

Cuesta College 2013 BOOK OF THE YEAR

About Book of the Year

Join us for our popular annual celebration of the printed word that will feature a host of events – on campus and off – including a film series and book discussions, culminating in a campus lecture on Feb. 27, 2013, by New York Times best-selling author Vanessa Diffenbaugh whose 2011 debut novel has been published in 40 countries.

Vanessa Diffenbaugh, author of the best-selling novel "The Language of Flowers," will visit Cuesta College for a free reception, lecture and book signing.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013 • 5 - 7 pm

Cuesta's Cultural and Performing Arts Center SLO campus

"In this original and brilliant first novel, (Vanessa) Diffenbaugh has united her fascination with the language of flowers – a long-forgotten and mysterious way of communication – with her firsthand knowledge of the travails of the foster-care system. She is full of flower wisdom and has fostered many children, often damaged victims of an unresponsive bureaucracy."

– *Brigitte Weeks, Washington Post*

"Fascinating ... Diffenbaugh clearly knows both the human heart and her plants, and she keeps us rooting for the damaged Victoria."

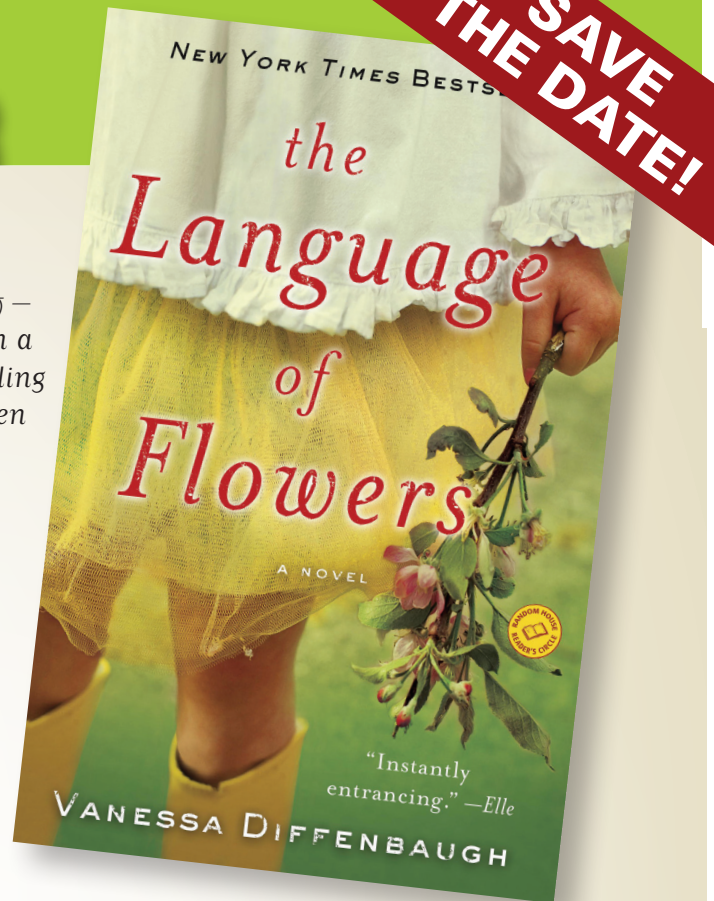
– *O: The Oprah Magazine*

"Diffenbaugh effortlessly spins this enchanting tale, making even her prickly protagonist impossible not to love."

– *Entertainment Weekly*

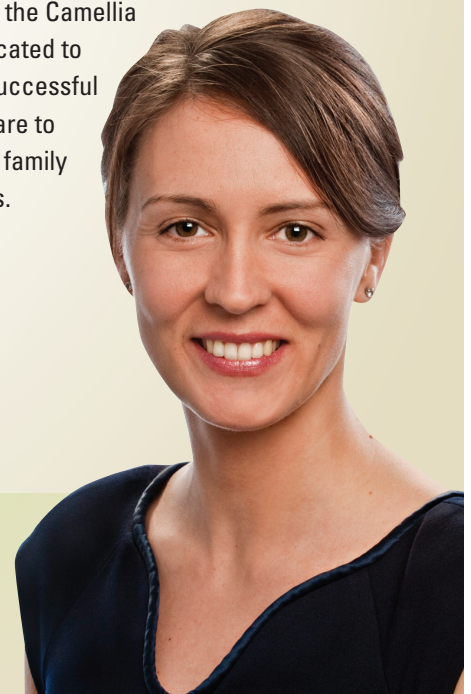
"Compelling ... immensely engaging ... unabashedly romantic ... an emotional arc of almost unbearable poignance."

– *The Boston Globe*



About the author

Vanessa Diffenbaugh was born in San Francisco and raised in Chico. After studying creative writing and education at Stanford, she taught art and writing to youngsters in low-income communities. She and her husband, PK, have three children. Their oldest, Tre'von, a former foster child, is attending New York University on a Gates Millennium Scholarship. The author is the founder of the Camellia Network, which is dedicated to helping youth make a successful transition from foster care to adulthood. She and her family live in Cambridge, Mass.



Join us for Wine Down Wednesday

A fundraiser to benefit Cuesta Book of the Year and local foster youth at Vintage 1255

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 • 4 - 8 pm

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