



My Writing Life

April 2016

It's been an exciting month with the launch of *The Uneven Road*, Book Two of my First Light series set on Chappaquiddick Island. I never tire of the moment when I hold a new book in my hand for the first time, smell the ink, feel the texture of the paper and see my words on the page. I have to pinch myself that I am doing what I love.

I hope that you have the same joy when you open a new book!

Warmest wishes,

Show some love by making some noise!

A Deeply Felt "Thank You" and
A Special Request with an Exclusive Reward



Over the years in this newsletter I've made a fair amount of noise about the importance of reader reviews to a book's success. Like William Carlos Williams' red wheelbarrow, "so much depends" on those words of praise from readers like you. Amazon reviews raise a book's profile and trigger decisions by Amazon to give a book additional visibility. Amazon reviews also qualify a book for special advertising that simply is not available otherwise. In other words,

Amazon reviews are priceless.

I've been hearing individually--in emails and in conversations-- from many readers who have read and loved *The Uneven Road*. Thank you! Thank you! I'm deeply grateful to you. But now I need you to put those lovely thoughts out where the rest of the world can see them.

If you have found something special within the pages of *The Uneven Road*, I ask you now to write a review, especially on Amazon.

Here is the link to the book's [page](#). Just scroll down to the box "Write a customer review," click and add your two cents. As I say above, make some noise!

If you are able to submit a review, please let me know via email. I am writing a special short story about the Monroes as a bonus *exclusively for newsletter readers who write a review*.

"You won't want to put down this second book of a trilogy continuing the story of Josiah, the engaging, confident little boy I last met in the final chapters of *The Boat House Cafe*. . . What happens to him . . . pulled me deeper and deeper into the gripping story of a young man's coming of age in the 1960's. His is also a love story that satisfied my romantic soul and left me eager to read the final book of this wonderful series. A great read."

Paula Nowick, Amazon Review

Please Join Me at One of My Upcoming Events



April 28, 2016

6:30 pm

Reading and Signing

[Richard Salters Storrs Library](#)

Longmeadow Street

Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

May 12, 2016

7:00 pm

Reading and Signing

[Enfield Public Library](#)

104 Middle Road

Enfield, Connecticut 06082

May 13, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Alumnae Career Panel

School of the Holy Child

Rye, New York

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

Bellastoria in the News

Bellastoria Press got some press this week in my local newspaper. Reporter Chris White truly captured the vision Ann DeFee and I have for nurturing talent and bringing good books to readers. Read about it here:



http://www.masslive.com/living/index.ssf/2016/04/longmeadow_author_linda_cardillo_starts_new_chapter_in_life_with_bellastoria_press.html

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