



SECRET *A novel* DAUGHTER

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Lecture with **Shilpi Somaya Gowda**

The Story Behind “Secret Daughter”

Shilpi Somaya Gowda will discuss her path to becoming an author and the inspiration behind her debut novel, *Secret Daughter*, which was a bestselling novel of 2010.

Interweaving the stories of two women, and the child that binds both of their destinies, *Secret Daughter* poignantly explores the emotional terrain of motherhood, lost identity and love, as witnessed through the lives of two families – one Indian and one American – and the child that indelibly connects them.

Shilpi Somaya Gowda was born and raised in Toronto to parents who migrated there from Mumbai. She holds an MBA from Stanford University, and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1991, she spent a summer as a volunteer in an Indian orphanage, which seeded the idea for her first novel.

Introduced by **Rachel Cohen**, avid reader, JPL Board member and lawyer.

Books and autographs available.

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7:30 p.m.

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