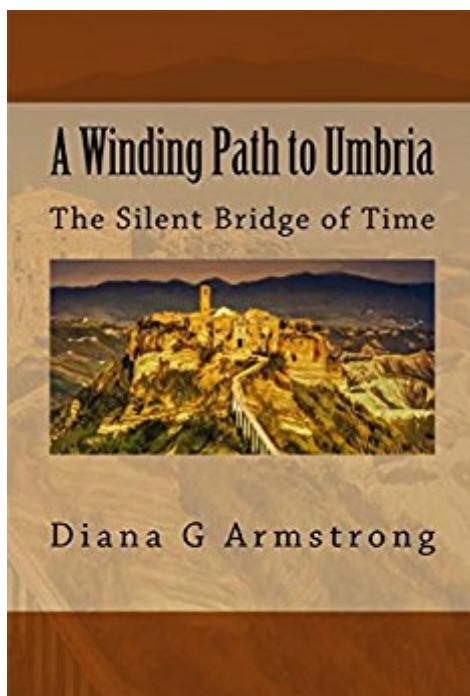


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# A Winding Path To Umbria: The Silent Bridge Of Time



## **Synopsis**

Diana G Armstrong picks up her story as she and her husband continue to live several months of the year in part of a converted monastery in a remote village in Umbria, Italy. It is here that she uncovers the fact that her South African father, seventy years earlier, was here too. His World War II story intermingles with her 21st century one. The windows of her Umbrian home look out across the Calanchi Valley and onto the magnificent hill-top town of Civita. So long ago, her father was right here fighting with the Allied troops against the mighty German war machine. This book of historical fiction has a broad theater: the action moves from Italy, to the tip of Africa, to the wild plains of East Africa, to the Sahara and back to Italy. Time has a way of unveiling silences and truths long hidden, and time connects past with present.

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Historical novels are my favorite genre and this book is now at the top of my list. The author based it on the notebooks kept by her South African father while he fought in WWII. The ties that exist between that era and the author's life now weave a rich tapestry and make you wonder what forces are at work. It's fascinating to read about life in Lubriano which overlooks the hilltop town of Civita, knowing that the author's father scaled those very same cliffs 70 years earlier while fighting with

Allied troops. The author has a lyrical style that draws you into the uncanny story and makes you want to know more about the people and the places where the author's life meets and embraces that of her beloved father. Highly recommended.

A most enchanting story, I didn't want to put it down til I finished it.

I was in Civita and Bagnoreggio 2 years ago and wish I had read this book before then...Diana really has a way with words and tells a wonderful, heartwarming story about war torn Italy, heartbreak and love.

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