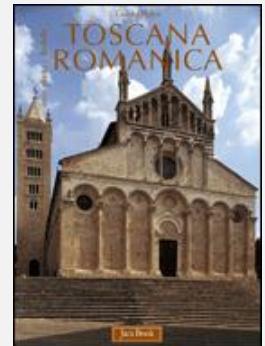


# Book description

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This book shows a new artistic geography of Romanesque Tuscany while suggesting an itinerary through its main monuments. The starting point is the extraordinary cultural and political fragmentation of this period (XI-XII century), when each diocese and city had their own private vicissitudes and when, around the territories of the free *comuni*, there were still certain areas belonging to the feudal system, including abbeys.

This itinerary spans from the Via Francigena, via the region of Lunigiana with a first stop in Carrara. After this we move to Pisa, the most vibrant centre of the Romanesque period. Already the early Romanesque of Pisa, born in the first quarter of the XI century, influenced the style in Lunigiana. The classicism of Buscheto, who designed the cathedral of Pisa, was afterwards adopted in Lucchesia and Florence.

Before exploring Tuscany in depth, this book analyses the coast that was once ruled by the people from Pisa. The cathedral of Volterra and that of Massa Marittima are fundamental laps among the Pisan territory. At this point, just like the Pisan stylistic influence, the author moves towards the inland parts of Tuscany, in particular to Lucca and its surroundings, Pistoia and its territory that included Prato, and Florence with its county. Different styles, much rougher and characterised by anti-classic and highly original stylistic choices are peculiar of the cathedral of Fiesole, of the *pieve* of Arezzo and of those of Valdarno Superiore and Casentino. The short distance that separated the façade of the Abbey of Fiesole, so similar to those of Florence, from the Cathedral of Fiesole, is the objective correlative of the chasm between two different worlds. The area around Fiesole and Arezzo is more connected to Umbria and Marche and to central-south Tuscany, rather than to Florence.

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