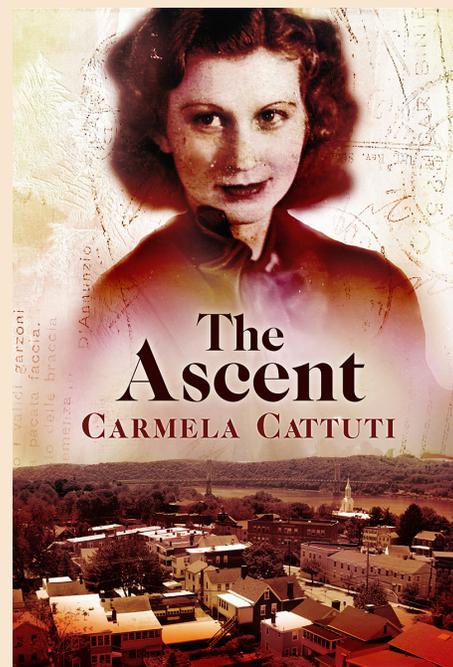


The Ascent

by Carmela Cattuti

ABOUT THE BOOK

The sequel to Carmela Cattuti's first novel, *Between the Cracks*, invites the reader to accompany Angela Lanza as she builds her life in America during the first half of the 20th century. A Sicilian immigrant, she manages to assimilate into the social life of a small town outside of New York City. Through the horrors of war, domestic tragedy, and raising her sister-in-law's children, hers is a successful immigrant experience. Angela seeks to transcend organized religion and develop her spirituality. She influences three generations of Americans through her artistic sensibility and a sharpened intuition. The book parallels America's growth with Angela's growing sense of who she is in the world.



CARMELA CATTUTI

Carmela Cattuti started her writing career as a journalist for the Somerville News in Boston, MA. After she finished her graduate work in English Literature from Boston College she began to write creatively and taught a journal writing course at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. As fate would have it, she felt compelled to write this homage to her great-aunt, who survived the earthquake and eruption of Mt. Etna and bravely left Sicily to start a new life in America. *Between the Cracks* and *The Ascent* have gone through many incarnations and are joined by the third and final book in the trilogy, *The Benevolence of New Ideas*.

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"From political changes and Angela's uncertain position as war looms and patriotism rises to unseen friends who promise her a different destiny, The Ascent's special blend of spirituality and social evolution and Angela's confrontations not only with her new home but her own self makes for an engaging, thought-provoking story. It's especially recommended for readers who look for more personal and social insights than the usual immigrant story offers." -Diane Donovan, Midwest Book Review

"I found The Ascent to be both happy and sad and through at times, it was a little leisurely paced, the overall story made me keep reading long into the night. While I did not read the first book, Carmela Cattuti did a wonderful job of filling in the holes and never left me confused about what was going on and what important things of the past I may not have known. The Ascent is a perfect example of a historical novel and is a book I found to be well worth reading." -Trudi LaPreto for Readers' Favorite

"A beautifully-written story of an inspiring woman..."

I love that Angela is a real person, the Great Aunt of the author, and that through the letters Angela kept over the years, as well as her life stories she shared with the author, the reader is treated to a beautifully written family saga. Thank you for sharing the life of your Great Aunt. There are so many important life lessons in Angela's story from which we all can benefit."