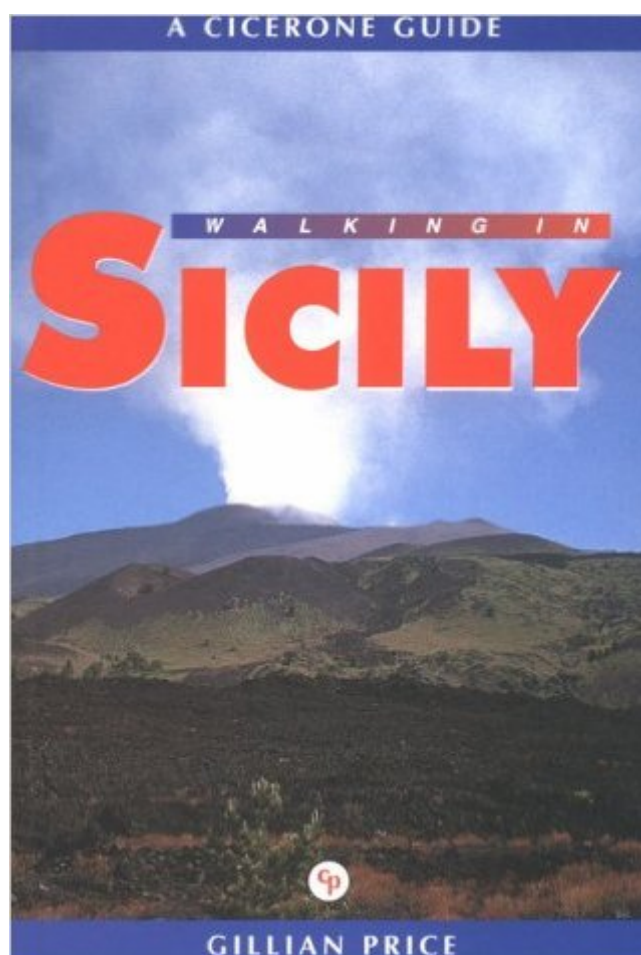


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Synopsis

Exploring this breathtaking island on foot is a journey through time. Sicily offers wild valleys pitted with Greek and Roman temples and ancient ruins - reminders of long-gone peoples. Mule tracks and age-old pathways have survived and reserve a wealth of surprises, starting with the carpets of brilliant wildflowers. Landscapes are grandiose. Olive groves thrive alongside citrus orchards, never far from snow-clad mountain ranges presided over by imposing volcanoes - ranging from extinct and visitable, through to placidly smoking, and to constantly active giants Etna and Stromboli from which fiery rivers of lava issue. In dramatic contrast is the string of peaceful offshore islands set in turquoise waters, which are pure Mediterranean in character. Sicily's stunning range of scenery, combined with its mild winters and hot dry summers, make rewarding walking holidays feasible all year round. Visits are facilitated by good road access and an excellent network of public transport. Accommodation is plentiful, as are memorable eating places with rich Mediterranean fare.

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This book covers 46 walks in Sicily ranging from coastal walks to walks in the more hilly or mountainous interior terrain. Several walks are on the Egadi and Aeolian Islands, off the western and northern coasts of Sicily, respectively. This review is of the second edition, published in 2006 by Cicerone. It is 256 pages and would fit easily in a large pocket. Cicerone publishes guides for walking, trekking, climbing, and cycling. The book begins with an introduction containing a brief

history of Sicily, comments on the island's geography and landforms, and a few remarks about the Mafia in Sicily. There are suggestions about what to take with you to Sicily as well as how to get there and brief discussions about accommodations, telephones, and food and drink in Sicily. Additionally, the flowers, trees, and wildlife of Sicily are discussed. The heart of the book are descriptions of the various walks. For each walk the approximate time to do the walk is given, as well as the distance, and the difficulty of the walk, graded 1-3. There are directions to the walk's starting point, both by public transportation, as well as by driving. Each walk description includes a sketch map of the area, although a few walks are grouped together on the same sketch map. For each walk, there are listings of more detailed maps that are available. The narrative for the walks mentions major sights along the way, either manmade or natural. When appropriate, there may be some historical or cultural information about the vicinity. Most walk descriptions also include a color photo. The book is very appealing and certainly makes me want to return to Sicily and do some of these hikes. The author has a good writing style and appears to know Sicily well.

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