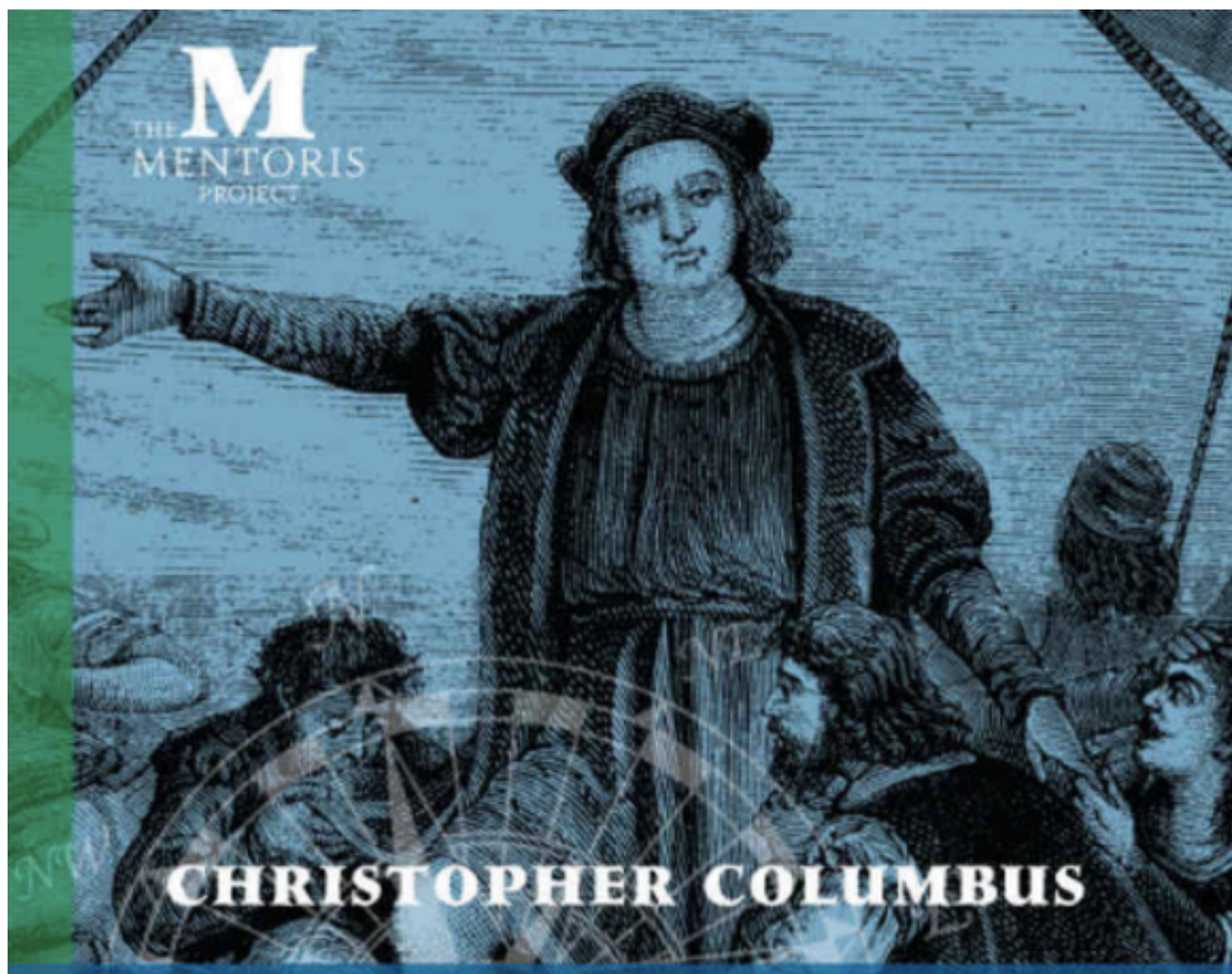




## Celebrating Italians who have Changed History

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This February, the Barbera Foundation will present the Mentor Project with a series of e-books that celebrate the accomplishments of Italians and Italian-Americans at the Institute of Italian Culture in Los Angeles.

Italians and Italian-Americans have made countless contributions to history and culture. [The Mentor Project](#) [2], created by [the Barbera Foundation](#) [3], wants to celebrate these contributions by showcasing a selection of e-book novels and biographies. On February 15 at 6:30 pm, there will be a reception for the authors in Los Angeles at the [Italian Cultural Institute](#) [4] as a way to present the start of this book series.



### Bringing History to Life

Throughout 2018 and 2019, around 50 books will be published in the series showing history as you've never seen it before- the Mentor's motto. The novels and biographies focus on people such as Cicero, Enrico Fermi, Filippo Mazzei, Guglielmo Marconi, Mother Cabrini, and many more.

The managing editor of the Mentor's Project, Ken LaZebnik, exclaims, "our titles bring history to life, and we are thrilled to share them with you." The inspiring stories display the great accomplishments and feats Italians have overcome to achieve excellence. Even though many have left their mark on history, they are unknown to most Americans. The Mentor's Project aims to educate and to inspire those who read these books, and "in essence, these books seek to be mentors for our readers," as Ken explains.

### The Barbera Foundation

The Barbera Foundation's mission is to foster a curiosity in young people through history and culture with creative educational initiatives. By providing the youth with this knowledge, it will create a brighter and stronger future. The foundation strives to inspire kids to follow their own dreams, and to change the world.

Grand'Ufficiale Robert J. Barbera is the chairman of the Barbera Foundation, and the founder of the Mentor's Project. Mr. Barbera is excited to launch this project noting the importance of history and how everyone can learn from it. In his own words, "we seek to increase awareness of the huge progress that has developed out of the Italian Peninsula and right into the United States. This progress has influenced the way we live, the way we think, and the way we enjoy ourselves," and "it is simply remarkable."

To learn more about the event, [click here>>>](#) [5]

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