



Karen Blixen with Swedish baron Erik von Otter in 1918.



## Out of Africa

Karen Blixen's 1937 memoir of her time in Kenya—made into an Oscar-winning movie starring Meryl Streep—is a safari-laden snapshot of colonial life in the twilight of the British Empire.

1. Sequoia rug, from \$600; elitis.fr.
2. Carnets d'Equateur plate, \$130; hermes.com.
3. James River Camp chair, \$3,063; hickorychair.com.
4. Alain Saint Joanis Iris Marble flatware, \$192 for a four-piece setting; fxdougherty.com.
5. Edwardian Leaves lace, \$144 per yard; anna french.co.uk.
6. Amazon Brown Croc travel backgammon set, \$520; aspinalloflondon.com.



# BY THE BOOK

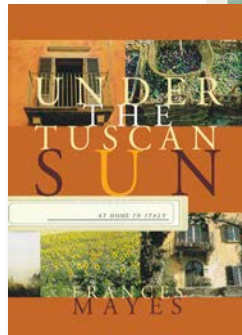
Our favorite summer reads inspire a worldly roundup of exotic, romantic, and transportive goods.



## Under the Tuscan Sun

The chronicle of divorce, renewal, and the renovation of a tumbledown Italian farmhouse by Frances Mayes captures the dolce vita of the Mediterranean countryside and ignited a lit movement all its own.

1. Umbria napkins, \$150 each; ebraunnewyork.com.
2. Parefeuille terra-cotta tiles, \$17.50 per square foot; francoisandco.com.
3. Caramel Sea Salt gelato, \$8 per pint; gelatofiasco.com.
4. Polished Malachite paint, from \$38 per gallon; ralphlaurenpaint.com.
5. Lemons wallpaper, \$88 per roll; serenaandlily.com.
6. Bird spout SP-1150, \$278; authenticprovence.com.



Cypress trees and grapevines in the rolling Tuscan hills.



TOP LEFT: PORTRAIT AND BOOK COVER: COURTESY OF KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM; BRICK TILES, NAPKINS, PAINT: ERIKA LAPRESTO / STUDIO D; LANDSCAPE: ALAMY; BOTTOM BOOK COVER: COURTESY OF CHRONICLE BOOKS