

Dear Reader,

The response to *The Secret Papers of Madame Olivetti* has been overwhelming (to me) and enthusiastic, especially from book clubs. I've been getting together with readers, in person or by telephone, and love all the questions, the debates, and the highly personal reactions to the choices Lily has made with her men; to Paul's refusal to travel; to Yves Lebrun (whom many readers would like to hire to fix *their* roofs); to Alonso the cat and Lily's Belgian neighbors and Adèle and her mother—the cast of characters in the small French village where Lily has taken refuge; to Madame Olivetti, Lily's portable typewriter, and the intriguing tale of love, mistakes, perseverance and humor that Lily types out; to the lush food and wine and landscape of the Côte d'Azur; to Victor and the sensual setting of the Mexican rain forest; to the twists and turns of Lily's story as it gains steam and hurtles toward its surprising ending.

Just send me an email at the address listed under CONTACTS and I'd be happy to speak with your group by phone—or if you're nearby, in Idaho or Florida, or somewhere I am traveling (for I'm often on the road with my hiking boots, fly fishing rod, computer, a copy of *Madame Olivetti*, and my husband), maybe we can meet in person.

Best,  
Annie

