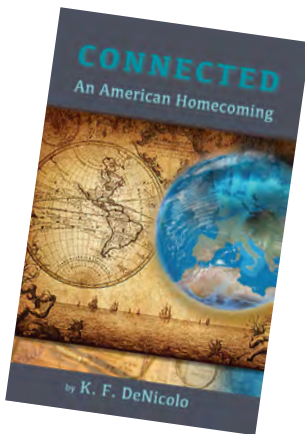


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# A Virtual Study Guide 3

*for Parent and  
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# Study Guide



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***Adaptability: "New Neighborhood in America"***

**Prologue:** Did you ever think things were going to go one way and then have them be completely the opposite? Were you able to change directions quickly? Listen to this.

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Tav waited at the port for his wife and daughter whom he hadn't seen for four years. He thought of what he had traded on a hope and a promise. Safety for danger. Love of his home for opportunity. Was he an artist or a housepainter? Once, Tav was a businessman. He now worked for someone else and lived in a one room flat. He hoarded money that had once come effortlessly in another place and life. Who and what was he now? A simple answer once his eyes met his wife's. I'm the man who loves Catherine. She is my heart ,my life my dearest. And there they were! He caressed them, and all the plans and hopes were caught in a silent embrace. Finally, they were here.

Later he would sweep them onto the next lap of the trip. He sputtered directives. "Go to the train. Sit in our seats. At eight o'clock Josephine will go to sleep. Tomorrow morning, we'll eat breakfast at this table. My daughter will sit at my right side. She will always be like my right hand. Mama and I will sit at the head of the table. In the afternoon, we will go to the library car and begin to learn English. Tomorrow evening we will all be home."

Jo said nothing until that evening in the sleeper car. Her mother was tucking into her little bed and asked, "Do you understand Josephine? Why are you so quiet?"

“Mama being in this new life and listening to him won’t be easy! “This game is over. We have found a father in America and I don’t like him! Time to go back home Mama. I hate this place. Nothing is right! Please mama, let’s go back tomorrow.”

Catherine listened as she comforted the child. Soon sleep would cover the day’s strangeness. Three wishes for one little family and each wish different and suffocating the others. How many days, conversations, adjustments until the three wishes, like pieces of a puzzle, would find a good fit?

**Reader’s Guide: Summary:** This small family is finally reunited but so disappointed. Where would the new way of life take them?

**Reader’s Guide: Exercises and Activities:**

Write a letter of advice to all the people in this story.

Have you ever moved to a new place or tried something new?