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This historic novel – told simply, but precisely and in true detail –does not attempt to explain the mystery of Maria Domenica Lazzeri, but wants the reader to approach her in human spirit, presentingthe simple life of a normal girl in an Alpine village where God didextraordinary things.

#### L'AUTORE

Maria Domenica in the USA.Some of Maria Domenica Lazzeri's relationsemigrated to America in the twentiethcentury. One of them, Dwane D. Davis, began a correspondence with Fr. Erminio Zanol of Capriana, a typographer at the TipograficheArtigianelli School in Trento, whosent him the book by Giovanni Brunelli "Unfiore purpureo tra i monti". Davis wantedto make known in the US, his ancestor andservant of God, and had the book translated. When Zanol died (1984) the translation, though sent to Italy, disappeared; but thetypescript was found by chance and deliveredto Annalena Lazzeri, who had continued theAmerican correspondence until 2002.Annalena had been the main organizerof the documents for the BeatificationProcess of Domenica, still ongoing, butcould not publish. We trust that now wehave been able to fulfil her wishes as alsothose of her American relations. The correspondence between DwaneD. Davis and Erminio Zanol, and after 1984between Dwane and Annalena Lazzeri until2002, is very interesting as it includes muchhistoric American information. The correspondence is at the ArchivioDiocesano Vigilianum in Trento, and awaitsonly publication by some willing historian. Annalena Lazzeri, died 13 April 2016. The English edition has been curatedby Ludmila Vesely Leonardi and BrunaBellotto Zampol. The 1968 Italian text andthe English translation were crosscheckedby James Gobbett. A few ambiguities wereremoved and some phrases simplified toalign with modern plain English.