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**JANIS COOKE NEWMAN, AUTHOR OF *MARY: A NOVEL*,
WILL SHARE HER EXPERIENCE
CRAFTING HISTORICAL FICTION**

Historical fiction novelist **Janis Cooke Newman** will speak during the Mt. Diablo Branch luncheon on Saturday, January 13th at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant in Lafayette at 11:30 a.m. She will be joined by her editor, **Kate Nitze** of **MacAdam/Cage**. Janis Cooke Newman is the author of *Mary: A Novel*, the engrossing story of Mary Todd Lincoln, one of history's most misunderstood and enigmatic women. She will share aspects of crafting historical fiction..

Janis Cooke Newman's novel blends fact and fiction to paint an intimate portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln, from her tempestuous childhood through the opium-clouded years after her husband's death. USA Today has said, "*Mary* is one of those rare books that turns the reader into an admiring fan of both the author and her subject...Newman gives Mary a riveting voice."

Janis Cooke Newman is also the author of the memoir, *The Russian Word for Snow*, and her travel writing has appeared in publications such as the **Los Angeles Times**, **San Francisco Chronicle**, **Dallas Morning News**, and **Salon**. She lives in Northern California, where she teaches writing classes at the renowned independent bookseller, **Book Passage**. *Mary* is her first novel.

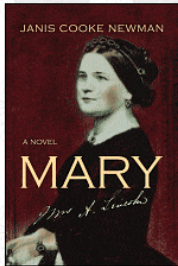
Cost: \$20 for CWC members; \$25 for non-members

The Hungry Hunter restaurant is at 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.) Take the Pleasant Hill Rd. SOUTH exit off Hwy. 24 freeway. HH is just south of the freeway. In case you get lost, call  (925) 938-3938  for directions.

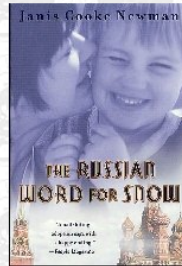
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