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Concord Library's Thursday Author Series Examines a Royal Marriage

CONCORD, MA The Concord Free Public Library is pleased to welcome biographer Gillian Gill on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 pm as part of its *2010 Thursday Author Series*. Gill will discuss her most recent biography, ***We Two – Victoria and Albert: Rulers, Partners, Rivals***. ***We Two*** examines the extraordinary relationship and marriage of Queen Victoria, the longest-ruling monarch in British history and her beloved husband Albert, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

Gill's biography offers a penetrating psychological portrait of this fabled marriage. Author Meghan Marshall, in her New York Times review, wrote, "Gill's analysis of the marriage Victoria made is a brutally persuasive indictment of the social institution that cheated her of the rare independence she was granted by her genetic destiny."

Gillian Gill, born in Wales, earned a doctorate in modern French literature from Cambridge University. She has taught at Northeastern, Wellesley, Yale and Harvard. In addition to this biography of Queen Victoria, Gill has also written biographies of Florence Nightingale, Agatha Christie and Mary Baker Eddy. Each of her subjects has focused on women of notoriety, influence and accomplishment who succeeded in male-dominated societies that tended to relegate their gender to supporting roles.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library sponsor the *Thursday Authors Series* from September through June. Programs, which are held in the second floor Periodical Room of the Main Library, are free and open to all. Following each presentation, books are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to continue their conversations with the authors.

Upcoming talks in the series, all on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the Main Library – 129 Main Street, Concord include:

- May 27 – Katherine Howe – *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*
- June 17 – Ken Lizotte – *The Expert's Edge*

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