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Vocabulary Lesson for April

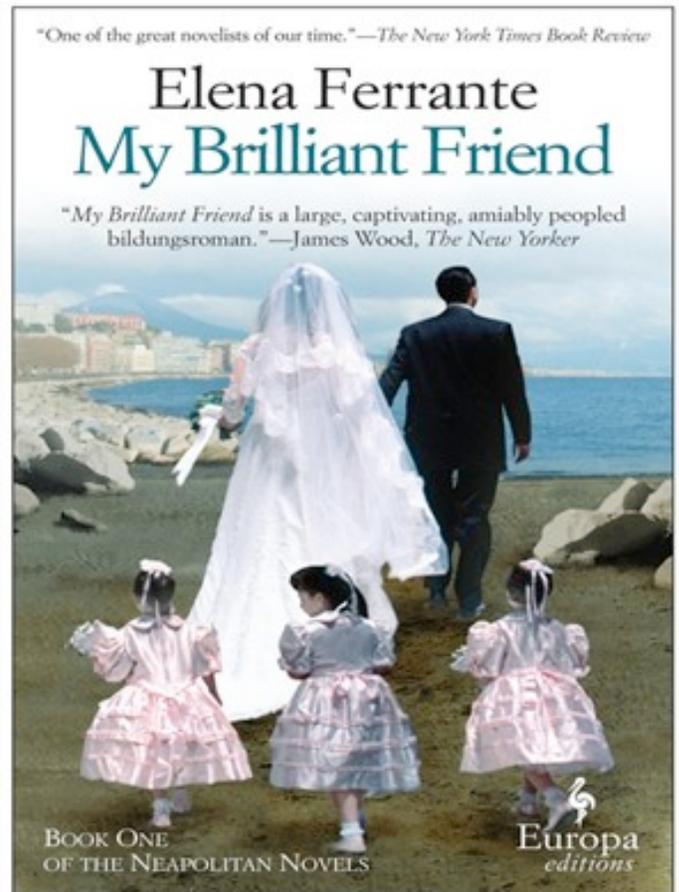
Your library has a new tetralogy or quadrilogy (a four-book series) by Elena Ferrante, the pen-name of an Italian novelist whose works have now been translated into most major languages. Ms. Ferrante's popularity in Italy with two novels made into films, and now this very popular set known as the Neapolitan Novels, has caused quite a stir in speculation as to who she might be. Thus far she has been able to keep her identity a secret. She has been quoted to have observed that "books, once they are written, have no need of their authors."

Featured this Month

My Brilliant Friend by Elene Ferrante

Book one in the Neapolitan series relates the story of friendship between two young girls growing up in a poor neighborhood of post-World War II Naples. Both girls, Lila and Elena, are intelligent but for Lila learning comes more easily than Elena. Lila is fiercely independent and uncontrollable at times while Elena obeys all the rules. In Italy during this era, continuing education past the elementary level meant passing exams and having the financial means and family support to continue. Lila should advance but hasn't the support. Elena, after much prodding from her instructor, has her family's reluctant support and continues on to high school. Elena and Lila discuss her courses and whatever Elena studies, Lila self-educates and thus creates a competition that compels Elena to excel while leaving Lila with little recognition for her efforts which eventually turns Lila bitter towards learning.

Their neighborhood is filled with the rivalry between the haves and the have-nots with an almost mobster-like attitude in the wealthiest. An insult spoken to the wrong person could mean death. The wrong attitude towards an elder or a spouse could mean a beating



and often did. How to make more money is on everyone's mind, the friends included. Money, they feel, is the only way to escape their hardships.

Book one covers the girls' on again, off again relationship as they struggle with the meanness of the neighborhood, their separation due to Elena's schooling, Lila's apprenticeship as a shoemaker, attaining puberty, falling in and out of love, and eventually Lila's wedding.

The woman reader will most likely feel a kinship with one or the other characters and really enjoy this novel. Sorry guys, it is probably too girly for you even with the amount of violence portrayed throughout the novel.

Review by Robbin Brodsky

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New at the Library

Fiction

To Rise Again at a Decent Hour by Joshua Ferris
The Fishermen by Chigozie Obioma
The People in the Trees by Hanya Yanagihara
The Thieves of Legend by Richard Doetsch
The Story of the Lost Child by Elena Ferrante

Mystery

Breakdown by Jonathan Kellerman
The Waters of Eternal Youth by Donna Leon
Motive by Jonathan Kellerman
Even Dogs in the Wild by Ian Rankin
A Banquet of Consequences by Elizabeth George

Non Fiction

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace by Jeff Hobbs
Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernov

Films on DVD

Domenici
Domenici: Economic Development and Natural Resources

Books on CD

Body of Evidence/Postmortem by Patricia Cornwell
They Marched into Sunlight: *War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967* by David Maraniss

Notes from the Library Board

Bullocks Rebate Program

If you are shopping at Bullocks, please save your receipts. The Library collects receipts at the desk and at the Bake Sale for redemption in the Bullocks Rebate Program. Every dollar spent is worth a 2c donation to the Library. Help us keep the stacks stacked by donating your receipts to the Library.

Bake Sale

Last month's Bake Sales raised over \$200 for the Library. Many thanks to all of our bakers and patrons!

The next sale will be on Mother's Day weekend -- Saturday, May 7 in front of the Post Office from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. Why not give up that diet for one day, come out, and give yourself to a Mother's Day treat, all while supporting your community Library?

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, April 20

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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