

Italian American Alliance

Dear Members and Friends,

Please advise the ALLIANCE of textbook defamation of Christopher Columbus and/or Italians that you might come across.

A recent review of *Class, Race, Gender, Crime* (3rd edition page xxi) blames Columbus for “ill treatment of the indigenous peoples”) and implies genocide (p.150).

The ALLIANCE complained about the validity of the sources to Rowman & Littlefield. Inc. Publishers and received the following message from the publisher:

I'm not sure which R&L department here acquired and published this book so I've sent it to the overall Editorial Director. Please know that she will know how to handle the situation.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Best wishes to you in working with the Alliance.

If you come across anything that you see as anti-Italian, or anti-Columbus please bring this to our immediate attention. WE WILL TAKE ACTION. We can then assist book publishers in making the appropriate corrections.

Aside from influencing the general public, school and college textbooks have a negative impact of Italian American young people.

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