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Stories of the search for connection and belonging

My Writing Life

March 2023

Celebrating Italian-American Women



The "Let's Talk About Being Italian-American Women!" team at I AM Books Boston (Notice the boots. We had a snowstorm that day, and as much as I wanted to look elegant, my New England practicality nixed the black stilettos.)

On March 4, I was honored to be a panelist at "Let's Talk About Being Italian-American Women!" – an event presented by the Boston satellite of the **National Organization of Italian-American Women** at **I AM Books Boston**, a treasure of a bookstore in the heart of Boston's North End, the city's Little Italy.

The afternoon was filled with stories, laughter, food and wine, and lots of conversation about our shared identity as Italian-American women.

As a reader of my books, you know how integral my Italian heritage is to my stories. As I spoke on the panel, I tried to capture my experience growing up Italian-American in **these remarks**. I hope you'll enjoy them!

Warmest wishes,
Linda

Upcoming Events

If you would like me to speak to your book club or organization, please contact me.

March 16, 2023

Book Club Discussion
Branford, Connecticut

March 22, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Authors' Panel 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.

Artsy Fartsy Artists and Authors Fair
Pleasant View Senior Center
328 North Main Street
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

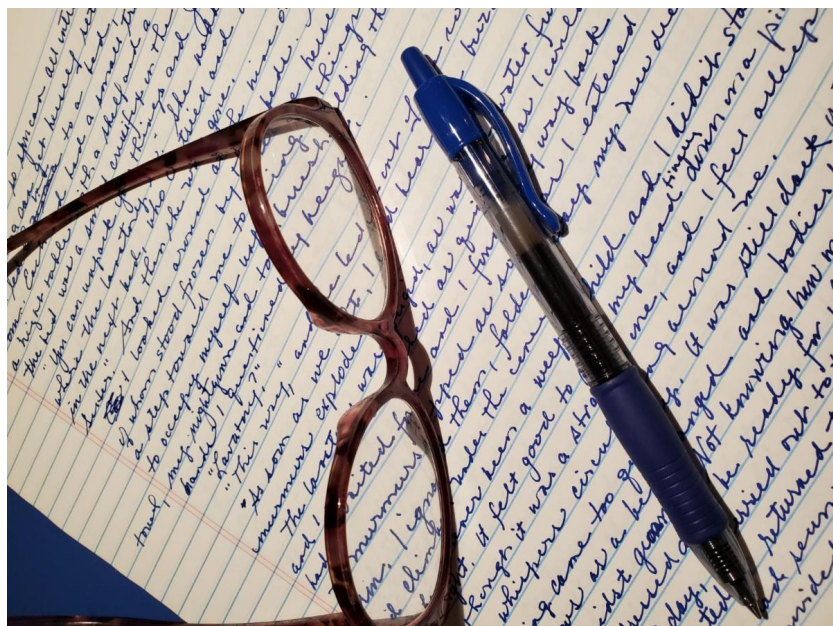
April 4, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Italian Women's Club

Salvatore's Restaurant
354 Merrimack St
Lawrence, MA 01843

Come write with me!



I am offering a three-session writing workshop at my local library. Whether you are embarking on or continuing your writing journey, I hope you'll join me for any or all of the sessions.

March 29 – Getting Started

Find the catalyst that will accelerate your writing.

April 12 – Moving Past Stumbling Blocks

Develop a structure for both your story and your writing process.

April 26 – Polishing and Next Steps

Form a community to encourage and support each other on the journey.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Richard Salter Storrs Library
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Register at:

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/S/STORRS/EKP.cfm?zeeOrg=STORRS>

A Place of Refuge Finalist for Two Awards!



I'm thrilled to announce that *A Place of Refuge* is a finalist for both the [Chatelaine Award for Romance Fiction](#) and the [Foreword INDIES Book of the Year in Romance](#).

Nuggets from Reviews of *A Place of Refuge*

"A tantalizing mix of intellect and mysticism, strength and vulnerability, hope and despair shape the protagonists..." - Bethe Lee Moulton, Author of *Until Brazil*, *Molly Waldo* and *The Paintings of J.O.J. Frost*

"Compelling life affirming, sizzling page turner" - artsoul

"The descriptions of Italian countryside, the depth of the characters and their struggles to find peace and sense of their lives leave you satisfied but longing for more." - krafferty

"...a rich, sensual vacation from our daily stresses..." - Helene M. Houston, author of *The Other Couch: Discovering Women's Wisdom in Therapy*

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Many thanks for your continued support of my writing and my warmest wishes for good health and joy as spring arrives!

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