

To be **Future Ready** you need to sometimes look to the past

## A Novelist's Perspective: Philadelphia's Storied Past

Author **Cordelia Frances Biddle** will speak at the Museums, Arts, and Humanities Division's Book and Author Luncheon. She will talk about Philadelphia's history and the impulse to write novels set in an historical timeframe. She is the author of the Martha Beale series, and member of a historically well-known Philadelphia family.

Cordelia Frances Biddle is the author of the historical mysteries series set in Victorian-era Philadelphia. The series was initially inspired by research into two ancestors: Nicholas Biddle, president of the Second Bank of the United States, and Francis Martin Drexel, father of Anthony Drexel, founder of the University.

She co-authored the Nero Blanc Crossword Mystery series with her husband, Steve Zettler. There are twelve titles in the series.

Prior to her writing career, Cordelia Biddle was an actress in New York. She appeared on stage, directed by Jerry Zaks in Albert Innaurato's *Gemini*, and on the daytime drama *One Life to Live* as well as numerous off and off-off Broadway productions.

She teaches creative writing at Drexel University's Pennoni Honors College.

Her website is [www.CordeliaFrancesBiddle.com](http://www.CordeliaFrancesBiddle.com)

**The Book & Author Luncheon is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-1:30pm**

Tickets are: Student Member: \$45.00      Member: \$55.00      Non-Member: \$60.00

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