

# My Writing Life

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*My warmest wishes for a peaceful, joyful and healthy New Year.*

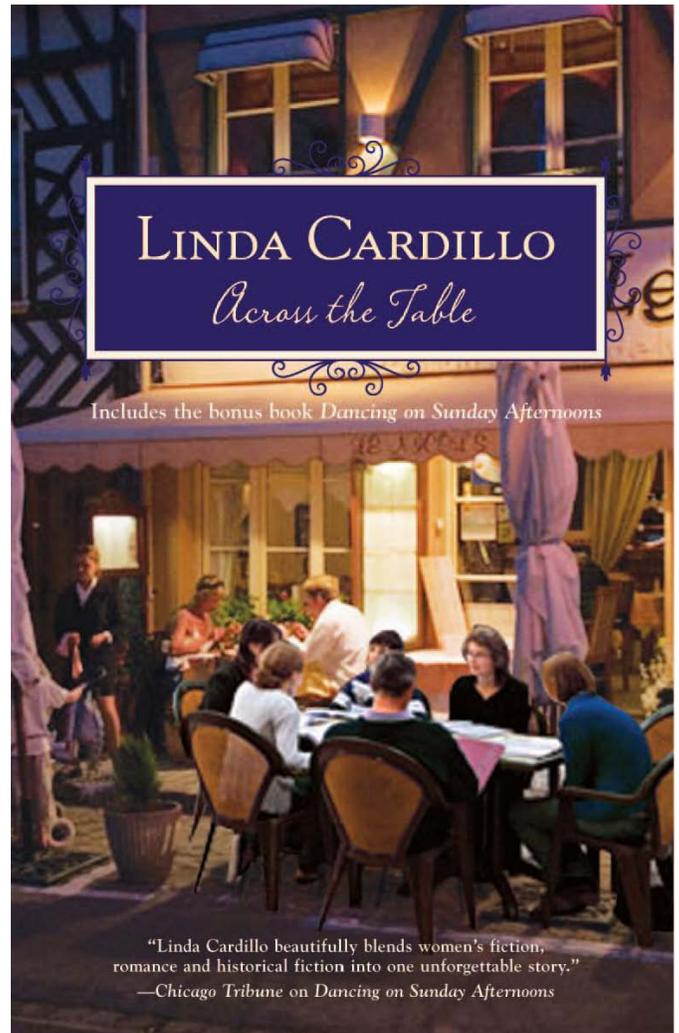
## Turning to You

You, my loyal readers, have been the core of my success in the three years since *Dancing on Sunday Afternoons* first appeared. I hope that my stories continue to bring you both pleasure and meaning.

With most of the creative work for *Across the Table* behind me and its publication set for June, I'm now turning my attention to a side of the writing life that cannot be ignored--getting the word out. In today's complex world of communications, that "word" takes many forms, and it is a task for which I now turn to you for help.

For those of you who have been following it (and **I thank you from the bottom of my heart**), you know that my [blog](#) has become a daily part of my writing life. I have to admit, I approached the task with many self-doubts: Could I keep up a daily pace? Would I struggle to find topics to write about? Does anyone care? One of my unexpected discoveries was how much I *enjoy* writing the blog. It truly is fun for me and is something that I look forward to every evening. It energizes me. Like an earlier revelation I had in life, when someone put a microphone in front of me, I do not lack for something to say. **I hope that what I am saying is finding resonance with you. If it does, please share it with others.** It is one of the most important ways you can help me.

I have more "words" on the horizon in addition to the blog. I'm developing new material and a new design for my website, which I hope to launch within a month. Watch your email for an announcement. I'll also be increasing my presence on Twitter and Facebook.



Beyond electronic media, I'm also gearing up for personal appearances. **If you are a member of a women's group or professional association, live in an area with a library or community center that offers speaking programs, or are a member of a book club, please consider suggesting me as a potential speaker.** I love to connect in person with readers. The give-and-take of dialog feeds me and helps me to understand what my stories bring to people.

**Thank you for reading my books and recommending them!**

"May your stories continue to affect, inspire and connect women!"

I received the message above from a reader recently and was both honored by her comment and reminded of the responses I've received over the years since *Dancing on Sunday Afternoons* was published. For those of you who loved it and would like to share it with others, and for those of you who didn't have the opportunity to read it before it sold out, I'm happy to announce that *Dancing* will be republished in the same volume with *Across the Table*.

Here are a few of the special messages sent to me by readers about *Dancing*:

*"And so, based on decades of daily reading, I wanted to tell you of my appreciation of your extraordinary storytelling ability... I am an art historian by education...DANCING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS captured, for me, the essence of the Italian soul. . ."*

*"First of all, thank you for having the wisdom to publish this inspiring and vividly romantic story ...The details you chose are so significant and you pour deep emotion onto every page. What a very unexpected delight it was for me to be sent your book."*

*"I gave your book to many of my family....We cried; we laughed. It was one of the best books we have ever read... Again thank you for writing a special book that reflects my family so much. We look forward to your next book that I hope will keep us remembering where we came from and the special traditions that our families have passed on to us. Thank you again."*



I am so grateful to you for your continued enthusiasm and support. May the year ahead for you be filled with delight and wonder.

With warmest wishes,

*Linda*