

My Writing Life

September 2010

Dear Friends,

I hope you've enjoyed a wonderful summer! Mine was full--moving my daughter into her new apartment; celebrating a family wedding; reconnecting with friends at the Romance Writers of America national conference in Florida; decompressing during our annual family vacation on Martha's Vineyard; attending three performances at the Boston Symphony Orchestra's idyllic summer venue in the Berkshires; and writing my newest novel.

I looked at the calendar this week and realized it's time to gather my plums and my mason jars for a weekend of preserving. How do you mark the changing of the seasons? As you settle in for the fall and cooler weather, I hope that part of your ritual will be to curl up with one of my books!

The Making of a Book Trailer

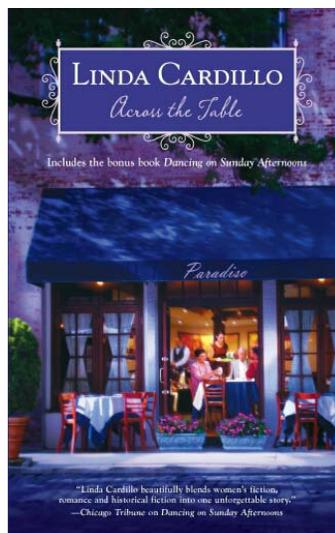
As I wrote last winter in my blog, I've reconnected with a childhood friend. We were neighbors from the time I was six and she was seven until my family moved away when I was eighteen. We had spent many a summer on her porch, writing and producing puppet shows, painting, playing jacks and board games, and rescuing birds.

When we found each other again, we discovered some extraordinary parallels in our lives. We've both pursued creative careers--she is a journalist and videographer; we gave our sons the same name; we even bought the same model and color of car last summer. The more we've gotten to know our adult selves, the more we find ourselves on the same "wavelength." All of which has led us to collaborate on a creative project together--a book trailer for *Across the Table* that we hope will entice people to pick up the book. We began filming the trailer this week--a two-minute visual mosaic that captures the emotional threads of the story:

family and
forgiveness;
loyalty and love

Stay tuned for the release of the trailer--I'll be sending you a link as soon as it's ready!

Praise for *Across the Table*



"With its realistically complex characters, persuasive plot anchored around life's joys and sorrows, and abundance of lusciously described food,

Across the Table is a splendidly nourishing tale."

—John Charles
Chicago Tribune

Across the Table as a Book Club Selection

My thanks to the book clubs that are reading *Across the Table*. I'm looking forward to spirited discussion and eager to hear your reactions when we meet!

If your book club is interested in choosing *Across the Table* as one of your selections, you can find suggested questions for your discussion on my website, and remember, I'd love to join you for the conversation, either in person or via a phone connection. Contact me at linda@lindacardillo.com if you are interested.

Family Memories



This photo of my mother leaving her home on her wedding day with her parents and her maid of honor, my Aunt Lydia, was the inspiration for my description of Rose's wedding day in *Across the Table*.

"You have once again captured a culture and community with exquisite accuracy and a touching humanity, interweaving the realities and vagaries of life and family. It was a wonderful read; I finished it at 3 am."

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 11, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Reading and Signing
[Hendrick Hudson Free Library](#)
Montrose, New York

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Discussion
[Roving Readers Book Group](#)
Barnes & Noble
Millbury, Massachusetts

Monday, September 20, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Reading, Discussion and Signing
International Women's Club
Springfield, Massachusetts

Thursday, September 23, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Book Club Discussion
Eastchester, New York

Friday, September 24, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Creative Writing Workshop
Emerson Manor
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Sunday, October 3, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Reading, Discussion and Signing
Circolo Italiano
Nacul Center
Amherst, Massachusetts

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Reading, Discussion and Signing
[Livingston Public Library](#)
Livingston, New Jersey

Saturday, October 23, 2010

9:45-11:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion
"Not Your Grandmother's Harlequin:
Writing the 21st Century Romance"
[WriteAngles Conference](#)
Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

An Intimate Conversation
[Westchester Italian Cultural Center](#)
One Generoso Pope Place
Tuckahoe, New York

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Time TBD

Reading and Signing
Montione's Bakery
Norton, Massachusetts

I'm delighted to report that *Dancing on Sunday Afternoons* has been translated into French as *Le tourbillon d'une vie* (The whirlwind of a life).

I discovered that the title is similar to that of a song ("Le tourbillon de la vie") sung by Jeanne Moreau in the movie *Jules et Jim*, one of my favorites.

The translation is available on [Amazon France](#)



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