



*A*s a speaker, I rely on my stories to share with audiences. Some reflect my humorous side, as I poke fun at myself and my circumstances, while others are more thought provoking, drawing on the wisdom of my 60+ years.

This book is not a how-to manual, a self-help prescription or a collection of researched statistics and findings. It is, however, a collection of thoughts and memories from my sidewalk view of the world. In many cases the stuff that has happened to me has also happened

to you. I merely hold up the mirror to catch the reflection of our everyday life and search for the funny in it.

My stories are intended to moodivate you ... to in some way trigger an emotion. You might smile, laugh out loud or depending on your sensitivity, you may even cry. Regardless, your mood will be altered, perhaps for the time it takes to read the story or hopefully even longer.

My husband likes to recite the Italian phrase, "Piace tu, piace tutti." When he says it to me, it is often in regards to what I wear, do or create. Translated, it means, "You like it, everybody likes it."

I'm happy to say I love this latest collection. I sincerely hope that you do too and will enjoy this book of musings in the spirit in which they have been recorded ~!!~

What they *might* say if they had the chance:

"OK enough. No more. People don't need to know all of our business." IDA BERTUZZI, MOTHER

"Not bad." PEO BERTUZZI, FATHER

"I can't write so just tell her, she makes me laugh." NONA BRENDINA, GRANDMOTHER

"I figured she was trouble from the first day. Now I know for sure." THE HEAD NUN, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"O dia. Mio povero figlio. E Carolina ancora non cucina. My poor son. And she doesn't cook." GIUDITTA LUCIANI, MOTHER-IN-LAW

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