Field methods

Sicily
General

Prehistoric
Robert Leighton, *Sicily Before History* (1999). The best introduction. The goal of presenting a comprehensive overview of all the archaeological evidence, means that inevitably it’s not very exciting reading, but it should be everyone’s starting point. Thorough, well organized.

Phoenicians

Greeks and Romans
Franco De Angelis, *Megara Hyblaia and Selinus: The Development of Two Greek City-States in Archaic Sicily* (2003). Excellent comparative analysis of demography and economics of two Greek cities in Sicily, with a lot of discussion of archaeology and native populations.


*Middle Ages*


John Julius Norwich, *The Other Conquest* (also published as *The Normans in the South, 1016-1130*) (1967). Very readable narrative of the establishment of the Norman kingdom.

*The Kingdom in the Sun, 1130-1194* (1970). Continues the story from the formal establishment of the kingdom through the Swabian takeover. Penguin recently reissued the two books as a single volume called *The Normans in Sicily*.


*Modern Sicily*


Giuseppe di Lampedusa, *The Leopard* (1958). One of the great European novels of the twentieth century. Set in 1860; a must-read. Made into a classic movie with Burt Lancaster. If you read one book about Sicily, this should be it.


Leoluca Orlando, *Fighting the Mafia and Renewing Sicilian Culture* (1999). Somewhat self-serving account by the Mayor of Palermo, but very interesting, and has some great photos from the 1980s.


*The Elymians*


Stefania de Vido, ed., *Seconde giornate internazionali di studi sull’area elima* (3 vols., 1997)


These publications of congress proceedings are fundamental to all scholarly work on sixth-century Sicily. Nearly all in Italian (some French, no German or English). They summarize excavations and surveys, and present historical interpretations. All volumes are in Green Library.

The journals *Kokalos* and *Sicilia Archeologica* carry annual excavation reports, in Italian

**Monte Polizzo**

*Older excavations*


Brief comments on Tusa’s 1970 excavation, with some details on the Tusa House.

*Survey*


*House I*


*Acropolis*


Iron Age material culture
Francesca Spatafora, ed., *Monte Maranfusa* (2003). This site is the most similar one to Monte Polizzo that’s so far been published. They concentrated on housing, but the finds are very similar to ours. The single most important site report.

Salemi