



**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

**READINGS,
QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS**

**CREATIVE NON-FICTION
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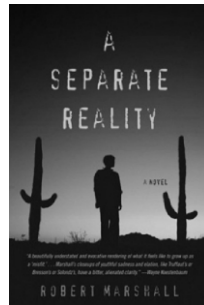
THE BLENZ READING SERIES

SPECIAL GUEST

ROBERT MARSHALL

author of
A Separate Reality

Robert Marshall's novel, *A Separate Reality*, was published by Carroll & Graf in 2006 and was nominated for a Lambda Award for debut fiction. His investigative feature on Carlos Castaneda and the Literary Hoax appeared in April in *Salon*. His poetry, fiction, essays, and memoir have appeared in the anthologies *Fresh Men 2*, *Afterwords*, and *Queer 13* as well as in *Event*, *Euphony*, *Metaxu*, and *Blithe House*. He was born in Eugene, Oregon, graduated from Wesleyan University, and lives in New York City.



He will be reading from *A Separate Reality*, a novel about Mark Grosfeld, an effeminate twelve year old in the early 70s who tries to conduct his middle school life by following the teachings of the then world famous pseudo-anthropologist, Carlos Castaneda. It is also the story of a Jewish family living in the sun-belt diaspora, and it deals with the history of the left from the Rosenbergs to McGovern.

ALSO APPEARING

EUFEMIA FANTETTI is currently enrolled in the Writer's Studio. She will be reading an excerpt from *Sinners "R" Us*, a tribute to her avid pursuit of the Seven Deadly Sins.

GAYE HICKMAN-BARR left the wonders of Africa for the wilds of Vancouver. She is an English professor whose poetry speaks for the unheard, the unrepresented, and the disregarded. Women and the environment have a new voice. Tonight Gaye will be reading poems that focus upon relatedness - both personal and with a range of wildlife that was part of her life in Africa.

PAULA STROMBERG's "Wet - A Love Story Written at 5AM" has been shortlisted in the non-fiction category of this year's Surrey International Writers' Conference Writing Contest. Paula's writing, photography, and art design have won 50 Canadian and international awards.

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