



Free reading and booksigning with author Jasmin Darznik An evening with the Bay Area local and former Steinbeck Fellow

When: Thurs, March 1, 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: MLK Library 590 (Steinbeck Center)

Who: All are welcome

This is a free event. Reception to follow.

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Jasmin Darznik is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Good Daughter: A Memoir of My Mother's Hidden Life*. Her essays have appeared in numerous periodicals, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Los Angeles Times*. Her new novel, *Song of a Captive Bird*, is a fictional account of Iran's trailblazing woman poet, Forugh Farrokhzad. In a starred review, *Booklist* calls the novel "enthraling and illuminating."

Darznik was born in Tehran, Iran, and came to America when she was five years old. A 2008-2009 Steinbeck Fellow in Creative Writing at San José State, she holds an MFA in fiction from Bennington College and a Ph.D. in English from Princeton University. Now a professor of English and creative writing at California College of the Arts, she lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her family.

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