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## PAULA BRANCATO WINS 2007 BRUSHFIRE CHAPBOOK AWARD

The Writers Place and the <u>pacificREVIEW</u> are delighted to announce the recipient of the 2007 Brushfire Chapbook Award:

Dar a la Luz by TWP member Paula Brancato

<u>Dar a Luz</u>, dare alle luce, means to give light, i.e. to give birth. An unusual mix of business and creative talent, Brancato was one of the first women executives on Wall Street, a music producer in Hollywood and a strategic planner for The World Bank, all of which have contributed to her unique voice. These are poems of "the new feminism" on complex topics of identity, war and love.

The Brushfire Award was judged by Ilya Kaminsky, author of <u>Dancing in Odessa</u>, and carries both publication in the 2007-2008 issue of <u>pacificREVIEW</u>, due out in November, and a \$1000 honorarium. Please go to <u>http://www.lulu.com/content/1705361</u> for details.

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