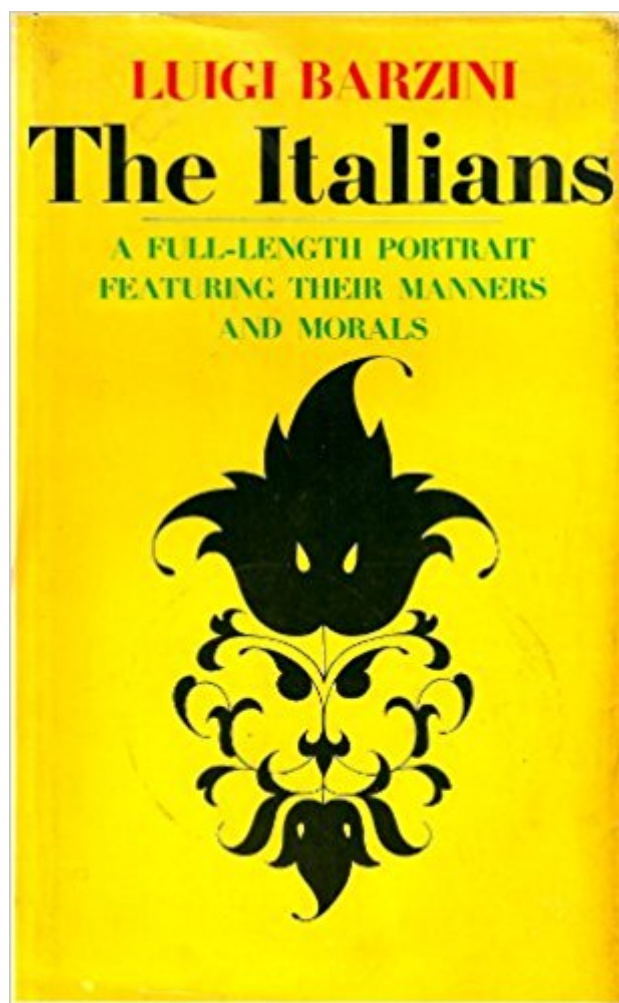


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I was born in northern Italy in 1936 when Mussolini and Hitler were in power. My family got here two weeks before Pearl Harbor. We kissed the ground when we arrived. I was 5 years old. Now I'm 80. I love this country but in my bones and my soul I feel Italian. Barzini's books, all of which I had read years ago, I'm reading again today. He's truthful in telling the attributes of Italians as well as the faults. There's no doubt that Italians have contributed to culture in literature, artistically, architecturally, not to mention Roman law -- even though Italy has been conquered over the centuries by other countries and political parties. He's intellectual, witty, intuitive and, mostly, he is very, very human. He was a renowned journalist who traveled all over the world. He came to America when he was 15 in the twenties. He has written books about America, which he loves as much as Italy, but he tells the truth about Americans, pointing out their strengths as well as their faults. He's a philosopher. He's also an historian and I find his books prescient, especially about America in his book written after he visited NYC during the Korean War, "Americans Are Alone In The World." He had visited America many times before and after. As an Italian-American, I feel Barzini understands ME as a human being and an individual. I couldn't ask more from a writer.

Love having this old book to read and understand more about my family's heritage both in Italy and their immigration into the US

This is, of course, an old classic. It is full-on academic, but fascinating reading. I was delighted to have found it again.

A classic!

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