

All *amore!* German-Italian love with cultural obstacles



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Dori Mellina grew up near Lake Garda and knows all about cultural misunderstandings – the native of Italy has been living and working in Munich for many years. *Dolce Vita for the Advanced* is her debut novel.

Expat Italian Laura has settled down comfortably in her German life: a steady relationship, a child and a boring job in pharmaceuticals. Then, together with some friends, she sets up "Ask me for sunshine", an agency for Italian lifestyle. No sooner does her professional life start to soar than her private affairs plunge: boyfriend Martin suddenly starts displaying the most German, picky side of his character. Laura escapes to friend Ilaria – and, of course, promptly meets the good-looking Alessandro. Is this the end of all the cultural misunderstandings? Before it comes to that, however, Laura is in demand at weddings – German-Italian ones, of course.