

Monday, Sept 26, 2011
7-8:30 pm

Tredyffrin Public
Library, 582 Upper
Gulph Road, Strafford
PA

Open to all ages. *The Fortune of Carmen Navarro* is available at the library and is written for ages 12 through adult.



“Perfectly paced and pulsing with . . . desperate obsession. Readers will consume [it] in one hungry gulp.”

--Kirkus Reviews

Tredyffrin Public Library presents
an evening with Jen Bryant, local author of

The Fortune of Carmen Navarro

A contemporary Philadelphia story based on the popular opera “Carmen” and the novella by P. Merimee



When a high-achieving cadet at the Valley Forge Military Academy falls for a beautiful girl who works at the local convenience store, conflict, suspense, tragedy and hope ensue. Much like *West Side Story*, *Carmen Navarro* is an updated telling of the classic tale of Carmen, the wily, independent and beautiful gypsy who casts a spell on a



dutiful, law-abiding soldier. This new tale unfolds against a background that Philadelphia area residents will recognize and relish.

This free event will include a slide presentation by author Jen Bryant on her research for, and the inspiration behind, the novel. A

question & answer session and book sale/signing will follow. Jen Bryant is a poet, novelist, biographer and the author of more than 25 award-winning books for all ages. Her most recent novel, *The Fortune of Carmen Navarro*, is set locally and includes familiar venues such as the King of Prussia Mall, the Valley Forge Military Academy, Villanova University, and Wayne.



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