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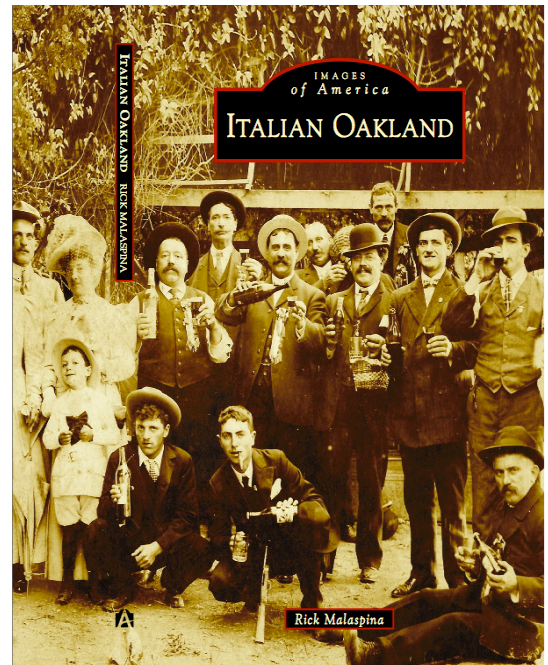
## Informative Insightful Entertaining

*Italian Oakland*...A trip through time in words and images, depicting the history and heritage of Oakland's Italian-American community.

Vintage and one-of-a-kind photos...voices from and about the old days...a sampling of old Oakland's "lost" Piemontese dialect...the feel and flavor of Italian-American life in Oakland, past and present.

Scenes and stories of:

- ◆ Italian immigrants, their journey to Oakland and contribution to society.
- ◆ Social clubs, celebrations, special events.
- ◆ The bygone days of the Temescal neighborhood.
- ◆ Men and women who served in the first and second World Wars.
- ◆ Italian-American sports heroes and other notables.
- ◆ Family and community – school, church, homes, gardens, mealtime.
- ◆ People at work – scavengers, seamstresses, shopkeepers, produce vendors, grocers.
- ◆ People at play – bocce, dances, nightlife, Biggi's Resort, the Italian Festa.



### About the Book

*Italian Oakland* is due for release in **February 2011**.

It is part of the *Images of America* series from Arcadia Publishing, the leading publisher of local history in the United States.

Author **Rick Malaspina**, an Oakland resident, was a reporter and columnist for the *Oakland Tribune* and the *San Francisco Examiner* newspapers. His grandparents emigrated from northern Italy in the late 1800s. He gathered the images and information in *Italian Oakland* mainly from local individuals and families who, like him, cherish their Italian American heritage.

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