



Announcing the launch of

The Uneven Road
Book Two of First Light

March 31, 2016

Innisfree—the wild and isolated land on Chappaquiddick Island where Josiah Monroe grew up—was the only place where he felt he belonged.

And now it was gone.

When his parents make the painful decision to sell the land—the symbol of his mixed Wampanoag and Irish heritage—Josiah abandons the island in anger. As he makes his way on the uneven road beyond Innisfree, he uncovers family secrets and seeks to redefine himself in a wider, more dangerous world.

My Writing Life

March 2016

Greetings!

Like the title of *The Uneven Road* (Book Two of my First Light trilogy), the path I take in the creation of each new novel is not always a smooth one. Plot lines must sometimes be relinquished and characters often emerge with secrets to reveal or decisions to make that definitely were NOT in the first draft.

In the case of *The Uneven Road*, this was a story I never intended to tell. First Light was originally supposed to be two books. *The Boat House Café* is Mae Keaney's journey to independence and renewal on the isolated peninsula she called Innisfree. *The Deep Heart's Core* is the closing of the circle, told through the eyes of Caleb Monroe, Mae's grandson, and Elizabeth Innocenti, the granddaughter of Lydia Hammond, the next owner of Innisfree.

But along the way, readers who discovered *The Boat House Café* rose up and emphatically told me that I couldn't abandon Mae and Tobias. I had to continue their story. I am happy to report that I listened.

The Uneven Road launches in ten days. I hope you will follow it with me.

A Special Request

The first few weeks in the life of a new book are the most crucial and you as a reader play a major role. Because you are one of my most steadfast fans, I'd like to ask you to be a member of my "grassroots" marketing effort in any of the following ways:

1. Purchase *The Uneven Road* now as a pre-order before the launch date on March 31. The print edition is already available for pre-order on Amazon and Barnes & Noble and the e-book edition should be ready in about a week. You can also request that your independent bookstore order a copy for you from Ingram, my publisher's distributor.
2. Read *The Uneven Road* and tell your friends about it. Word-of-mouth is one of the most effective ways to spread "buzz" about a book.
3. Suggest *The Uneven Road* to your book club. I'll come and meet with you if you are located in the Northeast, or visit via Skype if you are farther away.
4. Post a review of *The Uneven Road* on Amazon, Barnes & Noble or Goodreads.

If you are able to do any of the above, please let me know. I have a special gift for my special fans.

Thank you!

On the Road with *The Uneven Road*

I hope to see you at one of my upcoming events to celebrate the launch of *The Uneven Road*.

April 13, 2016

6:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Tuckahoe Public Library
71 Columbus Avenue
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

April 28, 2016

6:30 pm

Reading and Signing
Richard Salters Storrs Library
693 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

May 12, 2016

7:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Enfield Public Library
104 Middle Road
Enfield, Connecticut 06082

June 22, 2016

6:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Hendrick Hudson Free Library
185 Kings Ferry Road
Montrose, New York 10548

June 23, 2016

2:00 pm

Book Club Discussion
Glassbury Court
Cortlandt Manor, New York

June 30, 2016

6:00 pm

Reading and Signing
Provincetown Public Library
356 Commercial Street
Provincetown, Massachusetts

Is your library or club listed here? Would you like it to be?

If your library, book club or women's organization would like to hear me speak, please contact me at linda@lindacardillo.com or P.O. Box 298, Enfield, CT 06083