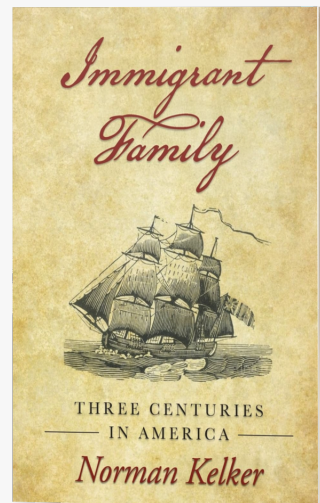


Hollywood Book Reviews celebrates Norman Kelker's 'Immigrant Family' as a 'Deeply Human Story'

Scientist-turned-historian captures the American spirit through the lens of his ancestors.

YORBA LINDA, CA, UNITED STATES, June 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In "[Immigrant Family: Three Centuries in America](#)," debut author and retired scientist Norman Kelker delivers a richly detailed narrative of one family's journey across ten generations—from a tragic 1743 voyage from Switzerland to the diverse realities of modern-day America. Now praised by Hollywood Book Reviews, Kelker's work is gaining recognition as both a historical document and a poignant meditation on identity, resilience, and belonging.



"Immigrant Family: Three Centuries in America by Norman Kelker"

"This is a deeply human story of starting over, staying together, and finding identity in a foreign land," writes Reyhan Boris Mishra of Hollywood Book Reviews. "A testament to perseverance and the power of family, this book reminds us that migration is more than a journey—it's a transformation."

Kelker's chronicle begins with his ancestors' perilous passage to the New World and follows the family's evolution through war, innovation, politics, and science. One of the early torchbearers of the Kelker legacy, Anthony Kelker, arrived in Pennsylvania at the age of ten and went on to serve in the Revolutionary War, later becoming a sheriff and Pennsylvania state legislator. His descendants would include figures from nearly every walk of American life—innkeepers and ironworkers, statesmen and subway engineers, NASA scientists, and even a soap opera star.

The book, Mishra notes, is "a layered read with several highly relatable, heart-touching, uplifting, and thought-provoking stories." Told in a matter-of-fact yet engaging style, Kelker weaves

biographical details with archival materials, such as newspaper clippings, letters, and photographs, painting a comprehensive and compassionate portrait of American growth through the lens of one family.

“The author has written with such a flair that the incidents appear to be coming straight out of his mind,” Mishra adds. “Language is simple and conversational... every page adds something—and keeps you excited for the next.”

Though the story is rooted in personal history, its scope reaches far beyond one surname. Immigrant Family captures the universal themes of migration, adaptation, and generational change—offering readers a deeper understanding of what it truly means to be American.

Norman Kelker, a New York City-based historian and retired scientist, invites readers to reflect on the past and discover their own place within the sweeping arc of history.

His book, “Immigrant Family: Three Centuries in America” is now available on [Amazon](#) and other major online retailers. Grab a copy today.

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