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All The Way To America: The Story Of A Big Italian Family And A Little Shovel



Synopsis

• "This immigration story is universal." • "School Library Journal, Starred" • Dan Yaccarino's great-grandfather arrived at Ellis Island with a small shovel and his parents' good advice: "Work hard, but remember to enjoy life, and never forget your family." • With simple text and warm, colorful illustrations, Yaccarino recounts how the little shovel was passed down through four generations of this Italian-American family along with the good advice. It's a story that will have kids asking their parents and grandparents: Where did we come from? How did our family make the journey all the way to America? • "A shovel is just a shovel, but in Dan Yaccarino's hands it becomes a way to dig deep into the past and honor all those who helped make us who we are." • Eric Rohmann, winner of the Caldecott Medal for *My Friend Rabbit* • "All the Way to America is a charmer. Yaccarino's heartwarming story rings clearly with truth, good cheer, and love." • Tomie dePaola, winner of a Caldecott Honor Award for *Strega Nona* From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly: "In this affectionate personal history, Yaccarino (Lawn to Lawn) traces his ancestry from Sorrento, Italy to New York City. . . Folksy and warm, this is a timely

reminder that America is a nation of immigrants."Starred Review, School Library Journal, March 2011:"Yaccarino's family is proudly Italian, but their immigration story is universal. Readers of varied backgrounds will be able to identify with the search for a better life in a new country, the passing along of values and heirlooms, and the addition of new family members. The story will make an excellent family-history discussion starter."Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews, February 2011:"With clarity and deep affection, Yaccarino turns his family history into a story of enduring charm. . . . A gloriously warm celebration." "All the Way to America is a charmer. Yaccarino's heartwarming story rings clearly with truth, good cheer, and love." "Tomie de Paola, winner of a Caldecott Honor Award for *Strega Nona* "A shovel is just a shovel, but in Dan Yaccarino's hands it becomes a way to dig deep into the past and honor all those who helped make us who we are." "Eric Rohmann, winner of the Caldecott Medal for *My Friend Rabbit* From the Hardcover edition.

DAN YACCARINO is an internationally acclaimed author-illustrator with more than thirty books to his credit. Dan is also the creator of the animated TV series *Oswald*. He lives in New York City with his wife and two children.

Great service & product!

As president of the Board of the Central California School of Italian Language and Culture, I highly recommend this book be kept in every Italian family's library. We shared this book with students, families, etc. Everyone, even the wise old Nonnas, thought it was a very well done book with colorful illustrations which peek children's interests!

This book is an accurate example of the journey that many Italian-Americans took when first arriving in America. I purchased this book to present as a gift to an Italian elementary school as a part of a cultural exchange program. The multi-generational story is one that hit close to home with my own family, as well as countless others that came before us. The illustrations are wonderful too!

Such a sweet story! Nice length for my 4 and 6 year old. They like books a little bit longer than most kids.

Such a cute story, it had me teary-eyed by the end. Recommended for anyone who knows their

family emigrated to America a few generations back.. but especially if they emigrated from Italy!

Gave this to my grandpa for fathers day!! It is much like his story and he absolutely loved it!! Such a great book :)

I purchased this book for my grandson and I am giving it to him for Christmas.I wanted him to see in easy terms how immigrants came over and started a new life in the US. I think he will love it. Being Italian and having great-grandparents who were born in Italy will help him understand how and why they came over.

Sweet story. I enjoy reading it being a first generation Italian-Amerian, but sadly, my 7 year old is not overly interested in it or intrigued by where her ancestors came from....hope that will change in the future.

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