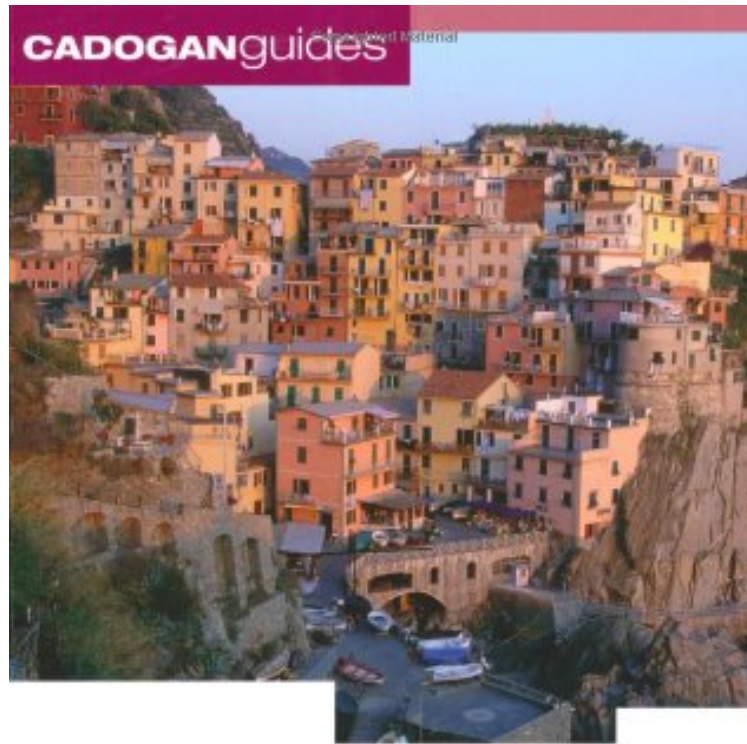


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"The intimacy of the authors with their subject shines through" - The Bookseller"About the Author Dana Facaros and Michael Pauls are passionate about Europe and have written over 40 books for Cadogan, including several in the Italy series where they lived for many years.