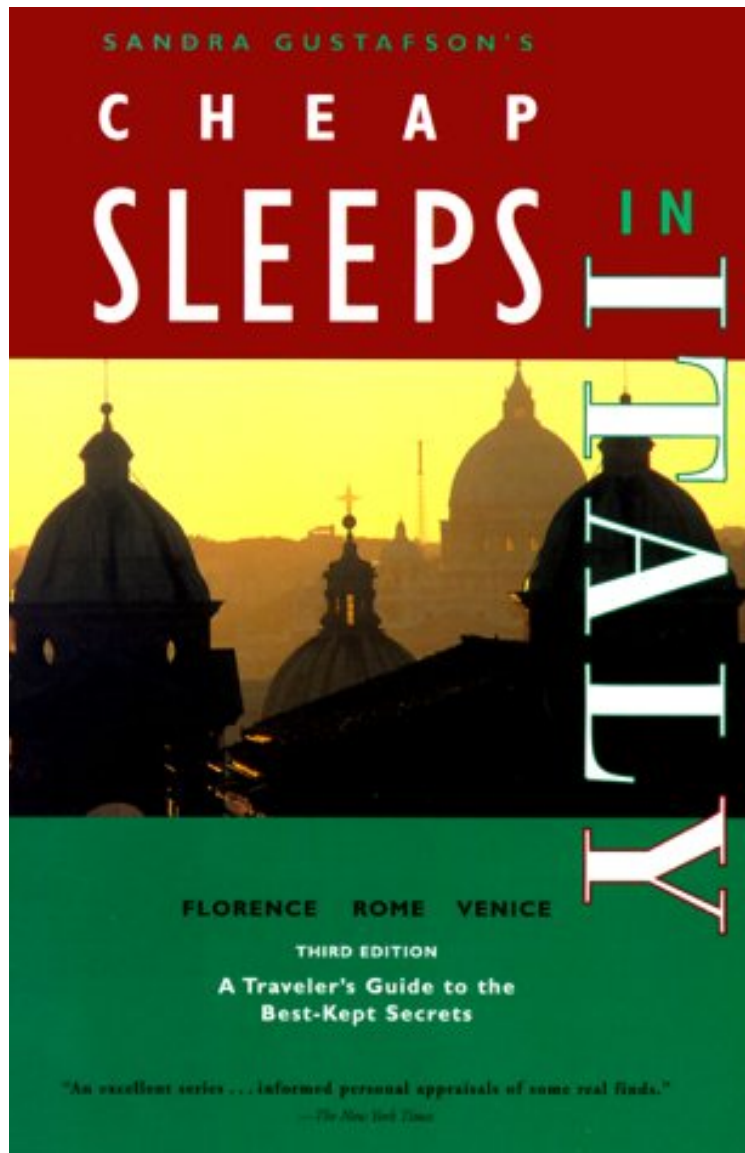


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A guide to finding the best lodgings for the lowest prices in every region of Italy.