

# Mussolini's Concentration Camps for Civilians

*An Insight into the Nature of Fascist Racism*

## Luigi Reale

- **Comprehensive reconstruction of Mussolini's concentration camps in Italy for civilians**
- **Detailed picture of the minutiae of life in the camps using original documents from local archives**
- **Comparison of Fascist racism and Nazi racism, highlighting their similarities and differences**

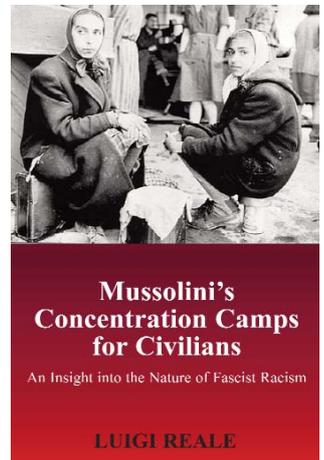
This book fundamentally challenges how Italians remember Fascism, Mussolini, life in Italy during the Fascist Years and what Italians know of the Fascist Concentration Camps. These were set up all over Italy between 1940 and 1943, directly influenced by Mussolini's Race Laws of 1938.

It examines in detail the Fascist race laws, comparing them with those of the Nazi regime, and studies the complex structure of internment created in Italy between 1940 and 1943, in order to provide evidence that Fascist racism and Nazi racism evolved as two distinct but parallel movements that, while they shared many characteristics, were not the same.

The reconstruction of the camps, detailed for the first time – where they were, why they were there, what they looked like, who was sent there and how the internees lived or died – provide a unique insight into Fascist racism and how Italy, at the time, chose to deal with people who were neither Christian nor Italian.

### About the Author

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