

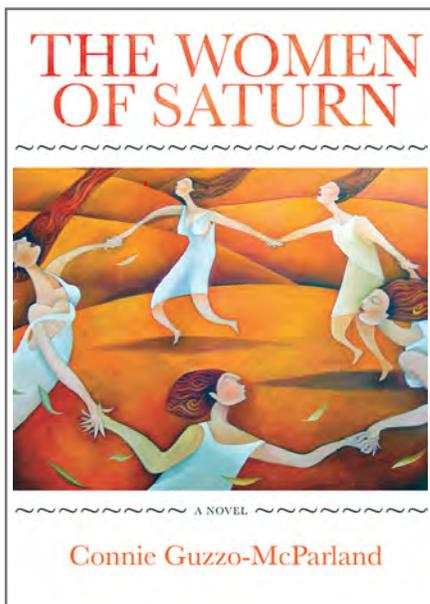
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The Women of Saturn

a new novel by award-winning author, **Connie Guzzo-McParland**

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THE WOMEN OF SATURN, published by Inanna Publications, will be available in bookstores across North America on April 30, 2017, and is being launched in MONTREAL, Quebec, at the Blue Metropolis Festival on April 29, 2017, and in TORONTO, Ontario, on May 4, 2017, from 6:00-8:30pm, at the Women's Art Association of Canada (23 Prince Arthur Avenue).

ABOUT THE BOOK: After her childhood friend, Lucia is found beaten, an apparent victim of domestic violence, Cathy, a high school teacher, takes Lucia's daughter, Angie, into her class and home. This arrangement causes conflict between Cathy, her live-in boyfriend who is involved in federal politics, and her colleagues at school. Revelations of corruption and links to the Montreal Mafia are brought to the attention of the Montreal tabloids by a journalist with whom Cathy has had a problematic relationship since her teens when she solicited his help as a writing mentor. Cathy is determined to help the troubled Angie, and through her connect the village stories of the past with the ongoing drama into a novel, thus giving the silenced women a voice through her writing. This novel is as much about the writing of the immigrant experience as it is about living it.

Connie Guzzo-McParland has a Bachelor of Arts in Italian Literature and a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Concordia University. Upon graduation from the Master's program, she received the David McKean Award for creative writing for her thesis-novel, *Girotondo*. Her debut novel, *The Girls of Piazza d'Amore*, published in 2013, was shortlisted for the Concordia First Novel Award by the Quebec Writer's Federation. Since 2010 she is Co-director and President of *Guernica Editions*. She lives in Montreal.

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—MARY DI MICHELE, author of *Bicycle Thieves*

"The Women of Saturn, is a stirring consideration of culture and politics, of loyalty and loss that is as wide as it is deep, as ambitious as it is intimate."

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"Authentic in its evocation of mid-20th century Italian Montreal, the novel's preoccupations with domestic violence, cynical politics, and organized crime resonate with topical relevance for contemporary readers. Richly textured and panoramic, *The Women of Saturn* is an engrossing read."

—ELAINE KALMAN NAVES, author of *The Book of Faith*

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