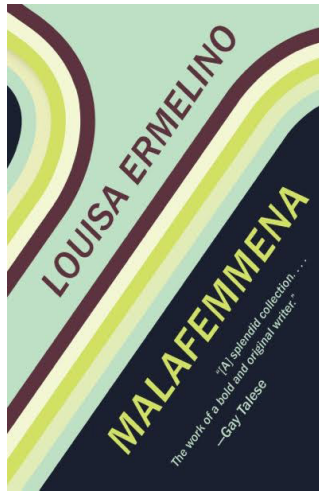


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 STORIES BY LOUISA ERMELINO

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Please join us for the launch of author Louisa Ermelino’s new story collection, *Malafemmena*. Delia Ephron, best-selling author of *Siracusa*, will join Ermelino in conversation.



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Louisa Ermelino’s stories follow women living dangerously at home and abroad, whether in Italian-American neighborhoods or in the countries—India, Turkey, Afghanistan—where they seek escape. At home, they break ancient Italian taboos and fall victim to mobsters. Overseas, they smoke opium-laced hashish and sleep with strange men. Ermelino’s voice is boisterous and endearingly blunt.

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—*Library Journal*

Louisa Ermelino is the author of three novels: *Joey Dee Gets Wise*, *The Black Madonna*, and *The Sisters Mallone*. She is currently the Reviews Director at *Publishers Weekly* in New York City.



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