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About the Author
The Cicerone, Shelton Bellew, is a gifted teacher and world traveler. The Cicerone is a part mythical, part real figure who has information from many sources. The Cicerone is a guide who explains the antiquities. Shelton lives in Italy and speaks many languages. He has drawn from his knowledge of history and has incorporated information from old Tuscan families, a variety of experts, and researchers both in Italy and the USA. The Cicerone is an international assembly of people who have combined their knowledge to design this tour.