

The London Public Library Welcomes...

MARY DORIA RUSSELL



“Multi - Award Winning Author”

Russell...shows herself to be a skillful storyteller who subtly and expertly builds suspense as she paints a vivid picture of a fictional world and its inhabitants.
- USA Today

Psychological insight and impassioned lyricism, passed through a sieve of diamond-clear prose. - Time Out



MARY DORIA RUSSELL was born in suburban Chicago in 1950. Her mother was a Navy nurse and her father was a Marine Corps drill sergeant. She and her younger brother Richard consequently developed a dismaying vocabulary at an early age.

She learned discretion at Sacred Heart Catholic elementary school, how to parse sentences at Glenbard East High, cultural anthropology at the University of Illinois, social anthropology at Northeastern University in Boston, and biological anthropology at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Russell taught human gross anatomy at Case Western Reserve University in the 1980s, but left Academe to write, which turned out to be a good career move. Her novels have struck a deep chord with readers for their respectful but unblinking consideration of fundamental religious questions. “The Sparrow” and “Children of God” remain steady sellers, translated into a dozen languages.

Russell's work has been recognized with nine national and international literary awards and she was a finalist for a number of others. Random House has published her third novel “A Thread of Grace” this February 2005.



Arthur C. Clarke Prize,
Best Novel 1997 Winner



Spectrum Classics,
Hall of Fame 2001 Winner

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Celebrating 100 years of Library Service

The London Public Library is proud to present Mary Doria Russell for an evening in celebration of the Library's 100th Centennial Anniversary!

Enjoy an enchanting time with Russell as she reads excerpts from her award winning books, shares thoughts on writing and entertains us with her life experiences.

Admission: Free!

You may pick up free tickets at the library or you can reserve them by calling (740) 852-9543. Online reservations may be obtained by logging on to www.london.lib.oh.us/russell.htm.

Location:

Join this celebratory evening at the London Public Library.
Address: 20 E. First Street, London, Ohio 43140.

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**Wednesday, June 15
7:00 pm at the
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Public Library**