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The enchanting festivals and foods of Italy are revealed with an enormous sense of wonder, excitement, and culinary expertise. Carol Field recreates 35 regional celebrations, dating back to medieval and even pagan times, and brings to life events that mix culture, culinary history, and a sense of the sights, smells, and tastes of the country.

From Publishers Weekly In this encyclopedic effort, IACP/Tastemaker Award-winner Field (*The Italian Baker*) takes readers on a fascinating culinary tour: a trip through Italy that in form is part guidebook, part cookbook and "culinary archaeology" at its best. Her Italy is a place of fairs, festivals, and historic and religious hoopla that transform the mundane into the magical: "Festivals are a form of communion . . . not only for Italians but for Americans who happen upon them." Almost invariably, festivals are gastronomically obsessed, "tied to the calendar and to the countryside." Field lures the reader to feasts of seafood, polenta, rice, and strawberries--even a Passover seder in Rome. And, from Tuscan grape harvest sweetbread (*schacciata all'uva*) to creamy pumpkin-flavored rice (*riso e zucca*) and a Christmas soup of bread and cheese (*li straccetti*), she presents a host of unusual recipes. While they are organized by celebration, many are also incorporated into the author's modern menu suggestions. BOMC HomeStyle main selection; author tour. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal This fascinating new work from the author of the well-regarded *The Italian Baker* (LJ 11/15/85) combines cultural history, folklore, and food, as Field explores some of the more unusual festivals that take place every year in Italy. These celebrate religious holidays, individual cities, pagan traditions, or, often, food: the Fair of Pecorino Cheese, the Gnocchi Bacchanalia. Regardless of the occasion, however, each has its special dishes. Field's lengthy descriptions of the festivals provide an intimate view of the proceedings, and her recipes include many unusual regional specialties and, not surprisingly, a wide array of delicious breads and pastries. Recommended for travel, folklore, and cookery collections. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.