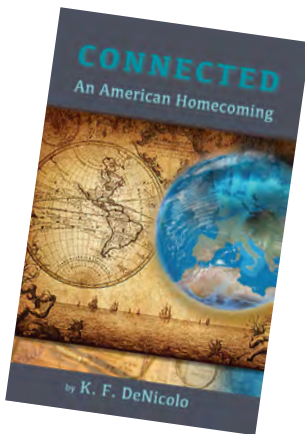


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Study Guide



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Heritage: "Spring's Message"

Prologue:

Could you be the hero in any other time or place or by any other name? Would you? Could you? Risk it all? Because it's absolutely the right thing to do?

Catherine patted the handmade lace tablecloth, her hands lingered on the dresser. She looked out at the almond orchard. The delicate buds were blooming on the trees. Rows of trees ran to the Adriatic. How blue it was! This homeland sheltered so many loved ones who shared harvests and feasts. Growing up here, golden days were filled with love, smiling faces and hard, very hard, back aching, never sit down, backbreaking work.

There was a handsome young man who watched her. He introduced himself as, Tav. Their growing admiration and respect soon resulted in their marriage. A wedding joined not only their love and promises but his family's rejection and her families' grudging acceptance. They were blessed with a child, dreams, and vision for the future.

It was a time for change. America beckoned and offered itself as a place built on hopes and promises of new beginnings. Many immigrants, several of their friends, had left and planted a footprint in a new land. This young couple joined the ranks of those looking for chances, choices, commitment. Each of them would hold their side of the bargain on two different continents. Both recognized that familiarity was fading in so many ways. Would they remember the scent of favorite foods, the polished furniture, the lovingly maintained home and the warmth reflected on the faces of family and friends? All these people and places and things would soon be gone. The only

correspondence between Catherine and Tav was read in the evening as the sun faded the letters between them.

Tav had saved for the boat tickets, the apartment was ready. Packing for the journey needed to be done but how to begin? A wife and child travelling so far was difficult. All was silence, promises in a bottle perhaps gone forever? Would they be marooned in separate places? He had been waiting and hoping for the note that would join them. Tav wondered if the final decisions on his wife's part had been made. He opened the letter and learned that it had.

Soon Catherine would see her husband again, but not before the tearful goodbyes. The dutiful daughter swallowed hard and pushed herself from the room, closing the door softly, repeating promises of reunion, short journeys, and necessary separations. Father, mother, sisters, and brothers all gathered for a simple meal that spring afternoon in Puglia.

Catherine knew that her husband and daughter might never return to this room, this house, her country, but the hope was buried as deeply as the spring seeds.

Readers' Guide: Summary:

Each of us has our own story. So often in new situations, we are confused. We don't know what to do. What do we want, need? Can you think of some ways you are like Catherine and Tav, their families and friends? The characters in this story have many problems to solve. Can you predict some? What would it be to depend on your own resources? How would you work with others? How is this story true for each of us? What flaws must we overcome to accomplish our goals? How can we do what is honorable, good, and right? How can we bring the messages in this story to life? That is a question you may answer alone or with others on a daily basis.

Readers' Guide: Exercises & Activities: Role-play to find your gifts and your voice:

Make a product to sell yourself and others on the ideas in the story. Think about some of the products listed. Some sample products would be illustrations, scripts, advertisements, music, games, menus, photos of family, maps of geography and timeframes. Tailor these ideas to your situations.