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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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