



My Writing Life

September 2019

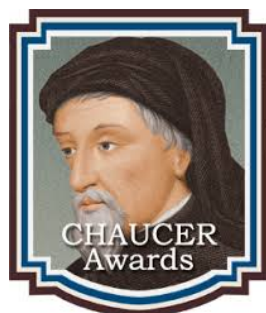
Inspired by the Women of the 16th Century - A 21st Century Salon

Following in the footsteps of Vittoria Colonna, Costanza D'Avalos, and the women of the Ischian court, Bellastoria Press hosted a "Literary Magic" salon in mid-August, featuring the work of [Ann DeFee](#), [Susanne Dunlap](#), [Bethe Lee Moulton](#), and me, seen below greeting guests for an evening of lyrical readings and vibrant discussion, accompanied by abundant food and wine.

We may not have been in the Castello D'Aragonese, but the opportunity to engage in stimulating literary conversation and mingle over a glass of Pinot Noir sparked wonderful connections and enthusiastic requests for making the salon a new tradition.



News



Two Bellastoria Press titles,
Love That Moves the Sun and
Listen to the Wind,
named to the long list for the
[2019 Chaucer Awards for Historical Fiction](#)

Upcoming Events

September 11, 2019

6:30 pm

Reading and Signing
Norwalk Public Library
1 Belden Ave
Norwalk, CT 06850

September 17, 2019

6:00 pm

Panel Discussion: "Pathways to Publishing"
Members of the Longmeadow Arts Community
Richard Salter Storrs Library
693 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

September 18, 2019

Book Club Discussion

Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

October 9, 2019

6:30 pm

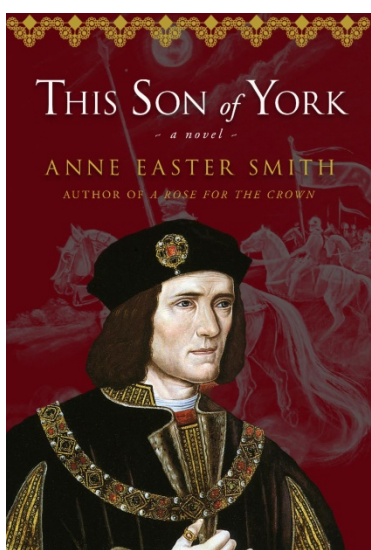
Reading and Signing
Somers Public Library
2 Vision Boulevard
Somers, Connecticut 06071

March 21, 2020

12 noon

Long Island Chapter
National Organization of Italian-American Women
Manhasset Public Library
30 Onderdonk Avenue
Manhasset, NY 11030

New Releases from Bellastoria Press



On sale November 10, 2019



On sale December 6, 2019

This Son of York Anne Easter Smith

Richard III. A man. A king. A legend.

He ruled England for only two years, but the legacy of Richard III remains both fascinating and divisive.

From his childhood in the intensely loyal and close-knit York family to his rise as a thoughtful but troubled ruler, *This Son of York* is a passionate and deeply personal account of the life of Richard III. A man who loved his family and his country. A king who struggled to overcome the challenges not only of a turbulent time but his own human frailties. A legend whose true life is only now coming to light.

Inspired by the discovery of Richard III's grave and its revelations, award-winning author Anne Easter Smith brings together her decades of intense research, five celebrated novels on the Wars of the Roses, and her sustained passion for Richard III in this culminating book on the last Plantagenet king.

The Spirit of Fire Susanne Dunlap

**The eagerly anticipated sequel to *Listen to the Wind*,
"A complex, absorbing, and dramatic start to a planned series." -Kirkus Reviews**

Azemar—now a knight and Baron of Montpezat—has rescued his childhood friend, Azalais, from the Castel de Belascon, where she was forced to disguise as a noblewoman and become the wife of the baron. But the captivating trobairitz Jordane de la Moux d'Aniort and her damozel Johana have escaped with them, putting them all in grave peril.

Will Jordane's conflicting goal of reuniting with the rebel Raimon de Berenger thwart Azemar and Azalais's quest to solve the mystery of their origins, which they believe lies within the heretic fortress of Montsegur? When a cryptic note leads them to the Templar stronghold at Mas Deu, Azemar undergoes brutal trials, and discovers that his ultimate purpose could lead him to betray the very people he wants to protect.

And their altered route leads Azalais into the path of her old enemy, the Dominican monk, Fraire Martin. Full of surprising twists and turns, dangerous adventures, and true love, *The Spirit of Fire* continues the Orphans of Tolosa Trilogy.



A few phrases from recent Amazon reviews for *Love That Moves the Sun*

". . . an exciting, evocative tale"

"I absolutely loved it."

". . . a beautiful and inspirational story."

"I ADORED the book."

"A great read and a fascinating insight into another world."

". . . made the Renaissance come alive to my mind and heart."

Please share how *Love That Moves the Sun* made you feel
with a [brief review](#) on Amazon!

Thank you.

Seeking some sage advice

As summer winds down I am faced with the perennial problem of my abundant sage plant. Each year it explodes with growth from its dormant woody stem, crowding out the basil, rosemary, and parsley trying to get a foothold in my herb garden.

But those plants are mere annuals, taking up residence for only a few months. Sage is the grande dame of the garden.

However, my repertoire of recipes using sage is severely limited. I learned to make pasta with sage butter one lovely summer at [Tenuta di Spannocchia](#), but that is about the extent of my culinary experience with the herb.

Do you have any wonderful recipes or uses for this survivor?



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