



# It Happened in Tuscany

## By Gail Mencini

### ***If you could only choose one, which would it be — honor or duty?***

On February 18, 1945, Will Mills and his fellow soldiers in the 10th Mountain Division scaled Italy's treacherous Riva Ridge in the frigid night to break through the nearly impenetrable German line of defense. Severely wounded, Will was rescued by Italian partisans, and one, a beautiful girl, tended his injuries until he had the strength to rejoin the U.S. troops.

Seventy-five years later, Will's spunky thirty-two-year-old neighbor, Sophie Sparke, faces disaster in her life. Everything is going wrong—her job, her love life, even her dog. Part of the problem is that confident and fiercely independent Sophie lets her quick mouth get her into trouble in more ways than she can count.

The passage of time and years of being haunted by his decisions and actions during wartime have molded Will into a bitter, angry man. He finagles Sophie into traveling with him to Tuscany to find the partisan who saved his life and to confront the demons born of his wartime actions. Sophie and Will comb enchanting Tuscan hill towns on an improbable and unfolding mission. Will's passionate tenacity drives their quest, and in the process, exposes their darkest secrets. The journey alters the course of their lives, and Will and Sophie find more than they had imagined in the hills of Tuscany.

### ***Meet Gail***

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