



# Pisan

**P**isa's Piazza dei Miracoli is crowded with tourists these days. Everyone seems to be taking the same photograph, the one where their friend (spouse, child, parent...) is holding up the tower. Looked at from another perspective, they might be practicing martial arts. Certainly some of them look quite graceful when photographed from behind.

Ever wonder where the name Piazza dei Miracoli comes from? Gabriele d'Annunzio, in his 1910 novel *Forse che si, forse che no*, wrote:

# Tai Chi

*"L'Ardea roteò nel cielo di Cristo, sul prato dei Miracoli"* ("the heron whirled in Christ's heaven, over the field of Miracles").

A UNESCO World Heritage Site with its monuments built over a 400-year period, Piazza dei Miracoli contains the largest Baptistery in Italy, the most beautiful Camposanto, and the most amazing of tilting towers.

On a sunny day, the green grass and marble monuments invite flights of fantasy.

(photographs by Norma Jean Bishop)

