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Embarrassed to introduce his friend to his old-fashioned Italian grandmother, a young boy gains a new appreciation of her when he finds how well she and his friend get along.

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Patricia says

What a sweet story of little Joey (based on Tomie's brother Joseph?) who takes his friend Eugene to his Italian grandmother's house where she feeds them chicken soup, spaghetti, and the bread dolls she makes with them. (The last page of the book has the recipe for his grandmother's bread dolls.)

I especially love the last six pages. ""Joey! Look what your grandma gave me!" "Joey, you take this home to your mama." "And this is for my Joey! Because you my special Joey." "Arrivederci, Joey, Eugeny!" "Hey, Joey, I love your grandma!" "Me too!"

Ashley Wampler says

The main character takes his friend to meet his Italian grandmother. She cooks for them, and makes them bread. The little boy likes taking his friend to his grandma's house!

Kat says

Reminds me of my German Grandmother. I think that woman was trying to rid the world of anorexia. In our family she succeeded. We must all treasure our Grandmas even if they put chicken feet in our soup.

Liz says

Adorable story about friendship and Italian grandmothers.

June says

Now that I am doing storytimes, instead of just Toddler and Laptimes I can use this again! Having chicken feet in the soup always quiets them down and has them looking with wide eyes. 9/12/11

They still seem to find this fascinating. One girl at storytime wanted to check it out.

Eugene says

--"Psst, Joey, look" Eugene found the Chicken feet in the soup. Cute!

Dolly says

This is such a sweet tale about a little boy who sees his Italian grandmother in a new light when he brings a friend over. As a child, it's so easy to feel embarrassed by the odd mannerisms, accents and habits of our close family members, but it's not as easy to see those things that make them special, too. Little Joey gains a new appreciation for his grandmother after he sees how enthusiastic Eugene is about her. I remember reading this book when I was a child - I'm glad that I could share it with our girls. We just love Tomie dePaola's books!

Laura says

I think the reason I liked this book so much was because it reminded me of my grandmother. I thought this story was cute and funny. The recipe for the bread in the back of the book was an added bonus, I might just have to check that out!

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2009...>

Nyriel Mitchell says

I think you'll like this book! It is funny and a life lesson on my opinion the theme is never get jealous of a friend with a family member

Laura Hoyler says

This was a favorite of mine as a kid, and so when I told my parents that I was expecting my first child, we bought a copy and wrote a little poem from "their first grandchild" and gave it to them. It was a fun way to let them know they were going to be grandparents.....back in 1995!

Amar Pai says

I love reading the grandma's dialog in a tremendously fake stereotypical Italian accent

Major says

This story is about a boy who takes his friend to his grandmother's house for the first time. The boy is embarrassed by his grandmother and doesn't think she will get along with his friend. He quickly learns that his friend and grandmother get along really well. This angers him at first until he realizes that his grandmother still loves him best.

Jen says

Meh. I really appreciated the concept of showcasing the Italian grandmother and the way the decidedly not-Italian friend learned to love her, but the book itself was too short for me to really care about how quickly Joey went from embarrassed to mad at being left out to loving his grandma. I felt a bit of plot whiplash, honestly, and the illustrations (while cute) aren't enough to fill in the gaps. I imagine this would be cute for very little kids, but not much beyond that.

Amanda says

I love how the "old ways"- cooking broth with the chicken's feet, etc- are played with in this book, but that also the idea that lots of love and care is put into everything. While the kid who is used to it doesn't appreciate it, the newcomer finds it welcoming and an interesting change to what he's known. I thought of it as a feel-good story about a loving grandma.

Garren says

I don't think I got it.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

This is one of my favorite Tomie de Paola books. I love the way the boys reverse their attitudes toward Joey's grandma. Sometimes you take someone or the things they do for granted, and it takes another person's viewpoint to open your eyes. The food all sounded good, and made me hungry! I'm glad the bread recipe was included at the end. Wonderful story!

Rebecca says

Mio bambino! This was one of my favorites as read by my dad. :)

Anna says

One of my all time favorite children's books by my all time favorite picture book author.

Given to Sean as a Christmas present 2012.

Today we made the bread dolls. I made these with Evan's first grade class in 1991.

A full circle moment!

Kelly says

This is a sweet book about a boy who brings a friend to visit his grandmother. I loved the story.

Michelle says

I loved this little book! Reminded me so much of my Italian Grandmother and Aunt :-D
