

★ An Engaging Adult Bookclub! ★

Conceit by Mary Novik



Mary Novik was born in Victoria and has lived in Vancouver for most of her life. She has always loved reading and writing and knew that one day she would write a novel. Her debut novel, *Bracelet of Bright Hair*, came out of a response to a Chapters' competition for new novels. During the writing of her second novel, Mary joined a writing group with Jen Sookfong Lee and June Hutton. The three of them vowed to stay together until their books were published.

Jen's novel, *The End of East*, was much enjoyed at Adult Bookclub last year, so we're very excited about reading another piece of work from the SPiN writing group.

Date: Saturday March 1, 2008 ~ 7 - 10 pm

Location: Lyceum

Cost: \$35 per person

** Wine, non-alcoholic beverages and tasty morsels will be provided and the author will autograph your copy of her book.*

Christianne asks that you read *Conceit* before March 1st to help give the discussion depth, but please feel welcome to come even if you don't manage to read the text in time.

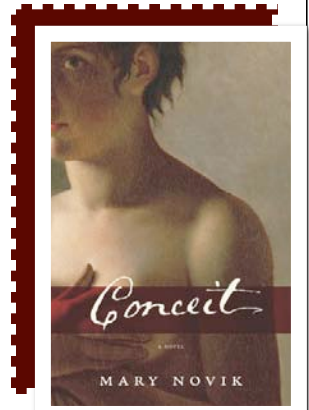
Pegge, rebellious daughter of the famous poet John Donne, is not interested in an average marriage. Inspired by the eroticism and passionate love woven into her father's poems, Pegge wishes for something a little more clandestine. Novik's description of 17th century London and its surrounding countryside is vividly detailed and richly satisfying for those who enjoy historical settings.

In the words of Jim Bartley from the Globe and Mail,

Conceit is... "A magnificent novel of 17th century London... Conceit is a mind-expanding creation of a distant world in often-exhilarating detail, seen, heard, felt, smelled, and tasted... Reading Conceit is like settling into a multi-course feast that shifts your ideas of food, of the wonders that art can conjure from the staples of life."

Joe Wiebe of the Vancouver Sun puts Novik's work up on the shelf with Tracy Chevalier's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and A.S. Byatt's *Possession*.

** Copies of Conceit may be purchased at the Lyceum at the Bookclub discount with registration.*



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