

what he could remember about the Iaiones--you may already know. I got the impression that Felix Iaione is somewhat of a hero in that village. He went to America at a young age, came back, helped the town in the way of construction and electricity (he owned the electric company generator) in Montazzoli. The house that Donato now lives in was at one time the Fascist headquarters for Mussolini in the town. During that period of occupation, your father wrote an enormous stack of letters to Mussolini, asking him to please leave the house alone--that it was meant for the family.



There seemed to be hundreds of old women in black roaming the streets, but your Aunt Angelina was a bright spot among them. She looks a lot like your mother--only much thinner--maybe 85-90 pounds. She only has two teeth, so it was difficult for me to understand her, but Adriana translated what she could--half of the time Adri would be laughing because Angelina has incredible wit and charm. Her house is a statement of herself--almost no furniture, no television, no radio, no clock--she doesn't believe in modern "things" --which is why she doesn't wear false teeth. She told us that every now and then she will catch a soap opera at her daughter's house but she covers her eyes when there are kissing scenes.

