



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

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Memoirs and Biography

Wednesday, March 22

Divided Minds: Twin Sisters' Journey through Schizophrenia

What is the experience of schizophrenia -- for someone who has the disease but also for someone close to the sufferer? Sisters Carolyn Spiro and Pamela Spiro Wagner (*Divided Minds*) reflect on schizophrenia.

Noon, UVa Jordan Conference Center Auditorium

The Many Kinds of Memoirs

A diversity of memoirists elucidate their art: Brenda Serotte (*The Fortune Teller's Kiss*), Susan Garrett (*Quick-Eyed Love: Photography and Memory*), Devyani Salzman (*Shooting Water: A Memoir of Second Chances, Family and Film Making*), and Elaine Orr (*The Gods of Noonday*).

4 p.m., UVa Bookstore

First Person Public: Writing the Personal

Faith Andrews Bedford (*Barefoot Summers*), J.E. Matzer (*Millionaire Boy*), Margaret Mohrmann, M.D. (*Attending Children*), and Laura Cockerille Giannini (*The Kokopelli Journals*) read vignettes and talk about the challenges of writing personal material.

6 p.m., Northside Library

Making History: John Hope Franklin and Rita Dove

John Hope Franklin (*Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin*) and Virginia Poet Laureate Rita Dove (*American Smooth*) will read and discuss on personal and cultural history.

8 p.m., UVa Culbreth Theatre

Thursday, March 23

The War Within: Psychological Memoirs

Poet Pamela Spiro Wagner and psychiatrist Carolyn Spiro (*Divided Minds*) join war correspondent John Falk (*Hello to All That: A Memoir of War, Zoloff, and Peace*) to discuss their strengths and struggles dealing with mental illness.

10 a.m., City Council Chambers

Thursday, March 23 (cont.)

Sharing Family Stories

With Libby Miller Fitzgerald (*Bill Miller: Do You Know Me?*) and Faith Andrews Bedford (*Barefoot Summers*).

2 p.m., Jefferson Heights on Pantops Mountain

Friday, March 24

That's Showbiz: Lives Up in Lights

With Margo Jefferson (*On Michael Jackson*), Peter Levinson (*Tommy Dorsey: His Life & Times*), and Edward McPherson (*Buster Keaton: Tempest in a Flat Hat*). Moderated by Digby Diehl.

10 a.m., City Council Chambers

On the Beat: Political Journalism

Longtime political journalist Jules Witcover presents his memoir, *The Making of an Ink-Stained Wretch*.

11 a.m., Miller Center

Lives in Letters: Author Biographies

With Marion Rodgers (*Mencken: The American Iconoclast*), Suzanne Marrs (*Eudora Welty: A Biography*), Tom Nolan (*Ross Macdonald: A Biography*), and Barbara Burkhardt (*William Maxwell: A Literary Life*).

Noon, City Council Chambers

The Influence of Sandra Day O'Connor

Legal news commentator and reporter Joan Biskupic, discussing her new biography, *Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice*.

6 p.m., Abbott Center Auditorium, Darden School

Saturday, March 25

19th Century Women: Biography Panel

Louise Knight (*Citizen: Jane Addams and the Struggle for Democracy*) and Meg Marshall (*The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism*).

Noon, New Dominion