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THE SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS A BOOK READING AND DISCUSSION OF *INOCENCIA* WITH IRENE ARMENTA DESGEORGES
An Opportunity to Meet a Latino Literary Award Winner for Best Spanish Fiction

San Diego, CA... The City of San Diego Public Library will host a book reading and discussion on Irene Armenta DesGeorges' newly released English translation of *Inocencia: A Woman Who Challenged Fate*. Ms. DesGeorges' book describes the magical journey of an indigenous woman from Mexico. The author will read from her work and facilitate the discussion on Monday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Central Library. The library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Inocencia: A Woman Who Challenged Fate describes the life story of forbidden love and the complex drama that unfolds between families from completely different socio-political extremes in México. As a child, Inocencia, the daughter of poor but proud servants, develops an inseparable friendship with Diego and Rosa Inés, half siblings who share the same wealthy father Rodrigo. As they grow up, Inocencia and Diego's friendship blossoms into love, which they attempt to keep secret. Through a surprising and dramatic series of events, DesGeorges leads the reader on in suspense, knowing that anything is possible when it comes to love and fate.

The Spanish version of the book received praise from the Hispanic community and was acknowledged by the Latino Literary Hall of Fame in 2003 as "best Spanish fiction" and runner up as the "best first book by an author." *Inocencia: Una mujer que desafió al destino* was translated by DesGeorges and specialists to ensure an accurate translation of the powerful language and story in the original. Books will be available for purchase the night of the event.

Born in Sonora México, DesGeorges studied at the University of California at San Diego and received a bachelor's degree in Spanish literature and minor in English literature. She is involved in a variety of careers in bilingual communications, including teacher, editor, court interpreter, translator and writer. She currently resides in San Diego.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library at www.sandiegolibrary.org

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