Dear Student

Welcome to Literature for Life!

This book was written with you in mind — it hopes to be easy and pleasant to use, to move gradually from easier texts and exercises to more complex ones, to help you prepare as well as possible for your tests and final exams. As the title says, it will give you skills for reading, writing about and contextualising literature in English which will last you a lifetime.

Many teachers, writers and editing staff have collaborated on its production to ensure it is the best possible tool for you, your classmates and your teacher.

Here's how it has been structured:

**Volume One** — this volume teaches you how to read, understand and analyse literary texts and how to express yourself correctly about them using the appropriate language.

The texts are organised according to their themes and have been chosen for their quality, variety and ease of understanding. You will also learn how to start comparing and contrasting literary texts in English with well-known Italian texts and works of art.

**Volume Two** — this volume will make use of and develop further the skills you have already learnt and help you to become 'expert' in the field.

The texts are classic, modern and contemporary texts from the English literary canon and from other cultures, and they have been organised chronologically into the main literary periods.

In addition to the literary texts and exercises, there are a number of interesting tools which have been designed to help you master and enjoy your study of literature. Here are some of them:

**Inside Volumes One and Two**

- **Say It Right**: exercises which regularly check your knowledge and check you know how to express yourself correctly and appropriately.
- **Investigating**: research tasks and documents which will give you fascinating insights into context.
- **Reference Section**: it forms your own personal mini-research library to help with contextualisation.

**Study Skills and Exam Preparation Booklet**

A Booklet in two parts:

- **Part One** teaches reading and writing skills for literature learning including ‘How to Write a Summary’, ‘How to Write an Essay’ and ‘How to Organise Notes’.
- **Part Two** helps you to prepare for the Esame di Stato and has tasks on the seconda prova, terza prova and oral exam.

**Student’s CD ROM**

On the CD ROM you can find:

- extra materials: texts, authors and documents in printable PDF;
- all the listening material in Mp3 format.

**Website Students’ Room**

On the Website you can find:

- interactive ‘Test Yourself’ materials;
- new, unseen texts with full key to check your competencies;
- video revision lessons on some texts.

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... *buon lavoro!*

*Deborah J. Ellis*
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