



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book *March 22-26, 2006*

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French, Italian, and Spanish Interests

Thursday, March 23

***Enchanted: A Novel and Its Translation* [Cancelled]**

Linda Ferri (*Enchanted*) and John Casey, the award-winning novelist who translated her book from Italian, will read from the novel and discuss the translation process.

6 p.m. UVa Bookstore

Fernando Opere: Poetry in Spanish and English

Poet Fernando Opere reads from his poetry.

UVa Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese

8 p.m. UVa Venue TBA (see online schedule)

An Evening with Mary Doria Russell

Author of science fiction bestsellers *The Sparrow* and *Children of God* will read from and discuss her new historical fiction about Italy during World War II, *Thread of Grace*.

8 p.m. UVa Culbreth Theatre

Friday, March 24

L'America: Conversation with Novelist Martha McPhee

A reading from *L'America*, McPhee's latest novel, in an elegant Italian setting, followed by discussion with Italianist Christina Ball on Italy as an inspiration for writing. Wines by the glass and light appetizers. (Ecco Italy)

6 p.m. Verity Blue

Sunday, March 26

Lord James: Lover, Murderer, Husband of a French (Then Scottish) Queen

Locally based French author, Catherine Hermary-Vieille, will present her novel and answer questions in French. Coffee and pastries available for purchase.

3 p.m. Rococo's Restaurant