



## Teas & Talks

Cynthia Neale once had a Victorian tea business. She can create an inspiring Tea & Talk event with sumptuous tea fare that will transport you to a realm of hope and delight.



Cynthia Neale is a native of the Finger Lakes region of New York and now resides in New Hampshire. She enjoys Irish set dancing, traveling, reading, painting, baking fanciful desserts, hiking, kayaking, creating events that include food and dance, and dreaming about possibilities.

Cynthia has written a screenplay for television, *The Irish Dresser Series*, based on her four historical novels.

The author is currently writing *Catharine, Queen of the Tumbling Waters*, a novel highlighting the life of an Iroquois and French woman who once ruled a village in New York State that was destroyed by General John Sullivan in 1779.

Ms. Neale writes plays, short stories, essays, and screenplays and holds a B.A. in Writing and Literature from Vermont College.



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Cynthia Neale is available for events in schools, libraries, bookstores, and other venues. Her presentations inspire and challenge adults and children to learn about hunger relief, immigration, and to create their own American Dream.



### The Irish Dresser

*A Story of Hope during The Great Hunger (An Gorta Mor 1845-1850)*

When thirteen-year-old Norahh McCabe crawls into the old dresser that sits next to the hearth holding a few pieces of her mother's china, she dreams of luscious cakes and fairies as hunger pains grip her. It is in the dresser that Norah finds hope when her father declares they must leave their beloved Ireland for America. Hidden in the magical dresser aboard the ship traveling to a new land, Norah lives an adventure that transforms her life and turns hope into reality.

### Hope in New York City

*The Continuing Story of The Irish Dresser*



This sequel continues the saga of Norah McCabe and her family now dwelling in New York City where they encounter poverty and racism as Irish Catholics and immigrants. Injustice and violence are a matter of course in this mysterious and alluring city filled with strange languages. Desperately homesick, Norah vows to save money and return to her homeland of Ireland.



### Norah

*The Making of an Irish-American Woman in 19th-Century New York*

As Norah McCabe tries to free herself from the limitations of poverty, gender, and class, she experiences corruption, exploitation, love, and enchantment in a city that is forever mythic and magical.

### The Irish Milliner



The Civil War is brewing and Norah McCabe is now a widow and a milliner with a young daughter. Struggling to survive in tumultuous times, Norah meets Abraham Lincoln, befriends the extraordinary African-American woman, Elizabeth Jennings, and assists in the Underground Railroad. She falls headlong in love with Edward M. Knox, but he is lace curtain Irish and she is shanty Irish. Can their love survive the war and class differences? A story of survival, intrigue, romance, and exploring the conflict of Irish immigrants thrust into a war that threatened to destroy a nation.



### Pavlova in a Hat Box, Sweet Memories and Desserts

A cookbook filled with sumptuous dessert recipes redolent of the comfort of old-fashioned fare, essays wrested from a country childhood and a writing life, and cheerful artwork throughout. CD of piano improvisations is available as an accompaniment.



*"Cynthia Neale's Pavlova in a Hat Box is a love letter disguised as a cookbook! Filled with heart-warming memories of her mother and her delicious confections, Ms. Neale's book not only offers recipes and tips on baking tools and techniques, but also invites readers into her mother's kitchen, a place always filled with warmth and love. Beautiful full color illustrations and images of old recipe cards punctuate the book and remind us that "recipes are like love notes that warm the heart of the baker"*  
~ Margaret M. Johnson, Irish cookbook author



### Living History Storyteller

Cynthia Neale gets into character in period dress, music, dance, and dramatic storytelling



*"Cynthia G. Neale is a master at characterization. I felt as if I knew Norah personally. I cheered for her as she came to respect her heritage. If I could give this book higher than 5 stars I would. This is an excellent read that you won't want to miss."*



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