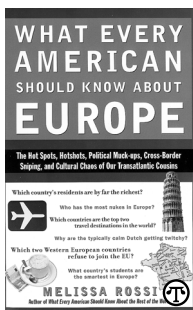


EUROPE—FROM THE HOT SPOTS TO THE HOTSHOTS

(NAPSA)—So much has changed so quickly in Europe (from the euro to the European Union) that even Europeans (be they Lithuanians or Luxembourgers) can't keep up. Americans are equally perplexed, which may be why they have welcomed Melissa Rossi's "What Every American Should Know About Europe" (Plume) with open arms.

Rossi's book lets readers know the hot spots, hotshots, political muck ups, cross-border sniping and cultural chaos of



our transatlantic cousins. With her trademark investigative flair and wry humor, she gives the inside scoop on every nation in the European Union and beyond. For example:

- **Latvia:** Artist-filled Riga, a hotbed for fashion, holds more art nouveau architecture than anywhere in the world.

Belgium: Famed for mussels and fantastic beer, Belgium's residents snarl over language: Half speak Flemish, the other half French.

France: Even when the U.S. and France were sniping, the two traded \$1 billion in goods daily.

Britain: London holds the fabulous Elgin Marbles and Koh-I-Noor diamond; Greece and India want them back.

Cyprus: Some say Atlantis resides under this far-flung and divided island.

Malta: Once famous for its knights, Malta's residents are all cousins.

This very funny and comprehensive guide is available at bookstores everywhere. To learn more, visit www.whateveryamericanshouldknow.com.