



Teas & Talks

Cynthia Neale once had a Victorian tea business. She can create an inspiring Tea & Talk event with sumptuous tea fare that will transport you to a realm of hope and delight.



Cynthia Neale is a native of the Finger Lakes region of New York and now resides in New Hampshire. She enjoys Irish set dancing, traveling, reading, painting, baking fanciful desserts, hiking, kayaking, creating events that include food and dance, and dreaming about possibilities. *Norah* is her first historical novel for adults. The last novel in the Norah McCabe series is *The Irish Milliner*, set during the Civil War period in New York City. As a milliner from Five Points, Norah becomes involved in the Underground Railroad, creating hats for escaped slaves fleeing to Canada. This story explores the conflicts of Irish immigrants thrust into an American war that threatens to destroy a nation. This novel will be released soon.

The author is currently writing *Catharine, Queen of the Tumbling Waters*, a novel highlighting the life of an Iroquois and French woman who once ruled a village in New York State that was destroyed by General John Sullivan in 1779.

Ms. Neale has also written plays, short stories, and essays, and holds a B.A. in Writing and Literature from Vermont College.



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Cynthia Neale is available for educational events in schools, libraries, bookstores, and other venues. Her presentations inspire and challenge adults and children to learn about hunger relief, immigration, and to create their own American Dream.



Norah
The Making of an Irish-American Woman in 19th-Century New York

As Norah McCabe tries to free herself from the limitations of poverty, gender, and class, she experiences corruption, exploitation, and enchantment in a city that is forever mythic and magical.

“It became clear that much had conspired to bring her to this place, but that it was not just the place and event that she had been brought to. Revelation came to her that she, Norah McCabe, would live and not just live, but live like she had always wanted to live and had not known how.”
~ From NORAH: The Making of an Irish-American Woman in 19th-Century New York

“Make no mistake, although at times the language is breath-takingly lyrical, Cynthia Neale tells it like it was, grit and all.” ~ Deborah Swift, Author of *The Lady’s Slipper* and *The Gilded Lily*

“Cynthia G. Neale is a master at characterization. I felt as if I knew Norah personally. I cheered for her as she came to respect her heritage. If I could give this book higher than 5 stars I would. This is an excellent read that you won’t want to miss.”
~ Readers’ Favorite, Book Reviews and Award Contest



The Irish Dresser
A Story of Hope during The Great Hunger (An Gorta Mor 1845-1850)

When thirteen-year-old Nora McCabe crawls into the old dresser that sits next to the hearth holding a few pieces of her mother’s china, she dreams of luscious cakes and fairies as hunger pains grip her. It is in the dresser that Nora finds hope when her father declares they must leave their beloved Ireland for America. Hidden in the magical dresser aboard the ship traveling to a new land, Nora lives an adventure that transforms her life and turns hope into reality.

Hope in New York City
The Continuing Story of The Irish Dresser

This sequel continues the saga of Nora McCabe and her family now dwelling in New York City where they encounter poverty and racism as Irish Catholics and immigrants. Injustice and violence are a matter of course in this mysterious and alluring city filled with strange languages. Desperately homesick, Nora vows to save money and return to her homeland of Ireland.



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Pavlova in a Hat Box, Sweet Memories and Desserts

A cookbook filled with sumptuous dessert recipes redolent of the comfort of old-fashioned fare, essays wrested from a country childhood and a writing life, and cheerful artwork throughout. CD of piano improvisations is available as an accompaniment.

Cynthia Neale’s Pavlova in a Hat Box is a love letter disguised as a cookbook! Filled with heart-warming memories of her mother and her delicious confections, Ms. Neale’s book not only offers recipes and tips on baking tools and techniques, but also invites readers into her mother’s kitchen, a place always filled with warmth and love. Beautiful full color illustrations and images of old recipe cards punctuate the book and remind us that “recipes are like love notes that warm the heart of the baker”
—Margaret M. Johnson, Irish cookbook author



I am so inspired when Cynthia Neale shares the stories of Norah in her books. I am right there in the midst of her challenging adventures.
Mary Ellen Darling, NYS Library Association Trustee



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