

Suzanne Uttaro Samuels' Seeds of the Pomegranate Brings 20th-Century Gangland New York to Life

Samuel's New Book Tells Gritty Story of a Sicilian Woman's Survival, Available Now Wherever Books Are Sold from Sibylline Press

SAN DIEGO, CA, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Sibylline Press](#) Sibylline Press is proud to announce the release of [Seeds of the Pomegranate: A Novel](#) by [Suzanne Uttaro Samuels](#), a riveting debut that traces the dangerous underworld of immigrant New York while illuminating one woman's fierce determination to reclaim her dreams of being an artist. The novel published by Sibylline Press is available now as a paperback and e-book everywhere books are sold. It will be issued as an audiobook from Tantor Media.

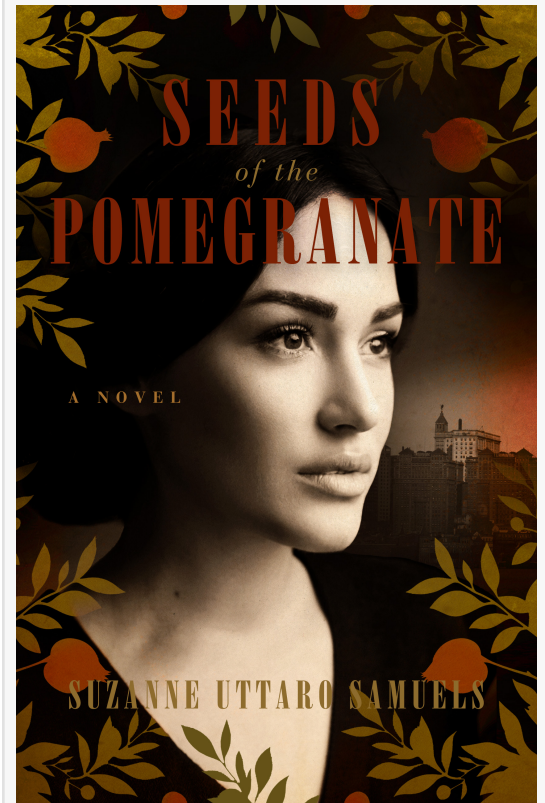
In early 20th-century Sicily, noblewoman Mimi Inglese, a gifted painter, longs to break free from rigid expectations and gain entry to the Palermo Art Academy. But illness derails her ambitions, and her family's fall from fortune propels them across the ocean to New York City.

There, instead of opportunity, Mimi is drawn into her father's money-laundering scheme. When he is sent to prison, desperation forces Mimi to forge her own survival—using her artistic talent to counterfeit \$5 bills. As Gangland violence escalates and tragedy strikes, Mimi must summon the courage to flee before she is trapped forever in a world she never wanted.

"This is historical fiction as it is meant to be—richly detailed, immersive, and utterly compelling," says Sibylline Press publisher Vicki DeArmon. "Mimi's story is one of resilience and courage in a time when women's options were limited."

Praise for Seeds of the Pomegranate

"...A riveting and intelligent novel with a powerful message." —Kirkus Reviews



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"In Samuels' impressive debut, an artist reckons with illness and loss while pursuing her career in early 1900s Sicily and New York City....Readers will be satisfied by this nuanced character portrait." —Publishers Weekly

"A gripping story, from the first page to the last, and very highly recommended." —Margaret Porter, award-winning, best-selling author of *Sequins* and *Starlight*

"Utterly compelling and immersive. Tremendous!"
—Désirée Zamorano, author of *Dispossessed*

About the Author

Suzanne Uttaro Samuels' award-winning stories and essays have appeared in anthologies and literary magazines. *Seeds of the Pomegranate* is her debut novel. Its prequel, *The Orphans' Wheel*, set during the 19th-century Italian Wars of Independence, will be published by Sibylline Press in 2027. A lifelong New Yorker, she now lives in the Adirondack Mountains.



Suzanne Uttaro Samuels, Author
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