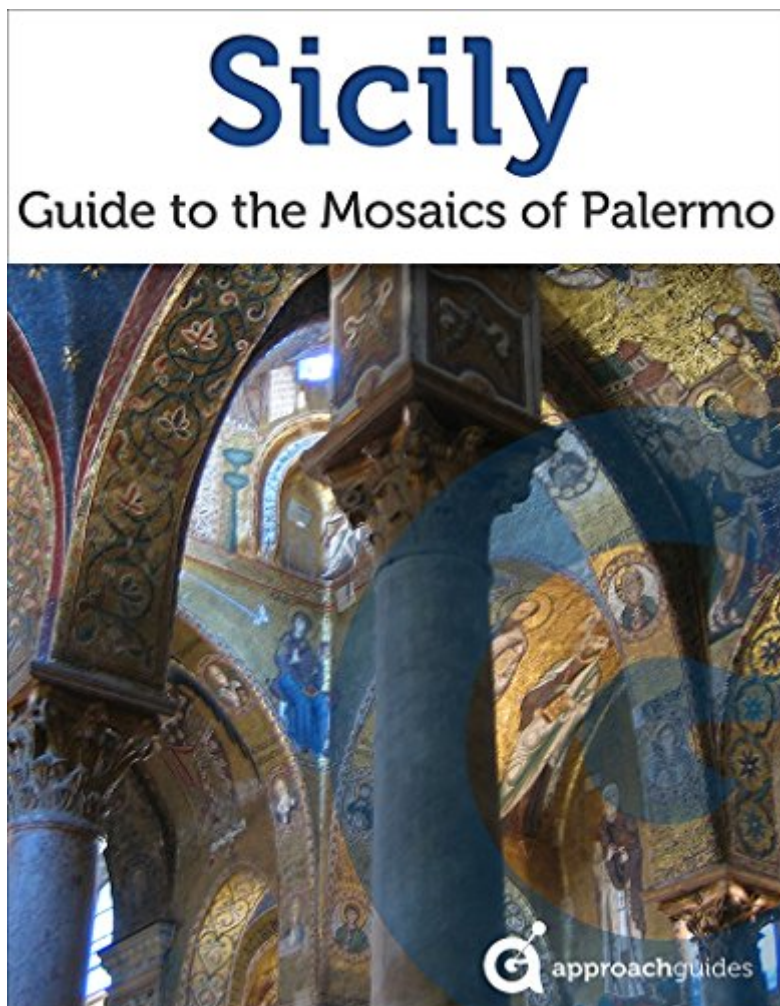


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# Sicily: Guide To The Mosaics Of Palermo (2017 Italy Travel Guide)



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