



Voice from the Mountains

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V*oice from the Mountains* offers the unforgettable story of one man's pilgrimage from a bygone way of life to a modern, war-

torn world, and pays tribute to the power of art and the love of family.

It sends readers back in time and across the globe to a narrow pass nestled in the Appennine Mountains of central Italy. It was there that Anthony Caponi spent his boyhood in the 1920s, in Pretare, a village bound by centuries-old traditions. The Caponi family was poor but proud, and Anthony's innate curiosity led him back time and again to the local tinsmith's shop, where he fashioned "things and sounds" out of scraps. It was the beginning of a lifelong career as a sculptor.

We follow Anthony from his boyhood home to the world of immigrant America, where the sights and sounds of a new culture further stimulated his creative development. With the advent of World War II, Anthony found this new identity at odds with his devotion to his homeland—a conflict that culminated when he returned to face friends and relatives in his home town as an American soldier.

In *Voice from the Mountains*, Caponi weaves rustic charm and philosophical insight into a fluid narrative with echos that carry the reader far beyond the particulars of time and place.

About the Author: An artist, philosopher, poet, civic leader and environmentalist, Anthony Caponi is a modern Renaissance Man. He is also an educator and professor emeritus of Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, where he taught and chaired the art department for more than 40 years. He has brought his wealth of experience and artistic skill together in the creation of Caponi Art Park, a 60-acre outdoor sculpture garden and cultural center in Eagan, MN, where, at the age of 89, he continues to shape the grounds and serve as the organization's artistic director.



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