A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS
by Jennet Conant

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

About Jennet Conant

Jennet Conant is an award-winning writer who spent more than fifteen years working as a journalist before turning to books. She earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Bryn Mawr College, and a Masters degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She began her career as a business reporter at Newsweek magazine, and after seven years at the newsweekly moved to long-form profiles, working for many years as a contributing editor at Vanity Fair Magazine. She has written for many leading monthly magazines.

In 2002, she published The New York Times bestseller, Tuxedo Park: A Wall Street Tycoon and the Secret Palace of Science that Changed the Course of World War II which describes the largely forgotten dramatic story of eccentric Wall Street mogul and amateur scientist Alfred Loomis, who brought together many great scientists in a gilded preserve of money and privilege in Tuxedo Park, New York.

Three years later she published the acclaimed 109 East Palace: Robert Oppenheimer and the Secret City of Los Alamos, which won the “Spirit of the West” Literary Achievement award. In 2008, she published The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington which also reached seller status.

Her fourth non-fiction book, published in April 2011 by Simon and Schuster, was A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS, which became a New York Times bestseller. The book describes Julia and Paul Child's meeting and then their adventures and experiences in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, during World War II and the later years with their experiences with the Joe McCarthy-led investigation. The paperback edition was issued in November 2011.

Ms. Conant's abiding interest in the World War II period was inspired by her grandfather, James B. Conant, noted scientist and President of Harvard University, who under President Franklin Roosevelt became one of the chief administrators of the Manhattan Project with responsibility for development of the atomic bomb.

“The value of Conant's anecdotal approach is... in its depiction of ordinary relationships in extraordinary circumstances—of the way friendships, feuds and romances develop in strange and secretive settings,” observed The New York Times Book Review.

Jennet Conant lives in New York City and Sag Harbor with her husband, 60 Minutes correspondent Steve Kroft, and their son. She has agreed to sign copies of her books during the hospitality hour and after the dinner program.
The Officers and Directors of the
University of Delaware Library Associates
request the pleasure of your company at the
Annual Dinner

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
at Arsht Hall, University of Delaware
2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware

Jennet Conant
will speak on
A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS

~ Menu ~

Appetizer
• Insalata Italiana
  Fresh Mozzarella, Grape Tomatoes and Roasted Red Peppers
  on Arugula and Baby Lettuces with Basil infused Extra Virgin
  Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar Reduction

Entrées (select one)
• Parmesan Sole
  Sauteed Parmesan Crusted Sole in a Lemon Butter Cream
  with Basmati Rice Pilaf and Herbed Baby Vegetables
  OR
• Veal Saltimbocca
  Veal Cutlet with Prosciutto and Aged Provolone served in a
  Rich Sage Infused Sauce accompanied by Herbed Garlic
  Risotto Potatoes and Buttered Vegetable Mélange
  OR
• Eggplant Rollatini
  Roasted Eggplant stuffed with Ricotta, Mozzarella and
  Asiago Cheeses in Tomato Sauce served with Italian Rice,
  Peas and Roasted Butternut Squash

Dessert
• Bavarian Cream filled Profiteroles topped with
  Warm Fudge Ganache, Whipped Cream
  and Fresh Berries

Coffee, tea and soft drinks
Dreaming Tree Crush
Dreaming Tree Chardonnay

Hospitality hour at 6 p.m.
Program and dinner at 7 p.m.
RSVP by Wednesday, April 11, 2012
First-come, first-served parking in the lot
opposite the entrance to Arsht Hall.
Additional parking in the side lots.
# 2012 UDLA Annual Dinner Response Card

**Member(s) ___________________________________________**

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**Guest(s)* ___________________________________________**

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*Please enter Guest's Address(es) on back of card

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**Corporate Table of 8 Persons @ $1,300.00 Per Table** $_________

Names of corporate attendees with their entrée selections should be written on the back of this response card. A Library Associates first-year membership will be awarded to each corporation that sponsors a table and to each paid guest.

Contributions are welcome from individuals and corporations to assist in underwriting the evening's expenses. Donations are appreciated and will be publicly acknowledged unless anonymity is requested. This donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

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**Total enclosed** $_________

Please make your check payable to the University of Delaware Library Associates. For further information, contact the Office of the Vice Provost by sending an email message to UDLA@udel.edu or by calling 302-831-2231.

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$50.00 of the dinner cost per person is tax deductible.

*The full menu is available on the back panel of the invitation.

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**I/we wish to reserve the following quantity of Jennet Conant's books:**

- [ ] A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS (hardcover, 2011) @ $25.20
- [ ] A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS (paper, 2011) @ $14.40
- [ ] Tuxedo Park: A Wall Street Tycoon and the Secret Palace of Science that Changed the Course of World War II (paper, 2003) @ $13.50

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