



August 2025

Launch Day is One Month Away!

September 16



A happy author with her first copy

What does it take to launch a new book?

My team and I have completed the editing, proofreading, and formatting of *Paint the Wind*, and last week I released it to the printer and my ebook distributor.

Letting go was like sending my first-born to his first day of kindergarten. *He* was ready, but I stood on the curb as the school bus pulled away with a mixture of grief and amazement.

I am the "mother" now of fifteen books, and completing each one has filled me with gratitude that the stories keep coming and my characters continue to talk to me.

As I'm sure you know by now, being an author in the twenty-first century requires more than getting the story onto the page and the book in print. Spreading the word to the world is the other half of the writing life.

As you'll read below, part of my book launch will be events--from readings to book fairs. If you are in the area, I hope you'll attend one. If you live in another part of the world, please consider sharing news of the launch with your book club, local library, or local independent bookstore.

The print book will be available for order on September 16 and the ebook is available [here](#) for preorder, with delivery on September 16.

Once you've read the book, please consider sharing a rating or review on Amazon or Goodreads.

Thanks for being a part of my writing life!

Linda

Listen to an Excerpt from Chapter One

Paint the Wind An Excerpt from Chapter One

Although the audiobook version is still in the planning stage, I took a few moments to record the opening paragraphs of Chapter One as an audio "teaser" to invite you into the story.

Listen [here](#).



*"Young Girl in Blue" by Edvard
Munch*

*This painting is in the public
domain.*

Upcoming Events

September 5 – 7, 2025

Glendi Festival

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

22 St George Road

Springfield, MA

Friday – 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – Noon – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday – Noon – 5:00 p.m.

I'll have a booth at the vendor fair.
Please stop by for food, music, and
an opportunity to shop for the holidays!

***Paint the Wind* BOOK LAUNCH EVENTS**

September 15, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Richard Salter Storrs Library
693 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, MA

September 16, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Longmeadow Adult Center
211 Maple Road
Longmeadow, MA

October 8, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Enfield Public Library
104 Middle Road
Enfield, CT

October 15, 2025

6:00 p.m.

East Longmeadow Public Library
60 Center Square
East Longmeadow, MA

OTHER EVENTS

October 6, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Soulmates to Genius

Leonardo da Vinci and Costanza d'Avalos
Michelangelo Buonarroti and Vittoria Colonna

Zoom Presentation

Hosted by
National Organization of Italian American Women

Register [Here](#)

October 18, 2025

Artisan Craft Fair

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

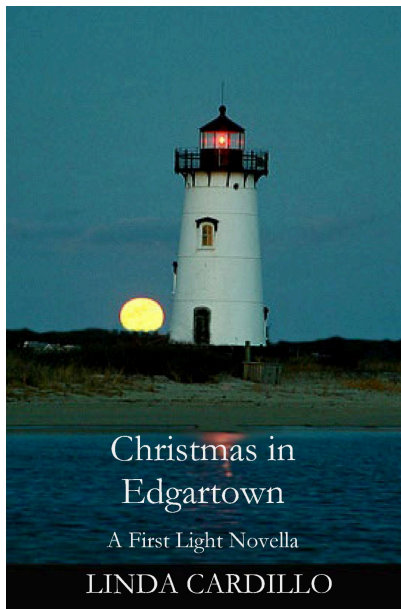
Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing
807 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, MA

October 23 and October 30

1:30 p.m.
Memoir Workshop
Longmeadow Adult Center
211 Maple Road
Longmeadow, MA

December 2, 2025
12:30 p.m.
Tuesday Morning Club
Westfield, MA

What's next?



Draft cover for Christmas in Edgartown
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A Christmas Novella for the First Light Series

The characters who populate the First Light series have always had a strong pull on my heart, and I know that the end of each book leads to more questions. What happens to them next? It's a question I hear more and more from readers.

Well, dear reader, I am bringing them *all* together for Christmas in 1973.

The story is effervescing in my head and already partially on the page, and I can't wait to share it with you.

Mae, Tobias, and Naomi are welcoming Josiah and Grace and baby Caleb; Izzy and Daniel; Lydia and Lou Hammond and their daughter Susan Todd with her young children, Sam, Chris, and Elizabeth. It will be a houseful of joyful chaos, memories, and steps in new directions.

Coming in November 2025.

Contact me

if you would like me to visit with your book group or if you could help arrange an appearance at your local library or independent bookstore.

Thank you!

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