



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

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### **Historical Fiction**

#### **Thursday, March 23**

##### **An Evening of Fiction: Mary Doria Russell**

Mary Doria Russell (*A Thread of Grace*), author of science fiction bestsellers *The Sparrow* and *Children of God*, will read from and discuss her new historical fiction, set in Italy in World War II.

8 p.m. Culbreth Theatre

#### **Friday, March 24**

##### **Family Sagas**

Jennifer Haigh (*Baker Towers*), Daniela Kuper (*Hunger and Thirst*), Carter Taylor Seaton (*Father's Troubles*).

10 a.m. Barnes & Noble

##### **Jewish Men and the Novel**

A group reading featuring novelists Roy Hoffman (*Chicken Dreaming Corn*), Andrew Furman (*Alligators May Be Present*), Edward Schwarzschild (*Responsible Men*).

2 p.m. McIntire Room, Central Library

##### **The Truth About Fact and Fiction**

Being true to a story with Peter Quinn (*Hour of the Cat*), James Morrow (*The Last Witchfinder*), Daniela Kuper (*Hunger and Thirst*), and Julian Rubinstein (*The Ballad of the Whiskey Robber*).

4 p.m. New Dominion

#### **Saturday, March 25**

##### **Murderous Times, Murderous Settings**

Joseph Kanon (*Alibi*), Peter Quinn (*Hour of the Cat*), Steve Berry (*The Third Secret*), and Katherine Neville (*The Eight*). Moderated by Tom Nolan.

2 p.m. Omni Hotel James Monroe

##### **The Time is Right: Historical Fiction**

Stories that step back in time with Susann Cokal (*Breath and Bones*), Starling Lawrence (*The Lightning Keeper*), and Joseph Kanon (*Alibi*).

4 p.m. New Dominion

#### **Sunday, March 26**

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

Locally based French author, Catherine Hermaty-Vieille, will present her novel and answer questions in French. Coffee and pastries available for purchase. (Alliance Francaise de Charlottesville)

3 p.m. Rococo's Restaurant