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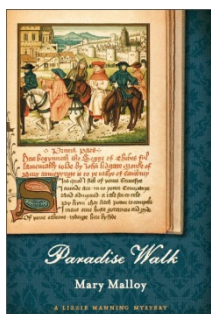
## News Release

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### Author talk & signing: Mary Malloy's historical suspense novel, "Paradise Walk"



Author and historian Mary Malloy weaves legends of King Arthur, Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, and the relics of St. Thomas Beckett in *Paradise Walk*, a novel of history, intrigue and suspense. Meet Malloy at the [Olympia Timberland Library](http://Olympia.TimberlandLibrary.org) after library hours on Wednesday, December 14 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. for a discussion and book signing. Books will be available to purchase.

In this second book in a series, historian Lizzie Manning walks across England, tracing the path of Chaucer's tale of the Wife of Bath. She learns that Chaucer may have based his character on a real woman, "the Weaver," who left her monogram on artworks throughout England, and whose descendant holds invaluable artifacts. But can this scholarly investigation lead to something more sinister? Are the bones of St. Thomas Becket, believed destroyed by Henry VIII more than 350 years after his murder, actually hidden in Canterbury Cathedral—and is someone willing to kill to protect the secret?

Malloy is the author of *The Wandering Heart*, her first Lizzie Manning novel, and four maritime history books, including the award-winning *Devil on the Deep Blue Sea: The Notorious Career of Samuel Hill of Boston*. Malloy is a professor of maritime history at the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, MA, and teaches Museum Studies at Harvard University. An authority on musical traditions on shipboard, Malloy has performed the songs of American mariners at museums and colleges around the world. She has incorporated an old English ballad, "The Twa Corbies," into *Paradise Walk* and may sing it during the program. Her Web site is [www.marymalloy.net](http://www.marymalloy.net).

According to Publisher's Weekly magazine, "This unconventional mystery will most satisfy those who enjoy intellectual puzzles like Josephine Tey's *The Daughter of Time*," and *The Wandering Heart* "mixes history and fantasy with flair and delivers a wonderfully satisfying puzzler."

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