

Pizza Promises (Tuscany Series #2) By Sophia Bar-Lev 1502378760 In this sequel to PASTA POPPY FIELDS & PEARLS the intrepid boomer women continue their friendship with engaging and intriguing adventures as new characters are added to the story. Frequently humorous sometimes deeply moving and at other times heart-wrenching you will be charmed and challenged by these women who defy stereotypes ignore supposed age limitations and leave you wishing they lived next door! PIZZA & PROMISES is the second of Sophia Bar-Lev's series of novels set in Tuscany. Pizza Promises (Tuscany Series #2) After a successful career in childhood and adult education Sophia Bar Lev turned her attention towards fulfilling her long held dream of authoring womens novels and inspirational books. Frequently humorous sometimes deeply moving and at other times heart-wrenching you will be charmed and challenged by these women who defy stereotypes ignore supposed age limitations and leave you wishing they lived next door! PIZZA & PROMISES is the second of Sophia Bar-Lev's series of novels set in Tuscany. Be prepared for some pretty horrible things happening about halfway and at the end; this book is not all Tuscan sunshine pizzas and promises! More and more family come to join the women in their Tuscan idyll some for a visit others more permanently. Pizza and Promises delivers quality writing editing and presentation as with the first book as well as the lesson that one can gain strength seeing how others overcome life's upsetting events. 1502378760 I met Bronwyn Carmela Paula Jean Cecilia Eleanor and Janet in the first book in the series Pasta Poppy Fields & Pearls and delighted in the friendships that developed between these women from such diverse backgrounds. This group of diverse women who all retired to beautiful Tuscany have become part of my family! These types of friendships where you drop everything and go when a friend is in trouble are some of the most important parts of life to those of us in our senior years:

I started this but gave it up because it just wasn't for me: Not giving it a rating as didn't get far enough to offer a fair opinion. A lifelong love of Italy and all things Italian inspired the setting for her recently published novel PASTA POPPY FIELDS AND PEARLS. Sophia is married and the mother of four children and seven grandchildren, She loves to travel to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds and of course is an avid reader. She also loves to cook and bake and frequently tries her hand at creating original recipes which have become legendary with her family, After a successful career in childhood and adult education Sophia Bar Lev turned her attention towards fulfilling her long held dream of authoring women's novels and inspirational books. A lifelong love of Italy and all things Italian inspired the setting for her recently published novel PASTA POPPY FIELDS AND PEARLS. Sophia is married and the mother of four children and seven grandchildren: She loves to travel to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds and of course is an avid reader. She also loves to cook and bake and frequently tries her hand at creating original recipes which have become legendary with her family, {site_link} Book Description: "The friendship continues and so do the engaging and intriguing adventures in this sequel to PASTA POPPY FIELDS AND PEARLS, "Emotionally moving and beautifully tender Bar-Lev delivers another engrossing and satisfying read about true friendships life and happiness, With a well thought out plot and cast of everyday characters that soon become as real as your own inner circle of friends: These "boomer generation" women have become more like sisters to one another sharing a once-in-a-lifetime bond of kindredness. Bar-Lev intertwines and weaves these womens stories into a multi layered saga that will stay with you for days. A bit of mystery suspense and adventure this narrative will grant you hours of reading pleasure, Mothers and daughters alike will enjoy the Tuscan themed series. Book clubs will swoon over the myriad of endless discussions that can be had. Bar-Lev proves yet again what a brilliant and gifted storyteller she is. Hoping for a third installment! 1502378760 The life drama picks up right where the first book lets off: There will be a third book and perhaps more so this is really a series for lovers of sagas, Some of the mysteries and traumas are resolved in each book: The main protagonists of this series are a group of diverse mature women from around the world who have retired to Tuscany very near to Florence, In the first book you learn their stories and how they got to Florence: In this second book the author tells us much about the women's children

and other relatives: That is reflected in the book as is the need for good friends and faith to help us survive the travails of life: Faith plays a stronger role in *Pizza and Promises* than in the first book. It provides comfort and hope when things seem overwhelming for our characters: I suspect mature women will most enjoy reading about these women dealing with grandchildren grown children health problems loneliness and late love, There is no rush to come to an ending instead the joy should be taken in the journey. The women are close-knit and supportive and they provide a laugh when needed and a hug when wanted, But no matter how lovely the setting they are not protected from world events: That thought closes the novel setting the stage for the next in the series: Please read my full and illustrated review at [Italophile Book Reviews](http://italophilebookreviews.blogspot). I feel as if I know each of these women and long to sit down to tea and pizza with them in Tuscany: You will laugh and cry as the stories continue to unfold and we learn more about the background and family successes and tragedies these lovely souls have faced: Through it all you will find hope and joy in the faith that keeps them together and solidifies their friendships: 1502378760 This was a very fun and uplifting read! Sophia Bar-Lev has authored a winner in my opinion. I absolutely love her writing style and was completely charmed by this book, She has obviously got a vivid & colorful imagination to be able to author such a gem: I totally fell in love with all of the characters and their triumphs & struggles... and love the different sub story lines that fork off in their own directions. I can easily see this series either being made into a TV show or a movie: If you are looking for a good read that will have you smiling then you will definitely want to put this one on your fall reading list, Big smiles! I give it 5 out of 5 stars! 1502378760 I have now read 3 novels from this author and each one has been inspiring compelling and engaging: This sequel to *Pasta Poppy Fields & Pearls* did not disappoint, I sure hope there another to follow as she left me hanging at the end of *Pizza & Promises*. Just couldn't get into it. A definite page-turner with many unexpected twists and turns. Others continue on to the next book for resolution. Life is tumultuous. The pace is stately the details many. This group of friends may make some readers envious. <http://italophilebookreviews.blogspot>. I gave this book a 5-Star review. This book is a must read for every woman over 60. Keep up the good work!

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