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Thank You!

For showing up at my author events, for purchasing my book, and for sharing your enthusiasm. You are the best!

It's been a whirlwind month, filled with readings and book fairs and accolades (see below). This is one of the most fulfilling times in a book's creation, when I get to share my words and engage with readers.

Thank you for being a part of my writing life!

With warmest wishes,

Linda



Accolades!



From a reader review:

"As in all of her writing, Ms. Cardillo brings us into the lives of her characters with such detail you feel immersed in the scenes. You can almost smell the paint and varnish in the artist's studio and you feel the pain in this woman as she moves through her life." - Kindle Customer

From a reader email:

"Your novel continues to echo . . . as a meditation on the courage it takes to live, and create, beyond the boundaries others draw. Maya's journey remains a powerful mirror for so many women who have learned to reclaim their own voices through art, through love, and through defiance."

If you enjoyed *Paint the Wind*, one of the most helpful things you can do as a reader is to share your experience through a rating or review on Goodreads or Amazon, or by spreading the word to your friends. Click on one of the images below to post a rating or review. Thank you!



Upcoming Events



November 13, 2025
6:45 – 7:30 p.m.
Writer's Night
Longmeadow Adult Center
211 Maple Road
Longmeadow, MA

December 8, 2025
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
"Wine, Words, and Music"
Eight Authors Reading
Three Musicians Strumming
Wine and Appetizer Reception
Longmeadow Adult Center
211 Maple Road
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An Opportunity to Watch and Listen

If you live too far to attend one of my events in person, I'm delighted to share with you the recording of my reading at the East Longmeadow Library. The local access television station sent a crew to tape the entire event and it's now available on YouTube. (For some reason the thumbnail below starts several minutes into my presentation. If you wish, you can restart the video from the beginning and hear me talk about the inspiration for the story.)

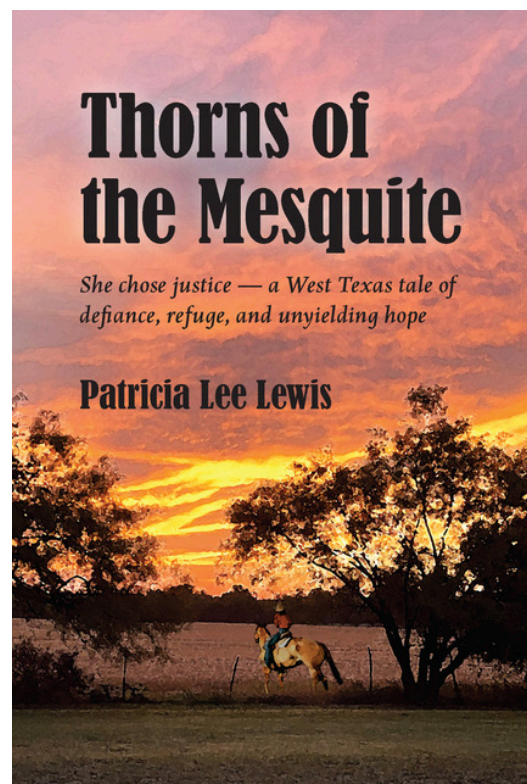


Introducing An Extraordinary Writer



I met Patricia Lee Lewis nearly thirty years ago when I participated in one of her weekend writing workshops at her Patchwork Farm mountainside retreat. I had just arrived in Western Massachusetts and was eager to connect with other writers. Meeting and working with Patricia opened up my writing life in magical ways.

She is a consummate teacher and an inspiring guide through the thicket of imagination and creativity.



She chose justice—a West Texas tale of defiance, refuge, and unyielding hope.

She is also my friend and an extraordinary writer!

Patricia's first novel, *Thorns of the Mesquite*, will launch on November 15, 2025, on her 88th birthday.

All profits will go to those organizations serving victims of domestic violence and those which protect civil rights for all people. She is beyond grateful to live and work in the company of other writers.

A powerful and timely tale of historic fiction, *Thorns of the Mesquite* paints a stirring portrait of a woman's awakening—of love and the resilient spirit demanded to fight for what's right against staggering odds.

You can pre-order the book [here](#) and learn more about Patricia [here](#).

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