



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

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Inspiration, Religion, and Spirituality

Wednesday, March 22

Curl Up With a Companion: *Tough Times Companion II*

Readings, performances, and discussion of how and why this book is a companion for hard times-- by contributors Angela Daniel, Judy Longley, Christopher Morris, and Julie Portman.
 4 p.m. Gravity Lounge

In-Spirited Indigenous Visions of World Healing

How Western humanities perspectives and indigenous healing traditions can impact healing worldwide. With Rainbow Eagle (*A Walk in the Woods*), Barbara Tedlock (*The Woman in the Shaman's Body*), and Edie Turner (*Among the Healers: Stories of Ritual and Spiritual Healing Around the World*).
 7 p.m. UVa Minor Hall

Thursday, March 23

Voices of Adult Learners: 10th Anniversary Event

Writers from literacy and adult education programs throughout central Virginia will share their published stories about family, life changes, and work. 6 p.m. Burnley-Moran Elementary School

Being Jewish in America

Abigail Pogrebin (*Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk about Being Jewish*), Samuel Freedman (*Who She Was: My Search for My Mother's Life*), and Ruth Andrew Ellenson (*The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt*).
 8 p.m. Congregation Beth Israel

Friday, March 24

Patty de Llosa, author of *The Practice of Presence*, discusses her book.
 6 p.m. Quest Bookshop

Where Was God During the Tsunami?

With David Bentley Hart, author of *The Doors of the Sea: Where Was God During the Tsunami?*
 7 p.m. Holiday Inn

Friday, March 24, (6 p.m.) and Saturday, March 25, (2 p.m.)

Flexing Your Soul

Co-authors Jaleh Milani and Alessandra Shepard, Ph.D. (*Flexing Your Soul*) discuss the body as a physical expression of the individual soul, demonstrating how personal emotional history creates the individual body type.
 Starr Hill Gallery 709 West Main Street (Friday, March 24)
 Live Arts 123 East Water Street (Saturday, March 25)

Saturday, March 25

After the Apple. Women in the Bible-Timeless stories of Lust, Love and Longing

Author Naomi Harris Rosenblatt (*After the Apple*) conducts a conversation about fourteen women-- courageous, intelligent risk takers through a contemporary lens from her perspective as a Biblical Scholar and psychotherapist.
 4 p.m. City Council Chambers

Saturday, March 25

Teachings by Rainbow Eagle: Sponsored by Quest Bookstore

10 a.m. to noon Formal Teachings on Ancient Peace Shields; Noon to 2 p.m. Lunch on your own 2 - 3:15 p.m.; Native American/Maya Prophecies for a Hopeful Future; 3:15-3:30 Break; 3:30-5:30 p.m. Native American Spirituality and Christianity Respectfully Compared.
 Register to come all day or to come to selected sections! Pre-register by emailing Rachel E. Saury: rachelsaury@yahoo.com.
 Location: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church

