



To Tuscany with Love

By Gail Mencini

Can one college semester abroad change the course of your life?

Bella Rossini, a vivacious college junior, lands in jail overnight with acquaintances whom she mistakes for friends. Shipped off to Tuscany by her mother, Bella is suddenly thrust into living with seven strangers during one life-altering summer.

Meet Hope, the sturdy and practical girl, steadfast in her loyalty to her boyfriend; Meghan and Karen, identical twins with an eye for fashion and beauty to match; Stillman, haunted by his hard past, and Phillip, an athlete, both fueled by competition; Lee, by family mandate in pre-med; and Rune, the Hollywood-bound wild child. All add sizzling chemistry and rebellious humor to the mix.

In one whirlwind summer, while uncovering the charms of Italy, these eight college students discover both friendship and love.

After their summer together, life—and loss—happens.

Returning to Tuscany thirty years later, their dreams, anger, secrets, and disappointments create an emotional kaleidoscope. Their reunion sends them on a startling collision course that none of them could have predicted.

Set against the allure of Tuscany with an irresistible blend of heartbreak and humor, the debut novel, *To Tuscany with Love*, is an adult coming-of-age story that explores the fear of letting the past dictate the future and the power of friendship.

Meet Gail

An award-winning author, Gail is a writer, speaker, gourmet cook, and passionate traveler. She has toured Italy by train, bus, car, Vespa, and on foot. These adventures and her love for the hill towns, food, and wines of Italy resonate in her writing. Gail lives, writes, and cooks in Colorado with her husband and family, who are always ready to critique her abundance of story ideas and latest new recipes.

