Italy

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid Friendly YouTube:

Introducing Italy - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5mpdzUlfMw

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

Great Minds – Leonardo Da Vinci - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMf8hFBJyI4

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=PLcRbp4LqBpwElT_G
n2AIHzLt2BAZHqYO-

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

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

Michelangelo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihlgCfD5_g

The Story of the Roman Empire: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9bcohqSTGk
Websites:


Enchanted Learning-Italy (4th/5th): 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-Science for Kids: http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/italy.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:

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<th>Title: This is Rome</th>
<th>Title: Zoe Sophia’s Scrapbook-An Adventure in Venice</th>
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<td><strong>Author:</strong> Miroslav Sasek</td>
<td><strong>Author:</strong> Claudia Mauner</td>
<td><strong>Author:</strong> Carlo Collodi</td>
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<td><strong>Age Range:</strong> 3 and up</td>
<td><strong>Paperback:</strong> 40 pages</td>
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<td><strong>Grade Level:</strong> Kindergarten - 12</td>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> 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. <em>This is Rome</em>, 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.</td>
<td><strong>Summary:</strong> This engaging scrapbook captures the landscape of Venice and Zoe Sophia's whirlwind adventure.</td>
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*Note: The above summaries are based on the information provided.*
**Title:** Gabriella’s Song  
**Author:** Candace Fleming  
**Age Range:** 4 - 8 years  
**Grade Level:** Preschool - 3  
**Lexile Measure:** 400L  
**Series:** Aladdin Picture Books  
**Paperback:** 40 pages  
**Publisher:** Atheneum Books for Young Readers; Reprint edition (April 1, 2001)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0689841752  
**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: Biddy 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.
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<th>Title: The Legend of Befana</th>
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| **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. | **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  
**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 immigrate 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!
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> 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.</td>
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