

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 Michele left for the USA with a shovel, photographs and a recipe for tomato sauce. Why do you think those items were important?
- 2 What three items would you bring to a foreign country?
- 3 How would you feel if you were boarding a ship to go live in a foreign country where you don't know anyone?
- 4 You have arrived in the foreign country. What is the first thing you are going to do?
- 5 Why did the great-grandfather's name change from Iaccarino to Yaccarino?
- 6 What were the different uses of the shovel over the years?
- 7 What advice was handed down through the generations? What do you think about this advice?
- 8 Did this book remind you of your own family? How?
- 9 Did you notice anything in the illustrations that wasn't told in the text?
- 10 How else could the shovel be used?
- 11 Look at the illustrations and explain how things changed over the years. How can you tell that some of them show the way life was a long time ago?

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