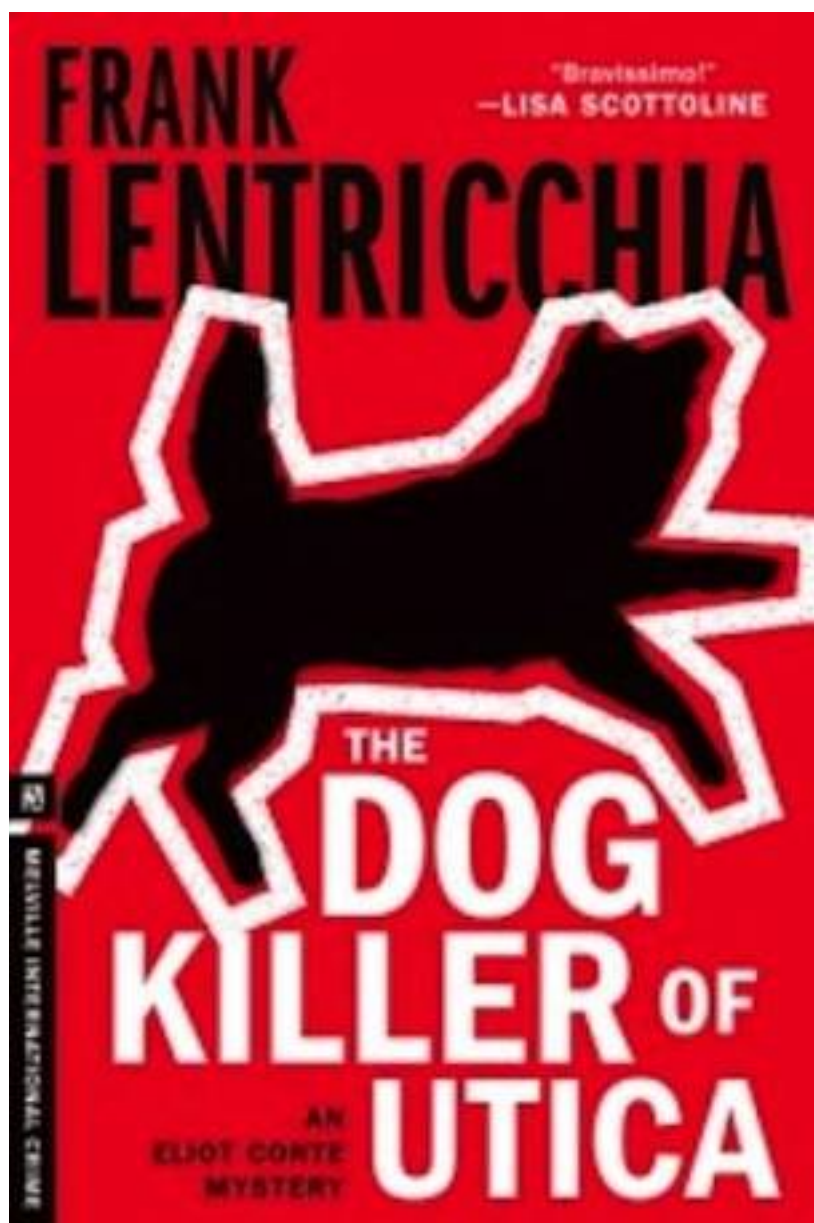




**2nd Saturdays with IAWA Welcomes Frank Lentricchia and Roberto Ragone
at the Cornelia St. Cafe, Saturday, May 10**

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The Italian American Writers Association (IAWA) presents literary critic and mystery writer Frank Lentricchia and culture maven Roberto Ragone on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the Cornelia St. Cafe, 29 Cornelia St., Greenwich Village, www.corneliastcafe.com. The reading takes place from 5:45 p.m.



to 7:45 p.m. and kicks off with Open Mic readings of five minutes after which the featured writers take the stage.

[Frank Lentricchia](#) [2] is a one of the country's leading literary critics as well as a professor, novelist, and film teacher. He has been called "the Dirty Harry of literary criticism." A chaired professor of literature at Duke University, he is the author of several highly acclaimed and often controversial critical studies. His novels include Johnny Critelli, The Knifemen and The Accidental Pallbearer; and a memoir, The Edge of Night. His latest book, [The Dog Killer of Utica](#) [3] belongs to the Eliot Conte Mystery series.

[Roberto Ragone](#) [4] [4] is an entrepreneur and arts and culture advocate with 25 years' experience. He served as Executive Director of New York City's Lower East Side Business Improvement District and has organized lectures and massive multimedia presentations and fundraising activities. He has also worked for the New York City Council and the New York City Mayor's Office executing strategies to increase the City's financial commitment to arts and culture. For IAWA, Ragone will perform a dramatization of a speech from Congressman Vito Marcantonio, the seven-time elected Congressman who hailed from East Harlem, once the largest Italian community in the country.

Event kicks off with Open Mic readings of five minutes.

COVER: \$8 CONTACT: www.corneliastreetcafe.com; or 212-989-9319.

DIRECTIONS: By Subway, A, B, C, D, E, F, and M to West 4th St. or 1 to Christopher St.-Sheridan Square

About [Italian American Writers Association \(IAWA\)](#) [5]

IAWA aims to promote Italian American literature by encouraging the writing, reading, publication, distribution, translation and study of Italian American writing. Since 1991, IAWA has given voice to writers through its Open Reading series held every second Saturday of the month at Cornelia Street Café on odd months and at the Sidewalk Café on even months. For membership information, please



visit www.iawa.net [5]. To learn more about IAWA, also visit the Italian American Writers Cafe blog at <http://www.i-italy.org/bloggers/italian-american-writers-cafe>

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Next Readings

June 14: Maria Terrone and Paola Corso @Sidewalk Café

July 12: Julia Fierro and Bordighera Prize Winner, Joanne Monte @Cornelia Street Café

Aug. 9: Michael Cirelli and Guernica Poetry Editor, Antonio d'Alfonso @Sidewalk Café



Sept. 13: Joanna Clapps Herman and Marie-Helene Bertino @Cornelia Street Café

Oct. 11: John Domini and Joe Tirella, author of Tomorrowland @Sidewalk Café

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