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Molloy College Hosts Book Discussion: *The Mermaid Chair*

The Siena Women's Center at Molloy College will be hosting a book discussion on September 27, 2006, at 5:30 pm in the Reception Room, Kellenberg Hall. The group will discuss Sue Monk Kidd's novel, *The Mermaid Chair*. This event is free and open to the public.

The book focuses on the story of Jessie, a woman living a conventional life. When Jessie is summoned home to Egret Island, just off the coast of South Carolina to cope with her eccentric mother's seemingly inexplicable act of violence, she is living a traditional and comfortable life with her husband, Hugh. Jessie loves Hugh, but once back home on the Island she finds herself drawn to Brother Thomas, a monk who is soon to take his final vows.

Although the book discussions are informal, Sister Margaret Kavanagh and Dr. Lillian Bozak-Deleo, Directors of the Siena Women's Center will serve as moderators for the evening.

The Siena Women's Center at Molloy College focuses on issues pertinent to women in today's society. It offers a variety of lecture, discussion and symposia exploring topics of interest and importance to women.

For more information about the book discussion or the Siena Women's Center, please contact Darlene Martin at 516-678-5000 ext. 6302.

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