



A Palatable Journey

For 20 years, Coral Gables' Caffe Abbracci has been a culinary icon in this enclave of the Miami metropolis, serving Italian fine dining to everyone from celebrities, VIPs and business leaders to travelers and locals. Although the food at Caffe Abbracci has remained distinctly as Northern Italian as its owner, Nino Perneti, it is infused with rich techniques and flavors from around the world—a product of Perneti's insatiable hunger for new experiences and cultures.

Perneti discusses these worldly journeys through all things gourmet in his new book, *Nino Perneti's Caffe Abbracci Cookbook: His Life Story and Travels Around the World* (University Press of Florida, \$40). Perneti takes readers to exotic locations such as Kabul, Caracas, Singapore, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Istanbul, as well as throughout Western Europe. His vast international experience led to refinements of his culinary technique, but also created a deeper affection for his native cuisine and his adoptive home, Miami.

Smartly focused on Northern Italian dishes, Perneti's cooking lingers with the senses to evoke sea and sky,

