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THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOSTS AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR DR. ELIZABETH SAMET

(SPARKILL, NY, April 3, 2009) – The Friends of the Library at St. Thomas Aquinas College together with the Writers@Work will host a lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Samet discussing her book, *Soldier's Heart: Reading Literature through Peace and War at West Point* and her experiences teaching English at the United States Military Academy on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loughheed Library on campus. The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For reservations, call 845-398-4220 or email mcollins@stac.edu.

Soldier's Heart has received considerable critical acclaim. In 2007, it won *The Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, and Dr. Samet was interviewed twice on NPR. In 2008, Dr. Samet was nominated for the Barnes & Noble Great New Writers Award, and *Soldier's Heart* was listed as a notable title by *The New York Times Book Review*. It was reissued in paperback by Picador in September 2008.

Dr. Samet's holds a B.A. degree from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in English from Yale University. In addition to *Soldier's Heart*, she authored the book *Willing Obedience: Citizens, Soldiers, and the Progress of Consent in America, 1776-1898* (Stanford University Press, 2003). Dr. Samet has been teaching English at West Point since 1997. (Author's Note: "The views expressed in this book are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Military Academy, the Department of the Army, or the Department of Defense.")

The Friends of the Library at St. Thomas Aquinas College organizes and sponsors lectures in the library by notable speakers from within and outside the College. All lectures are open to the community. Community members interested in joining The Friends of the Library, participating in Friends activities, or making donations to the College designated for The Friends of the Library may contact Ms. Mary Anne Lenk, Director of Library Services at 845-398-4221 or mленk@stac.edu. For reservation to the upcoming lecture, call the Library at 845-398-4220.

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