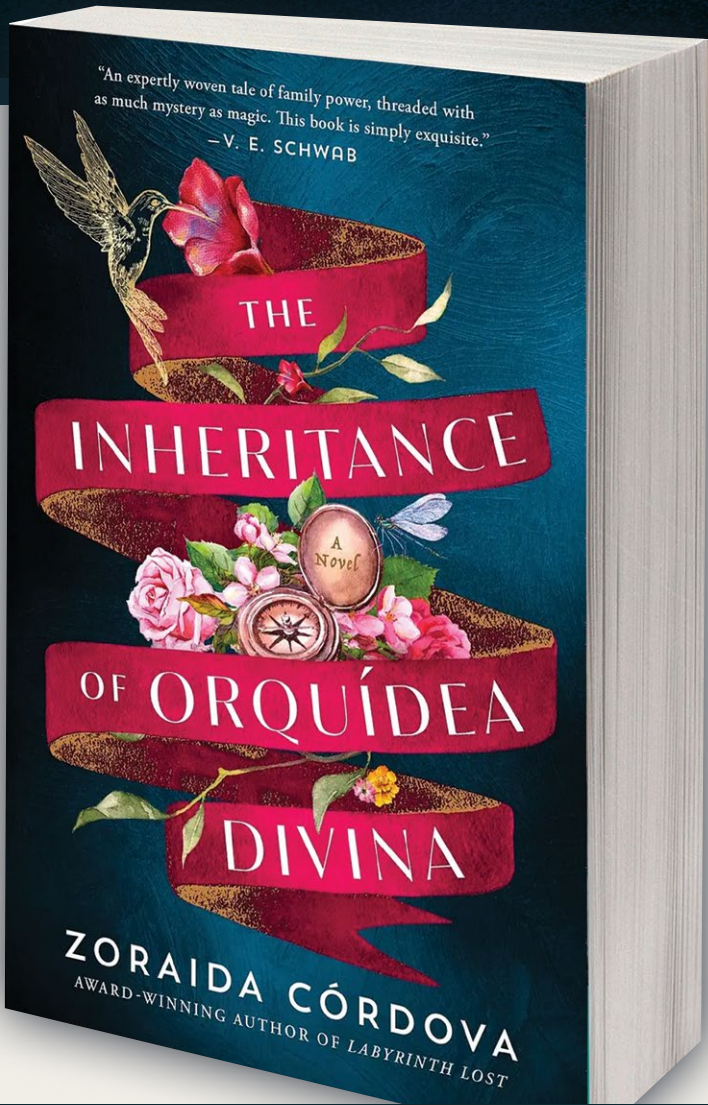


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SALEM READS:

ONE BOOK,  ONE COMMUNITY



Salem Reads eighth season features:

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina

by Zoraida Córdova

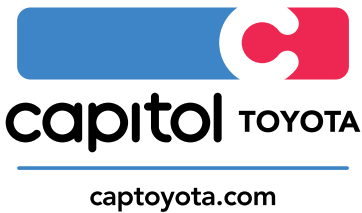
Read the Book. Discuss the Topics. Enjoy the Programs.

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina by Zoraida Córdova is the epic tale of a family impacted by a dramatic matriarch, called together to attend her funeral and to collect their inheritance. Seven years later, the gifts bestowed by Orquídea Divina begin to tear the family apart. Four survivors travel to Ecuador to uncover the truth behind the family mysteries.



Zoraida Córdova, Author

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» **Tuesday, December 5** Y
Floor 1, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE, 10am

West Salem Branch Library, 395 Glen Creek Rd.
NW, 12 noon

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina Book Giveaway

Pick up a free copy to keep of the Salem Reads chosen title, *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova, an epic family tale set in Ecuador. Choose a print book in English or Spanish. Limit: One per visitor while supply lasts. The book can also be purchased at Friends Bookstore, Salem Book Bin, and Reader's Guide. We hope you will join us for the 8th season of Salem Reads in February 2024.

» **January 1-17 | entries accepted** Y

Childhood Secrets Revealed: A Community Storytelling Event

What did you do as a kid that you never told your parents? Now is the time to come clean and share with the class in this one-of-a-kind live storytelling event. Record your story and send it in by January 17 to be considered for the live event at 7 p.m. Friday, February 9. We're looking for stories that are funny, adventurous, shocking, scary, and more. You choose the tone. Time limit: 7 minutes. Submission information will be available on the Salem Public Library website in late December, <https://forms.gle/oShQLthMonLcNNXcA>.

Performers announced January 24

Event: Friday, February 9, 7-8pm Loucks Auditorium

» **Tuesday, January 30-March 3 |** Y
during Library open hours

Art Hall, Floor 1, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina Inspired Art Exhibit

View the work of local artists. Exhibit on display until March 3, then travels to regional libraries.

» **Wednesday, January 31 | 8am**

KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Willamette Wakeup

Host Melanie Zermer will interview guests about Salem Reads.



» **Thursday, February 1 | 6-7:30pm** Y
Loucks Auditorium, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Oil & Water: Documentary

Join us for a viewing of the documentary *Oil & Water*, which highlights the efforts of two young men trying to conserve their cultures and environment in the Ecuadorian Amazon. See what challenges these two activists faced, and the impacts they made. Subtitles will be shown.

Y = Youth (ages 13-18) High Appeal Event

» **Friday, February 2 | 11:30am-1pm**
Dye House, Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St SE

Seeking Our Roots: Why Do Genealogy?

Who among us has not wondered about our forebearers—who they were, what they looked like, where they came from, what they did, when they lived, what they left? Finding family history and solving a mystery are central themes of the 2024 Salem Reads book selection: *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*, a novel about “...what we knowingly and unknowingly inherit from our ancestors, the ties that bind, and reclaiming our power.” Join us to hear a members of the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society discuss the origins of genealogy, how it has changed over the centuries, contemporary uses of genealogy, and a few tips on getting started on your own search.

Register after
January 22, 2024 at
www.salemcityclub.com



» **Saturday, February 3 | 1-2:30pm**
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Ribbon Roses Craft Making

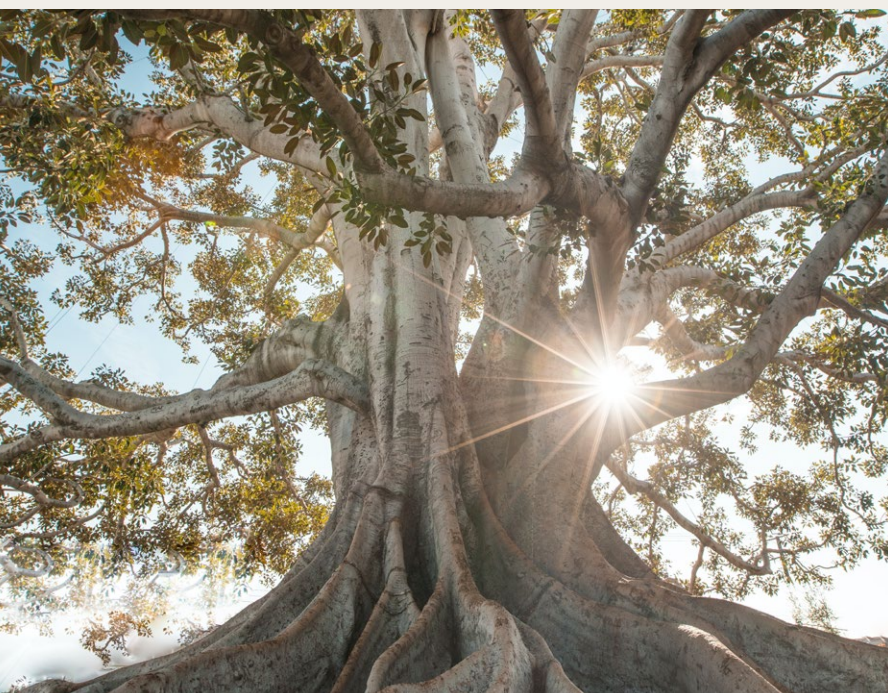
Enjoy crafting roses out of ribbons. These long-lasting creations can decorate your space and bring the outdoors inside. This craft requires high dexterity. Registration is required.



» **Tuesday, February 6 | 12-1pm**
Collaboration Studio, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Brown Bag Adult Book Discussion

Join a lively discussion of the themes and epic story of *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova at a drop-in book discussion for adults. Books are available to pick up at the Floor 1 Ask Here Desk.



All events are free.

Where noted, events require registration, sign up at www.cityofsalem.net/library

» **Wednesday February 7 | 6-7 pm** Y
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Ecuadorian History Lecture

Delve into the history of Ecuador in a presentation from Dr. Mariko Plescia. Learn about the interesting and complicated stories of this country and where they are at today.

» **Friday, February 9 | 9am**

KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Talking About Art

Host Joel Zak will interview guests about Salem Reads Art Exhibit on display January 29-March 3.



» **Friday, February 9 | 7-8pm** Y
Loucks Auditorium, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Childhood Secrets Revealed: A Community Storytelling Event

Come enjoy stories of youthful antics from selected community members willing to reveal childhood secrets from funny and adventurous to shocking or scary. Free. First-come, first-seated.

» **Tuesday, February 13 | 6-7:30pm** Y
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

The Art of Reading Magical Realism

Learn more about the tradition and cultural significance of magical realism in Latino fiction from Teresa Hernández, Assistant Professor of English at Willamette University. Suggestions for further reading and exploration will also be included. Free. First-come, first-seated.

» **Thursday, February 15 |**
5:30-6:30pm
Collaboration Studio, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Fully Booked! Adult Book Discussion

Join a lively discussion of the themes and epic story of *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova at a drop-in book discussion for adults. Books are available to pick up at the Floor 1 Ask Here Desk.

» **Wednesday, February 21 | 7-8pm**
For Tomorrow We Die Brewery, 2315 25th St SE, Salem

Book and Brew: Adult Book Discussion

Kick back at the local brewery, For Tomorrow We Die, as we dig into the themes and epic story of *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova. We'll buy the snacks; the drinks are no-host.

» **Thursday, February 22 | 1-2pm**
La Casita, 1998 Lansing Ave NE, Salem

Discusión de la libro en español

Únase a una animada discusión sobre los temas y la historia épica de *La Herencia de Orquídea Divina* por Zoraida Córdova en una discusión sobre libros para adultos sin cita previa. Los libros se proporcionarán en La Casita en diciembre de 2023.

» **Saturday, February 24 | 1-4pm** Y
Collaboration Studio, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Nature Made Flower Arranging Workshop

Practice the art of using nature to create indoor beauty from florist Jodi Thomas of Little Lantern Floral. All materials will be provided. Seats are limited. Registration is required.



Photo by Ben Mah

» **Tuesday, February 27 | 2-3:30pm**
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Death Cafe: in English

Talk about death, learn about life. Join us for an event centered around cake, tea, and good company. Spend time talking about the details of life and death with new people. Cake and drinks provided.

» **Wednesday, February 28 | 6-7:30pm**
Anderson Rooms, Main Library, 585 Liberty St SE

Café de Muerte: en español

Platica de muerte, aprende de vida. Únete a nosotros para un evento centrado en pastel, té y buena compañía. Dedica tiempo platicando de los detalles de la vida y la muerte con gente nueva. Se proporciona pastel y bebidas.



About the Author

Zoraida Córdova has written more than two dozen novels and short stories, including *Valentina Salazar Is Not a Monster Hunter*, and *Star Wars: The High Republic: Convergence*. Her 2016 novel *Labyrinth Lost*, book one in the Brooklyn Brujas trilogy, won an International Latino Book Award.

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<https://zoraidacordova.com/>

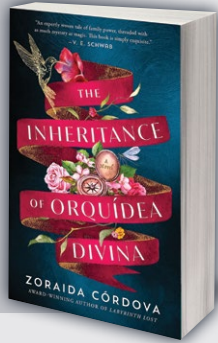
Zoraida Córdova in conversation with Rebecca Roanhorse:
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Latinos in Publishing interview:
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Salem Reads

Salem Reads is a community reads project that invites everyone in Salem to read the same book, take part in discussions, and enjoy related programs throughout the month of February 2024. The Salem Public Library Foundation sees Salem Reads as an opportunity to increase the library's visibility, and act as a catalyst to bring the community together for discussions relevant to our time. Our selection of *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*, allows broad community engagement as we offer programs on topics of importance to our city.

Salem Reads chosen title, *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova, will be given away Tuesday December 5 (details on page 2). Three hundred books will be distributed in a grab-and-go style pickup at the Main Library and the West Salem Branch. If you miss the giveaway, we have 100 library English and Spanish print copies in circulation along with audiobooks on CD, and downloadable eBooks online through [cloudlibrary](#) and [Libby](#) platforms.



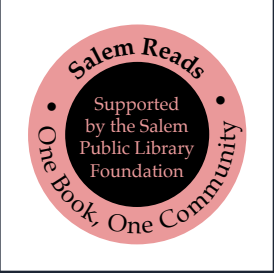




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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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