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Indians, a quintessential Italian rags-to-riches grandfather, and his own experiences growing up in culturally rich 1950's New York City, living in India amid the fading glories of a former princely state, conducting field research on Day of the Dead altars in Mexico, and

coming home to a battered New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Stories of Our Lives shows that our lives are interesting, and that the stories we tell--however particular to our own circumstances or trivial they may seem to others--reveal something about ourselves, our societies, our cultures, and our larger human existence"--