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15th Annual Festival of Women Authors 2009

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**8:45AM DOORS OPEN. REGISTRATION
ENJOY COFFEE AND PASTRY.
THE BOOK STORE OPENS!**

9:30AM WELCOME

9:40AM MARIE SIMMONS, an award-winning cookbook author, recognized food writer, talented cooking teacher and a lively story teller has made a love of cooking, teaching and writing into a career rich in breadth and scope. Marie is the former senior food editor at *Cuisine* magazine and test kitchen editor at *Woman's Day* magazine. She has a degree in foods and nutrition from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. She currently writes a bi-monthly column, *Simmons Sez*, for the Bay Area Newspaper Group that appears in 14 newspapers in the greater Bay Area. Her cookbooks and recipes cover a broad range of subjects.

10:25AM CLAIRE HOPE CUMMINGS is an environmental lawyer, journalist, and the author of **Uncertain Peril: Genetic Engineering and the Future of Seeds**. Claire's stories focus on the environmental and political implications of how we eat and how food and farming reconnects us to each other and the places where we live. Claire brings three decades of broad experience in agriculture to her work. She has farmed in California and in Vietnam. For four years she was an attorney for the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of General Counsel.

Books will be on sale throughout the day. A portion of the sales price is a contribution to the YWCA.

Plenty of Free Parking!

11:15AM DOROTHY THELEN CLEMENS is author of **Standing Ground and Starting Point, 100 Years with the University YWCA** and is currently working on a second volume covering 1989 to the present. Her love of research and writing has led her to this incredible volunteer activity on behalf of the YWCA Berkeley / Oakland. The new volume is expected to be released in late 2009.

**11:30AM AUTOGRAPHING SESSION
12:15PM LUNCHEON and 1:15PM RAFFLE**

1:30PM HELEN ZIA, a second generation Chinese American, an activist and journalist is a graduate of Princeton University. Zia has been outspoken on issues ranging from civil rights and peace to women's rights and countering hate violence and homophobia. Zia is former Executive Editor of *Ms. Magazine*. She has received numerous journalism awards for her ground-breaking stories, and she was named one of the most influential Asian Americans of the decade by *A. Magazine*. Her work includes **Asian American Dreams: the Emergence of an American People**, and **My Country Versus Me** the story of scientist Wen Ho Lee.

2:15PM MARTA ACOSTA is the award winning author of the **Casa Dracula** series of romantic comedies--including four books. Acosta says that she was a feral reader, roaming the stacks of the public library as she grew up. She received a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing from Stanford University and has written for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Contra Costa Times*, and *Spaces Magazine*. Marta employs lots of humor, mystery and romance and uses the vampire theme as a metaphor. She lives with her husband and son and their crazy dog, is an avid gardener, likes independent films, funny novels, loud music and lively conversations.

3:00PM Your last opportunity to purchase books and have them autographed by the authors.

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