



## Italy

### *Digital Resources and Children's Books*

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#### **Kid Friendly YouTube:**

Introducing Italy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5mpdzUIFmw>

Italy Fun Facts - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3re6nsan88>

Great Minds – Leonardo Da Vinci - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMf8hFBjyIA>

Christopher Columbus Bio - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=My8Vd-NZ8Qo>

Explore Venice with Google Maps -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMzNVtEeo6s&index=5&list=PLcRbp4LqBpwEIT\\_Gn2AIHzLt2BAZHqYO-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMzNVtEeo6s&index=5&list=PLcRbp4LqBpwEIT_Gn2AIHzLt2BAZHqYO-)

Venice Italy with Kids-Travel with Kids Italy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgolF6dLCp4>

Leaning Tower of Pisa: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_zzO1pmjUYM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zzO1pmjUYM)

History of the Renaissance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhd-uwFonog>

Michelangelo: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihlqGCfD5\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihlqGCfD5_g)

The Story of the Roman Empire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9bcohqstGk>

## **Websites:**

Kids World Travel Guide – Italy - <http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/italy-facts.html>

Enchanted Learning-Italy (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>): <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/europe/italy/>

Italian Culture: <http://www.livescience.com/44376-italian-culture.html>

Fact Monster-Italy: <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0107658.html>

Overview-Ducksters: <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/country/italy.php>

All About Italy: <http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-italy/>

Facts about Italy: <http://www.coolkidfacts.com/italy-facts-for-kids/>

Italy-Facts for Kids: <http://www.eatingeuropetours.com/rome/italy-facts-for-kids/>

Italy-Science for Kids: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/italy.html>

Italy Facts: <http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/italy-facts.html>

## **Lesson Plans:**

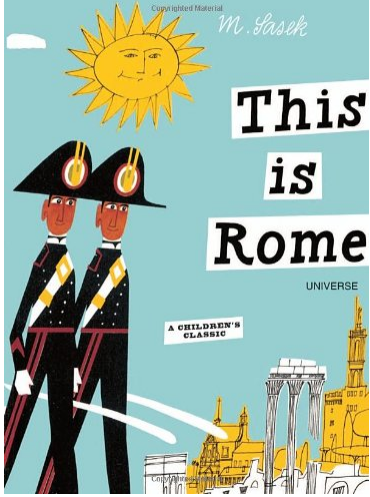
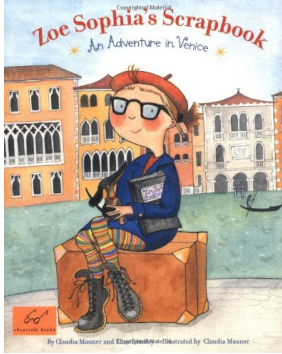
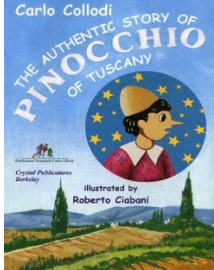
2nd-4th Grade Italy Life and Culture: <http://www.instructorweb.com/lesson/italy.asp>

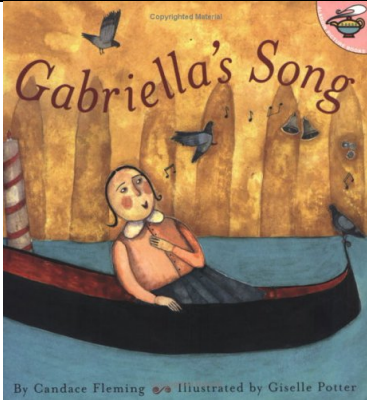
Michelangelo for Kids: <https://kids.kiddle.co/Michelangelo>

Italy Lesson Plans for Elementary; <https://www.pinterest.com/grateful4us/italy-lesson-plans/>

Venice Lesson Plans: <https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/venice/all>

## Children's Books:

	<p><b>Title:</b> This is Rome  <b>Author:</b> Miroslav Sasek  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 and up  <b>Grade Level:</b> Kindergarten - 12  <b>Series:</b> This is . . .  <b>Hardcover:</b> 64 pages  <b>Publisher:</b> Universe (February 13, 2007)  <b>Language:</b> English  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0789315491  <b>Summary:</b> These charming illustrations, coupled with Sasek's witty, playful narrative, make for a perfect souvenir that will delight both children and their parents, many of whom will remember the series from their own childhoods. <i>This is Rome</i>, first published in 1960, traces the history of Roman civilization to bring to life the Rome of the 60's. Sasek navigates Rome's busy, winding streets to visit such glorious historical landmarks as the statues of Michelangelo, Vatican City, the Pantheon, and the Fontana di Trevi-and to show us the eccentricities of modern Roman life, from its colorful trains, trams, and taxis to its chic espresso bars and pasta houses.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Zoe Sophia's Scrapbook-An Adventure in Venice  <b>Author:</b> Claudia Mauner  <b>Paperback:</b> 40 pages  <b>Publisher:</b> Chronicle Books (February 23, 2006)  <b>Language:</b> English  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0811853047  <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0811853040  <b>Summary:</b> This engaging scrapbook captures the landscape of Venice and Zoe Sophia's whirlwind adventure.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Authentic Story of Pinocchio of Tuscany  <b>Author:</b> Carlo Collodi  <b>Paperback:</b> 143 pages  <b>Publisher:</b> Crystal Publications; 2nd edition (June 1, 2002)  <b>Language:</b> English  <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0961082070</p>



**Title:** Gabriella's Song

**Author:** Candace Fleming

**Age Range:** 4 - 8 years

**Grade Level:** Preschool - 3

**Lexile Measure:** 400L ([What's this?](#))

**Series:** Aladdin Picture Books

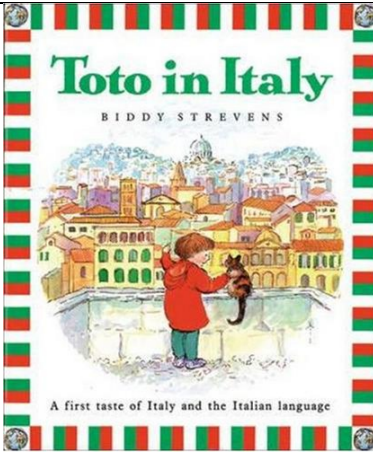
**Paperback:** 40 pages

**Publisher:** Atheneum Books for Young Readers;  
Reprint edition (April 1, 2001)

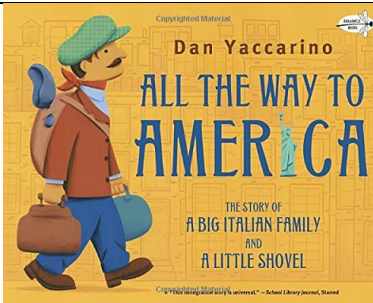
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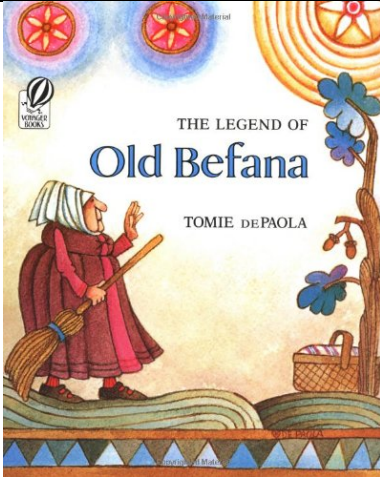
**Summary:** In the streets and canals of Venice, Gabriella can hear nothing but sweet music. The drying laundry goes *slap-slap*, the church bells go *ting-aling-ling*, and the lire go jing-aling-ling. Soon, Gabriella is humming her way through town -- and everyone hears her song! Some find it sad, others smile when they hear it -- but none can forget the beautiful melody. Before long, a certain struggling composer is inspired by Gabriella's song -- and a beautiful symphony is born.



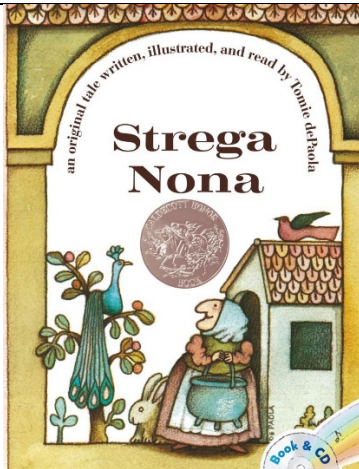
**Title:** Toto In Italy-A first Taste of Italy and the Italian Language  
**Author:** Bidly Stevens  
**Age Range:** 9 and up  
**Hardcover:** 1 pages  
**Publisher:** Passport Books (March 1992)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0844292893  
**Summary:** While visiting Rome, Toto befriends a lost cat who joins the sightseeing tour and causes a commotion before being reunited with his owner. Features some basic Italian words in the text and on lining papers.



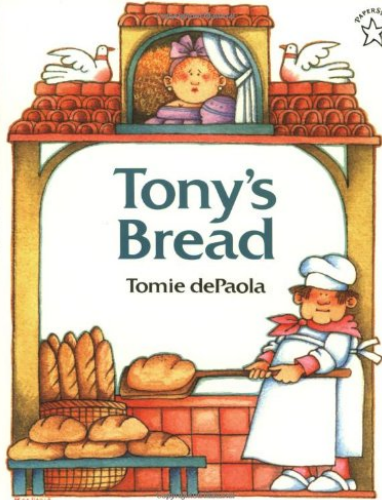
**Title:** All the Way to America-The Story of A Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel  
**Author:** Dan Yaccarino  
**Age Range:** 5 - 9 years  
**Grade Level:** Kindergarten - 4  
**Lexile Measure:** 830L ([What's this?](#))  
**Paperback:** 40 pages  
**Publisher:** Dragonfly Books; Reprint edition (September 9, 2014)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0375859209  
**Summary:** 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.



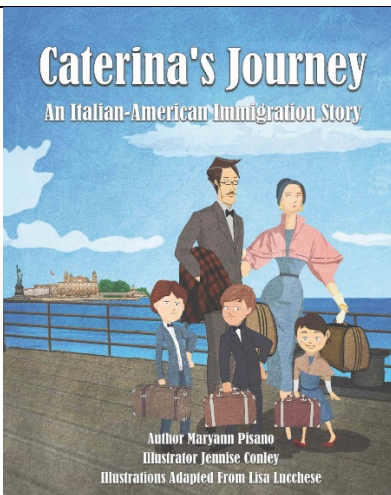
**Title:** The Legend of Befana  
**Author:** Tomie dePaola  
**Age Range:** 6 - 10 years  
**Grade Level:** 1 - 4  
**Lexile Measure:** 460L ([What's this?](#))  
**Paperback:** 32 pages  
**Publisher:** HMH Books for Young Readers; Reissue edition (September 2, 1980)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0152438173  
**Summary:** This is a delightful reading of the favorite Italian Christmas story about an eccentric old woman and her never-ending search for the Baby King.



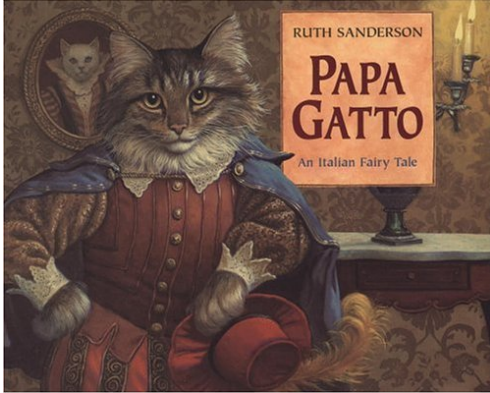
**Title:** Strega Nona  
**Author:** Tomie dePaola  
**Age Range:** 3 - 8 years  
**Grade Level:** Preschool - 3  
**Paperback:** 40 pages  
**Publisher:** Little Simon; Book and CD edition (October 4, 2011)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 1442433558  
**Summary:** Strega Nona -- "Grandma Witch" -- is the source for potions, cures, magic, and comfort in her Calabrian town. Her magical everfull pasta pot is especially intriguing to hungry Big Anthony. He is supposed to look after her house and tend her garden but one day, when she goes over the mountain to visit Strega Amelia, Big Anthony recites the magic verse over the pasta pot, with disastrous results.



**Title:** Tony's Bread  
**Author:** Tomie dePaola  
**Age Range:** 4 - 8 years  
**Grade Level:** Preschool - 3  
**Lexile Measure:** 590L ([What's this?](#))  
**Series:** Paperstar Book  
**Paperback:** 32 pages  
**Publisher:** Puffin Books; Reprint edition (April 16, 1996)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0698113713  
**Summary:** Tony dreams that one day he'll become the most famous baker in northern Italy. His poor daughter Serafina wants to be allowed to marry. Each of their dreams seems far away until Angelo, a rich young nobleman from Milan, appears and devises a way to make everyone's dreams come true. Full color.



**Title:** Caterina's Journey-An Italian-American Immigration Story  
**Author:** Maryann Pisano  
**Paperback:** 32 pages  
**Publisher:** My Three Sisters Publishing (March 6, 2014)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0615984096  
**Summary:** Caterina Tolitano and her family have decided to immigrant to America from Calabria, Italy. Caterina's father, Antonio, has heard that America is the land of opportunity and the streets are paved with gold! Caterina leaves her beautiful town on a voyage to America. In America, life doesn't get easier... but Caterina is up for the challenge!



**Title:** Papa Gatto: An Italian Fairy Tale

**Author:** Ruth Sanderson

**Age Range:** 4 and up

**Lexile Measure:** 820L ([What's this?](#))

**Hardcover:** 1 pages

**Publisher:** Little Brown and Company (October 1995)

**Language:** English

**ISBN-10:** 0316770736

**Summary:** Seeking someone to care for his motherless kittens, Sir Gatto, advisor to the Prince, hires a beautiful, but lazy girl, and then her plain, but loving stepsister.