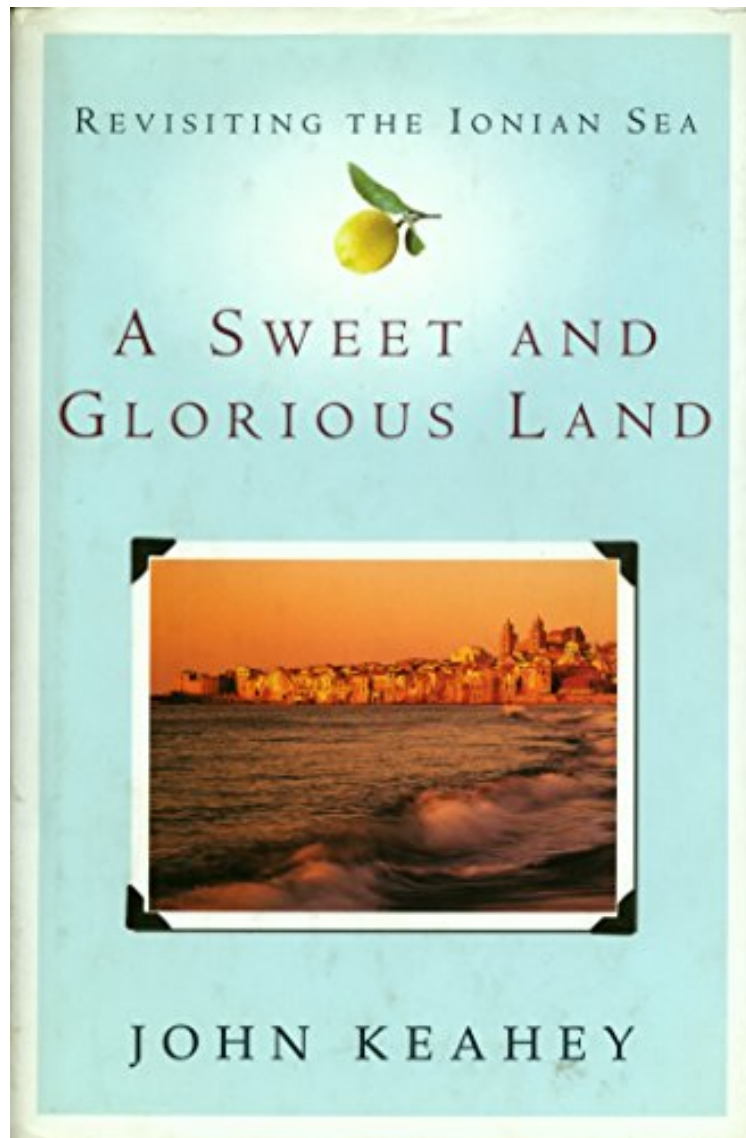


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A sweet and glorious adventure... Von Paul E. Paolicelli I had the pleasure of making some of the photographs for this book. I met John Keahey several years ago in Rome, we became friends instantly, and now we have both written books on Italy in attempts to explain our love for the place. John's book, A Sweet and Glorious Land: Revisiting the Ionian Sea,

is a great travel adventure--even more interesting, to me, than the original Gissing work he based this book upon. I made one of his many Gissing re-tracings with John last year during an unusually cold period for extreme Southern Italy. We dashed about what had been Magna Graecia and lost ourselves in the majesty and romance of Grecian ruins amid the Italian countryside, most times completely forgetting the brutal chill. We re-read Gissing and guessed at his sometimes wandering intent. We studied maps and walked to find vantage points. And it is all magically in this book, all of the vistas and musings and research and, of course, Keahey's deeply held love and fascination with this wonderful country. If you love Italy, history, travel or just plain good, solid writing, you'll love this book.

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