

Hofstra University Alumni Book Club

Book Discussion

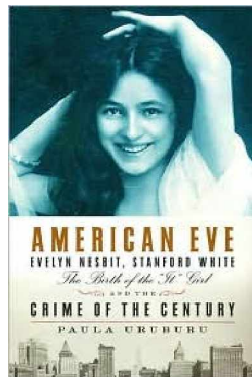
Sunday, September 21, 2008 – 10 a.m.
Libby & Joseph G. Shapiro Alumni House

with special guest
Paula Uruburu

Author and Associate Professor of English

This month's selection is

American Eve by Paula Uruburu



As the Gilded Age model Evelyn Nesbit — arguably the most famous face of the early 20th century — is remembered today, it's as a tease and a gold digger. She has long been held vicariously responsible for the 1906 murder of the architect Stanford White, who was shot by Nesbit's jealous husband during a performance at what was then Madison Square Garden. In "American Eve," Paula Uruburu, making magnificent use of Nesbit's memoirs, letters and photographs (which introduce many of the chapters), places the notorious murder in a new context. Nesbit comes across as a naïve young girl manipulated by both the great architect and his millionaire assailant, both of whom happened to be sexual predators. The Gilded Age "It" girl, in other words, was far less Salome than Pauline (as in "The Perils of").

Source: nytimes.com/Calhoun

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October 19, 2008 – *Old Goriot* by Honoré de Balzac