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Stories of the search for connection and belonging

My Writing Life

August 2022



As a shy child, I was more likely to be absorbed in reading a book
than talking about it.

But somehow, during my journey as a writer,
I discovered that getting up in front of a group of readers and sharing my
stories is one of the real pleasures of my writing life.

Please add to my joy by attending one of my upcoming events.

I'll be discussing the inspiration for *A Place of Refuge*,
reading excerpts, and signing books.

August 17, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Glassbury Court
Cortlandt Manor, New York

August 24, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Pleasant View Senior Center
328 N Main Street
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

September 14, 2022

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

National Organization of Italian-American Women
Rhode Island Region
Heritage Harbor Foundation Headquarters
Ste. 101
1445 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, Rhode Island

September 22, 2022

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Love, Food, Sex, Family, and Ancient Civilizations
I AM Books
124 Salem Street
Boston, Massachusetts

[Read more about this event.](#)

October 1, 2022

Pumpkins and Pets on the Hill Festival
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
335 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

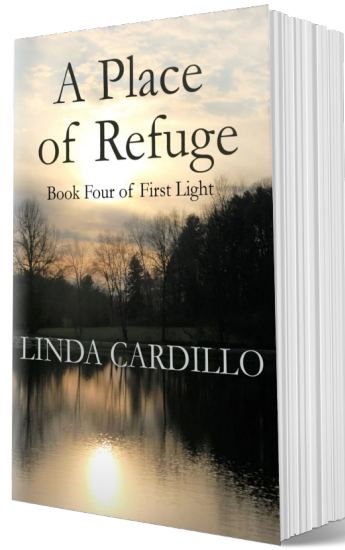
October 12, 2022

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Norwalk Public Library
1 Belden Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

October 17, 2022

Book Club Discussion
Love That Moves the Sun
Longmeadow, Massachusetts



Praise for *A Place of Refuge*

"Cardillo's prose breathes life not only into the characters, but also environments and objects....A memorable and well-developed cast enriches this rewarding love story." – *Kirkus Reviews*

"... Cardillo finds in these well-drawn characters some fresh twists on stories of romance and priestly temptation, while digging into rich themes of guilt, lust, redemption, and – most crucially – the healing power of love." – *BookLife Reviews*
Editors Pick

"I have read all the books in Linda Cardillo's "First Light" series, and have eagerly awaited a book devoted to Izzy, one of my favorite characters. In A PLACE OF REFUGE, she gets her full due, as she experiences death and rebirth, a redefinition of her life's purpose, and deep, life-altering romantic love. As always, Cardillo weaves a gorgeous atmosphere around the plot, an environment that tantalizes the senses. Food, wine, Tuscany, and a young woman's encounter with a man struggling as hard as she is to find the path through life he's meant to take – it all comes together in a beautiful story, beautifully told." – Judith Arnold,
USA Today bestselling author

If you enjoy *A Place of Refuge*, I would be deeply grateful
if you would review it or rate it.

One of the most important elements in a book's success is
readers sharing their enthusiasm with others.

[Review on Goodreads](#)

[Review on Amazon](#)

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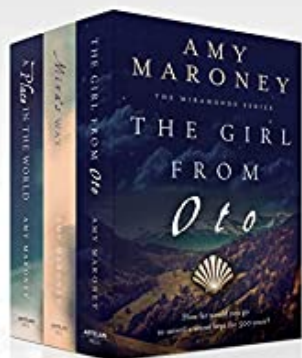


It's *Ferragosto*, the feast of the Assumption and the time when all of Italy takes a break. One of the symbols of this month of leisure is the running of the *Palio*, a dramatic horse race in the central *campo* of Siena. Not only did I experience the *Palio* myself as a college student studying in Italy, but I managed to include it in *Island Legacy*. Here's a taste of what is taking place in Siena this month.

She never anticipated that she would fall in love, either with Italy or with Antonio. She had arrived in Florence with a longing for something different and unknown, and so had been open to whatever it offered: quiet afternoons in a Uffizi gallery mesmerized by DaVinci's Annunciation, or a brilliant morning in the Piazza del Duomo contemplating Ghiberti's bronze doors on the Baptistery. She ate battered-zucchini flowers and spaghetti à la carbonara for the first time. She attended parties given by boys in silk shirts who drove Ferraris and lived in palazzos in the Oltrarno.

[Read more.](#)

What I'm reading this summer



Amy Maroney's
The Miramonde Series:

The Girl from Oto
Mira's Way
A Place in the World

A young art historian in the 21st century searches for an elusive 16th-century woman whose compelling paintings have been lost to history. The story switches back and forth in time, inviting me into two fascinating and parallel worlds.

Robin Blackburn McBride's
The Shining Fragments

Stories of the immigrant journey intrigue me, as you know from my own books. This one is a riveting tale of an orphan Irish boy abandoned in Toronto in 1882 who scrambles to survive in a harsh world where Irish are not welcome. The story of his resilience and creativity is told in a poetic style that evokes his experience of the world in evocative detail.



Who
can you trust
when
everything you
believed
was a lie?



SALE! \$0.99

Are suspense and exciting romance your cup of tea?

An author friend of mine, Lisa Hughey, is running a promotion on her romantic thriller series *Black Cipher Files*.

Read about strong heroines who are perfectly capable of rescuing themselves, and the heroes who love their strength and vulnerability, as they uncover long-buried secrets from the past to save their future.

You can get the first three books downloaded as an e-book for under a dollar until August 20th.

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Many thanks for your continued support of my writing and
my warmest wishes for a happy end of summer!

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