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**Capparidaceae presents a
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Capparidaceae, emphasizing its medicinal potential. There is a long history of safe usage of Capparis parts both in diet and as plant drugs throughout the world,

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and the details of this usage are summarized in 39 tables covering numerous Capparis species. This detailed survey of historical and traditional medical uses

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of capers provides a forum for the integration of ethnomedicine and modern pharmacology. This book tracks the use of the genus *Capparis* from the

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present position of
caper fruit and its
flowers as a niche
culinary article of
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medicine of the
Mediterranean and the
Middle East. Section I
covers the various
classes of compounds
found in Capparis that
hold potential for being

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physiologically and
medically active,
including alkaloids,
flavonoids, vitamins,
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examines therapeutic

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uses for Capparis
species for medical
conditions such as
inflammation,
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pharmacological reviews
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infected with venereal disease. Records of the era are used to examine how laws affected prostitutes' lives.

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an adult, she became a popular platform Medium and healer in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2009, she took a fateful trip to Italy's Tuscany Region, which would have

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a lasting impact far
beyond what she could
have ever imagined:
Goddesses from Italy's
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transmission, in order to
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associated with being
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at the macro, meso, and
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generational differences
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Australians: the first

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generation, those who arrived from Italy, manifest a condition of feeling absent, the second generation present a condition of 'in-between-ness', between the world

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millennia, and animals have long been an important part of that repertoire; nearly all cultures, from ancient times to the present, have used animals as a source

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of medicine. Ingredients derived from wild animals are not only widely used in traditional remedies, but are also increasingly valued as raw materials in the preparation of modern

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culture-bound syndrome, an
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of how people use the
notion of the evil eye in
a variety of sociocultural
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and experience. Drawing on the theories of Luigi Pirandello and Ludwig Wittgenstein, Migliore argues that mal'uocchiu, and by implication other folk constructs, is like a

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character in search of an author to give it 'form' or 'meaning.' The book begins by considering the indeterminate nature of the evil-eye complex. Migliore proposes that

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cultural development of the past
13,000 years of human history - we
depend today on a tiny number of
domesticated plant and animal species
for our food supply. Nevertheless,
people continue to gather food which
grows around their homes or they
cultivate local varieties of food plants

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(as well as keep land races of domestic animals). Generally, wild varieties tend to be richer in micronutrients and bioactive secondary metabolites, which are produced in adaptation to local environmental conditions. These metabolites trigger further adaptive

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