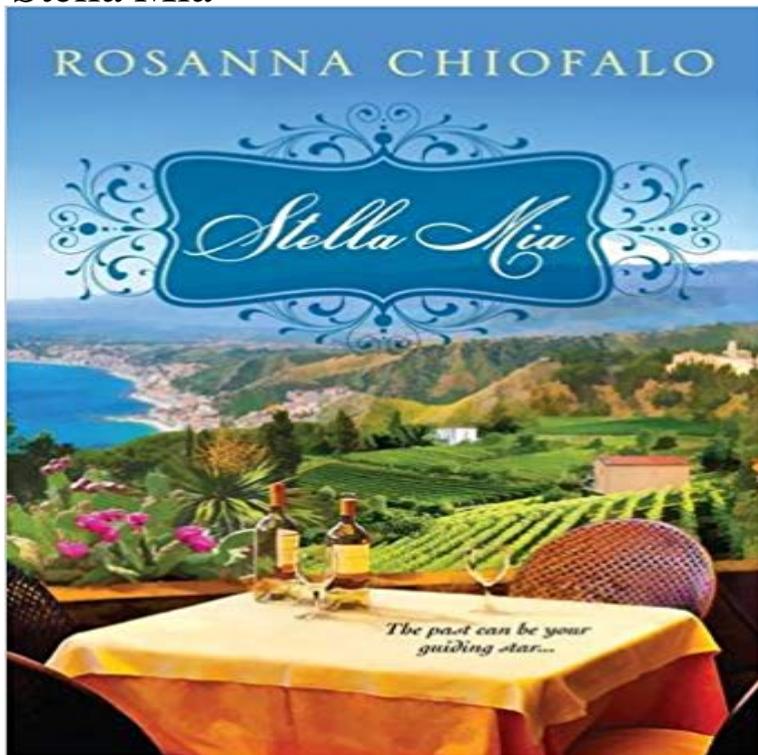


Stella Mia



Rosanna Chiofalos poignant, beautifully written novel evokes the stunning scenery of Sicily and the Aeolian Islands and tells of mothers and daughters, love and sacrifice--and the choices that resound across continents and through generations. Julia Parlatone doesnt have much to remember her Italian mother by. A grapevine that Sarina planted still flourishes in the backyard of Julias childhood home in Astoria, Queens. And theres a song, Stella Mia, she recalls her mother singing--my star, my star, you are the most beautiful star--until the day she left three-year-old Julia behind and returned to Italy for good. Now a happily married school teacher, Julia tries not to dwell on a past she cant change or on a mother who chose to leave. But in an old trunk in the family basement, she discovers items that belonged to her mother--a song book, Tarot cards, a Sicilian folk costume--and a diary. Sarina writes unflinchingly of her harsh childhood and of a first, passionate love affair;of blissful months spent living in the enchanting coastal resort town of Taormina and the unspoiled Aeolian Islands north of Sicily as well as the reasons she came to New York. By the diarys end, Julia knows she must track down her mother in Italy and piece together the rest of the complex, bittersweet truth--a journey that, for better or worse, will change her own life forever.Praise For The Novels Of Rosanna ChiofaloCarissimaWhat a glorious novel this is. Its a celebration of life, love and unlikely friendship through the eyes of two very different women. Yet their similarities bind them together and will endear them to readers long after the last page is turned. Bravissima for Carissima! --Susan Wiggs, # 1 New York Times bestselling authorFantastico! I couldnt put it down! --Lisa Jackson, # 1 New York Times bestselling authorBella FortunaChiofalo brings the Italian immigrant community

and neighborhoods richly to life. --Publishers Weekly Rosanna Chiofalo's depiction of a modern Italian-American family is like digging into a fresh bowl of pasta--warm, welcome, and satisfying. A deeply felt debut that affirms the importance of friends and family--Italian-style. --Lisa Verge Higgins, author of *Random Acts of Kindness* Well-drawn characters. . . A charmer. --BookPage Sometimes tough, sometimes tender, always heartfelt and honest, *Bella Fortuna* is a lively, finely-stitched tale of life and love, family and friendship, and a zest for cose Italiane! --Peter Pezzelli, author of *Home to Italy*

: Stella Mia (9780758275059): Rosanna Chiofalo: Books Ristorante Stella Mia: Most Delicious Food Ever - See 49 traveler reviews, 19 candid photos, and great deals for Westlake, OH, at TripAdvisor. Stella Mia Ristorante menu - Westlake OH 44145 - (440) 226-8621 Ristorante Stella Mia, Westlake Picture: Stella Mia Dining Area and Bar - Check out TripAdvisor members 1312 candid photos and videos of Ristorante Stella RON - Stella mia - YouTube Stella Mia, despite the Italian name bills itself as an Italian and Eastern European restaurant. Its a mix that works. Stella Mia Ristorante, Westlake, Cleveland - Urbanspoon/Zomato Stella Mia is one of the best Italian restaurants in NE Ohio! Open for all of your dining, carry-out and catering needs. Stella Mia - 13 Photos - Italian - 2040 W Beverley St, Staunton, VA Ristorante Stella Mia: Veal marsala - See 49 traveller reviews, 19 candid photos, and great deals for Westlake, OH, at TripAdvisor. Stella Mia Ristorante Westlake Menu - View the Menu for Stella Mia Ristorante Cleveland on Zomato for Delivery, Dine-out or Takeaway, Stella Mia Ristorante Stella Mia Dining Area and Bar - Picture of Ristorante Stella Mia Stella Mia has 417 ratings and 46 reviews. Italo said: Stella Mia is a novel written as a memoirs. All in the present tense, the past and the distant past Ristorante Stella Mia, Westlake - Restaurant Reviews, Phone Restaurant menu, map for Stella Mia Ristorante located in 44145, Westlake OH, 28751 Center Ridge Rd. MENU - Stella Mia Pizzeria Stella Mia - SailBlogs Dadi and his family were refugees from Bosnia/ Croatia (former Yugoslavia) , emigrating in 1997. His father and grandfather were also in the restaurant and