

# My Writing Life



December 2011

Dear Friends,

Winter came early to my corner of New England, with a massive snowstorm on Halloween that left a path of destruction that rivaled the tornado, hurricane and earthquake we'd lived through in the previous four months. Despite our losses--power, trees, roofs--our community has been resilient. Almost all the downed trees and limbs have been sawed and stacked for firewood; the leaves have been raked and the lights are back on. We are looking ahead to the holidays and gathering family around us to celebrate and commemorate the incredible year we have lived through.

As you gather with your own family, I wish you joy, health and peace for the coming year.

## Upcoming Events

**January 21,  
2012**

Reception for  
Bethe Lee Moulton

Author of  
**UNTIL BRAZIL**

Longmeadow, Massachusetts

**February, 2012**

St. George's  
Philoptochos Society  
Springfield, Massachusetts

**Would your book club or  
women's group enjoy an  
author visit?**

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## Friendship

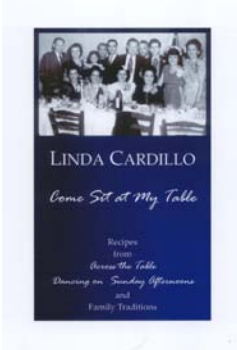
When I started to pull this issue together, I realized how much of it is focused on friendship. I am blessed that my writing has connected me to so many others--you, my amazing readers around the country and around the world; and my sister writers, sharing the journey as we tell our stories.

I'm excited to announce two new endeavors in my writing life that celebrate friends and all that we bring to one another.

Read on about **Three Glindas** (Geri Krotow, Ann DeFee and me) and the challenge we devised for ourselves one night in October over a few glasses of wine. And meet **Bethe Lee Moulton**, good friend, Harvard classmate, citizen of two continents and author of *Until Brazil*.

**Thank you for your friendship!**

## A Gift for the Cooks in Your Life



Is there someone on your gift list this season who loves to cook or who enjoys discovering new cuisines? Please consider my cookbook, [Come Sit at My Table](#), as a way to share the simple pleasures of food that nourishes the spirit.

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## Three Glindas

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I met Geri Krotow and Ann DeFee when we were embarking on our writing careers. We had all been signed to write for Harlequin's Everlasting Love® imprint, the line that my first book, *Dancing on Sunday Afternoons*, launched. Since those early, heady days our friendship has deepened, thanks to considerable doses of both honesty and laughter.

Recently, we decided to create some "magic" for ourselves and our books with a joint website, [threeglindas.com](http://threeglindas.com), and a Twitter presence, [@ThreeGlindas](https://twitter.com/ThreeGlindas). Our name derives from a mash up of our first names, but also, of course, refers to the Good Witch of the North.

Some of you may know that I have a particular fondness for Glinda and possess a wonderful version of the frothy dress Billie Burke wore in the *Wizard of Oz*. I bring out this pink confection every year at Halloween and have been known to wear it while attending board meetings and press conferences with governors.



We'll be tweeting over the next few months and sharing stories, hopes and passions on our website. I hope you'll stop by to visit, meet Geri and Ann, and join us in conversation.

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"She had the perfect husband, the perfect career--the perfect life... Until Brazil."

I'd like to introduce my good friend, Beth Lee Moulton, author of the novel *Until Brazil*. Beth will be visiting me in January and I'll be hosting a reception and book reading for her. If you live in New England, please save the date of January 21!