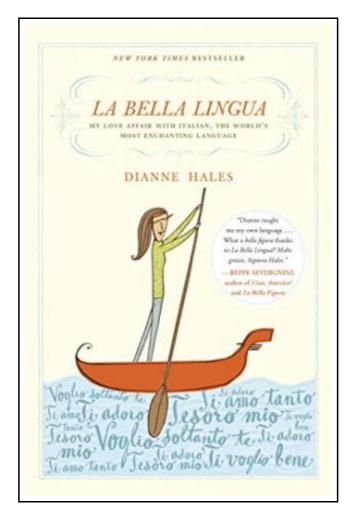
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It is an awesome book that we have possibly go through. It is actually writter in straightforward words and phrases and not confusing. It is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding, once you begin to read the book.

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Broadway Books (A Division of Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc). Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, La Bella Lingua: My Love Affair with Italian, the World's Most Enchanting Language, Dianne Hales, ""Italians say that someone who acquires a new language 'possesses' it. In my case, Italian possesses me. With Italian racing like blood through my veins, I do indeed see with different eyes, hear with different ears, and drink in the world with all my senses.""A celebration of the language and culture of Italy, "La Bella Lingua" is the story of how a language shaped a nation, told against the backdrop of one woman's personal quest to speak fluent Italian. For anyone who has been to Italy, the fantasy of living the Italian life is powerfully seductive. But to truly become Italian, one must learn the language. This is how Dianne Hales began her journey. In "La Bella Lingua," she brings the story of her decades-long experience with the "the world's most loved and lovable language" together with explorations of Italy's history, literature, art, music, movies, lifestyle, and food in a true "opera amorosa"--a labor of her love of Italy. Throughout her first excursion in Italy--with ""non parlo Italiano"" as her only Italian phrase--Dianne delighted in the beauty of what she saw but craved comprehension of what she heard. And so she chose to inhabit the language. Over more than twenty-five years she has studied Italian in every way possible: through Berlitz, books, CDs, podcasts, private tutorials and conversation groups, and, most importantly, large blocks of time in Italy. In the process she found that Italian became not just a passion and a pleasure, but a passport into Italy's "storia" and its very soul. She offers charming insights into what makes Italian the most emotionally expressive of languages, from...

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