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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 2017 and still the best!By Meadow's MomI first read this book around 1980 and still feel it offers the best understanding of southern Italians who immigrated to the US in early to mid 20th century. The book was quite eye-opening in helping me understand my own parents as well as Italian-Americans whose parents and grandparents arrived much earlier than I.I also had not been aware of the intense hatred and discrimination against earlier generations of Italians. This was the same kind of hatred and discrimination that is currently heaped on immigrants from the Middle East (especially Muslim) and Latinos. I do not mean to make this a political commentary, but the analogy is striking.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By Carole A. ClementeIn this age of Political Correctness, I have often wondered why we Italian-Americans aren't treated with the same media guidelines as other ethnicities. In Prof. Gambino's book, we get a glimpse of that mountain called 'The Mafia' that we've had to climb over and over, and the hesitation of just about everyone to correct that stereotype - especially because it sells. Great book!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Riveting, Eye opening, Layered with detailBy Andrew J. DiLiddo Jr.As an American of Italian descent, I heartily recommend this book to any American of Italian descent. The author provides excellent insight into the clash of "la via vecchia" - the old way, the old road, i.e. Italian homeland traditions versus "the new way", i.e., traditions that were lost or discarded to assimilate into American culture.You may find here explained, so many unwritten rules if your were raised in an Italian family.

For those who may not be Italian ethnically but know Italians, have Italian friends, or may be married to an Italian and flummoxed by their family's ways, this book could be a big help. It will help Italian Americans understand themselves and non-Italians understand Italian Americans. Self discovery is good. This book had been out of print and some friends paid much more than I did here at .

Italian-Americans may be singled out today as one of the least understood ethnic groups in our country. Indeed, it has been almost impossible to communicate a basic truth about these twenty million US citizens, given the prevailing public ignorance of their ethnic customs and a long media depiction of the Italian as a hard hat, pop singer, mafioso, or just plain buffoon. Here, Richard Gambino sweeps away the distortions to reveal, in this engrossing full-scale study, who they really are, how they got that way, and why they so often fall victim to crude and shallow caricature.