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New film study text for La vita e' bella now available

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On Wed, Nov 11, 2009 at 12:53 AM, Jean Farinelli <jfarinelli@mindspring.com> wrote:

EF Film Study Program: *La vita è bella* is now available from Edizioni Farinelli.

Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning *La vita è bella* is timeless in that it not only helps students learn Italian but also provides a cultural and political perspective on the historic events of the Holocaust. This new film study text developed by Nicoletta Villa-Sella, who teaches at the Linsly School in Wheeling, West Virginia, covers nine, 10-to-20-minute sequences of the film plus an upfront discussion on Benigni and his works.

Ms. Villa-Sella adeptly weaves thought-provoking discussions and analyses throughout the 86-page, intermediate-level text aimed at deepening the student's abilities to search, interpret and express opinions. "Spunti culturali" are included for each sequence to enrich cultural knowledge of this historic time in history as relates to the film. Comprehension, grammar and vocabulary exercises are extensively varied.

Giovanna Summerfield, Associate Professor, Italian and French at Auburn University says, "Villa-Sella offers varied and effective tools... to immerse intermediate-level Italian students into Italian language and culture. Both the instructor and student explore historical and ethical issues, beyond delving into themes such as love, trust, responsibility, and the beauty of life itself. There is indeed plenty to discuss and ponder inside and outside the classroom."

The *La vita è bella* film study text is \$36.95. The DVD for the film is available separately for \$24.95.

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