

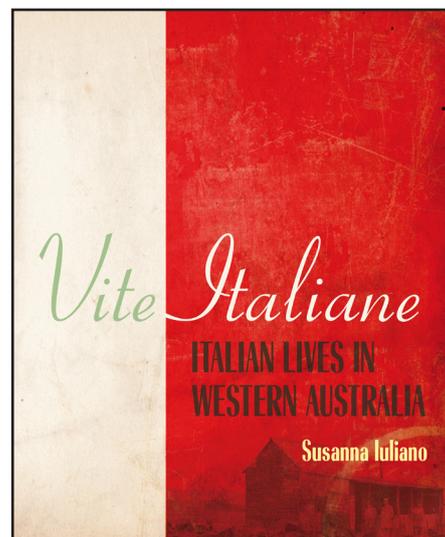
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Vite Italiane Italian Lives in Western Australia

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After their livelihood is destroyed by a marauding mob in Kalgoorlie, an Italian migrant family camps out for weeks in surrounding bush before courageously returning to town to rebuild their lives.

A young refugee woman with a small child is left widowed and two months pregnant in a foreign country when her husband is killed in a tragic accident several months after arriving in a new land.

Two cousins are falsely accused of being Communist subversives and barred from disembarking in Australia until they are found to be the victims of a complex fraud perpetrated by a malicious Italian migration agent.

Western Australia's cultural, political, economic and social character owes a huge debt to its Italian migrants. This new release by UWA Publishing highlights their stories.

Since the 1880s, Italians have enriched the state with their hard work, traditions and culture. From the farmers of the South-West to the miners of Kalgoorlie and the fishermen of the northern coast, the book *Vite Italiane* contains the remarkable stories of hundreds of Italian migrant families.

The release of this book has coincided with the Vite Italiane – Italian Lives exhibition at the State Library of Western Australia. The exhibition will be open to the public until 30 January 2011 and contains a rich assortment of artefacts, photographs, and historical documents.

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