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Tutto Italiano **Benvenuto a *Tutto Italiano***

For the holidays, and throughout the year, books are wonderful gifts. The Italian American Press offers a wide selection of books – culture, history, memoirs, art, family, food, the supernatural, the natural beauty of Italy, and more – for every interest. Help preserve Italian American heritage and history. Support authors of Italian heritage who write about Italian American and Italian culture and let them know you found their books on the Italian American Press.

New on the Italian American Press

[Let's Eat Snails by Barbara Barcellona Smith](#)

From a search in the garden, through a purification process, then cooking and serving, a traditional food in Sicily (see snail farmers below) is the focus of a story intertwined with diversity and acceptance.

[Other Books for Children and Some for Teens](#)

***The Adventures of Silvana and the Magic Unicorn* by A. Longus**

An imaginative children's adventure tale about a young girl in New York and a magical flying unicorn, who journey back and forth through time and travel to Italy to learn about Silvana's heritage.

***The Garden and Forest Behind Grandpop's House* by Vincent Iezzi**

The adventure begins listening to the flowers in the garden by the well, then visiting pleasant and inspiring places with a walk into the forest.

***Hopping to America: A Rabbit's Tale of a Wedding* by Diana Pishner Walker**

Two families from Italy prepare for a traditional Italian wedding in America, and learn of a last-minute surprise.

***Hopping to America: A Rabbit's Tale of Immigration* by Diana Pishner Walker**

The Riepule family in Italy immigrates to West Virginia, and blending their customs and traditions, become Italian Americans.

***Hopping to America: A Rabbit's Tale of La Befana* by Diana Pishner Walker**

As they learn about the American customs of the holiday season, the Riepule family prepares for Christmas and looks forward to a visit from La Befana.

***Olivia and the Little Way* by Nancy Carabio Belanger**

A touching and heartfelt novel that celebrates the life of St Therese and will inspire young readers to follow her example and discover their own "Little Way" miracles.

***The Ghosts of the Garfagnana: Seven Strange Stories from Haunted Tuscany* by Paul Salsini**

In the northwest region of Tuscany – an area of steep forests and misty valleys – is the Garfagnana, abundant with caves, ancient villages, marble quarries, and chestnut trees. It's the perfect location for a series of stories with a supernatural theme woven into everyday life.

The Seven Golden Apples by Robert Cirillo

In this beautifully illustrated Calabrian folktale, initiated by the author's great-grandfather in the 1880s and passed down orally up to the present, seven apples of solid gold disappear mysteriously from the royal castle and the courageous swordsman Prince Laticus sets off on a perilous but enchanting journey to recover them

Stefano and the Christmas Miracles by Paul Salsini

The figurines of the presepio (nativity) come to life, as grandson and grandfather share a Christmas tradition.

Stefano and the Tuscan Piazza by Paul Salsini When Stefano's family moves to San Ferdinando, he learns about the medieval buildings in the piazza through the stories told by his grandfather.

Spaghetti & Meatballs: Growing Up Italian by Diana Pishner Walker

Fond childhood memories of family, holidays, and special occasions celebrated with Italian traditions; recipes included.

The Wonderful Travels of Drake by Peter T. Cavallaro

The story follows the journey of a young boy, Drake, who accompanies his father and uncle on a trade expedition from their home in Naples to the mysterious land of Cathay, present-day China.

The Beauty of Italy

An end-of-year roundup of some interesting facts, videos, and beautiful photographs from all 20 regions of Italy. Enjoy the holidays!

Abruzzo

[Town of L'Aquila](#)

Basilicata

[Craco](#)

Calabria

[Hike Italy Coast to Coast With Calabria's New Trail Initiative](#)

Campania

[Campania Wine Regions](#) (YouTube)

Emilia-Romagna

[Casa delle Farfalle](#) (Butterfly House), Cervia
[Cervia Images](#)

Friuli Venezia Giulia

[Castle Miramare, Trieste](#)

Lazio

[Tiber Island](#)

Le Marche

[Corinaldo](#)
[Corinaldo](#) (YouTube)

Liguria

[Piazza De Ferrari, Genoa](#)

Lombardia

[The 10 Most Beautiful Towns and Villages in Lombardy](#)

Molise

[Basilica Minore dell'Addolorata](#) (In Italian)

Piemonte

Ivrea, Industrial City of the 20th Century

Puglia

Bosco Le Piane: Just Like the Sherwood Forest

Sardegna

Capo Testa Rock Formations

Sicily

Italian Snail Farmers Slide into Caviar Scene

Toscana

A Walk in Livorno's old Venezia District

Trentino Alto Adige

The Valley of the Dolomites: Val Gardena

Umbria

Great Gardens of the World: La Scarzuola

Valle d'Aosta

The Complete Food Guide to Valle d'Aosta

Veneto

The Medieval Town of Malcasine

Buon anno, buon tutto, buona vita,
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