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Riverhead Library Hosts Claudia Riess, Author of “Stolen Light,” Which Begins During Cuban Revolution

Riverhead – Claudia Riess, author of a suspense novel set in the art world, “Stolen Light,” will appear at the Riverhead Free Library on Wednesday, August 17. The story begins in Cuba, long before recent foreign policy developments. The author talk and book signing will be held 7-8:30 P.M. The library is located at 330 Court Street.

“In this art-world thriller, Riess draws the characters with a broad brush, but they all have the capability, chemistry, and give-and-take of a strong mystery-solving duo... complex and intriguing...”

–*Kirkus Reviews*

The story of “Stolen Light” begins with the killing of a sugar plantation owner in Cuba during the revolution. Now, more than 50 years later, a young art-magazine writer and a more seasoned art historian team up for an academic endeavor. They wind up delving into the murder of the surviving daughter who had sought their under-the-radar help in recovering her father’s stolen artworks. The investigation takes them to London and Florence, where the mystery and their passion for each other unfold.

After Riess speaks, she will greet individuals and sign copies of “Stolen Light,” which will be available for purchase. To register, visit www.riverheadlibrary.org or call 631-727-3228. If you

cannot attend, you can order a book from Amazon or Barnes & Noble through the website: www.claudiarieessbooks.com. It is available in softcover, hardcover and e-book versions. It is also sold at independent bookstores such as Book Revue in Huntington.

Claudia Riess is a Vassar graduate who has worked in the editorial departments of The New Yorker magazine and Holt, Rinehart and Winston books. Her first novel, “Reclining Nude,” was published by Stein and Day. Oliver Sacks, neurologist and author of “Awakenings,” had said her first book was “exquisite—and delicate... a most courageous book, full of daring—a daring only possible to a passionate and pure heart.”

Claudia Riess is a prolific writer and has just introduced another novel called “Semblance of Guilt” since the publishing of “Stolen Light” last year. Kirkus Reviews said that the female protagonist in the newest book is “a determined amateur detective who’ll garner fans with her refusal to either back down or give up.”

The author is available for speaking engagements at other libraries, as well as bookstores and non-profit organizations. For information about securing Riess as a speaker, contact her publicist, Marcia Rosen, at 516-650-3058 or marciagrosen@gmail.com.

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