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Irshad Manji



ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S SUPER CONFERENCE 2008

Taking Opportunity from Oppression – and Courage from Confusion

Irshad Manji

is the celebrated author of the #1 bestseller, *The Trouble with Islam Today: a Wake-Up Call for Honesty and Change*. The book has been published in 26 countries including Pakistan, India, Turkey and Lebanon and has been the subject of much informed debate.

Irshad's newspaper columns are distributed worldwide by the *New York Times* Syndicate. This spring, she finds herself behind the camera creating an interactive extension of her other best-seller, *Faith Without Fear*. It is to be aired on PBS shortly after the conference in April.

For Super Conference 2008, she will be talking about how we can grow from diversity's challenges. Irshad through examples from her own life and that of renowned historical figures shows why the key to appreciating diversity is through recognizing that there are no simple answers – and therefore no silly questions.

Several OLA members who have heard her speak have encouraged Super Conference planners to bring her to our audience and we are delighted to do so. Irshad wowed audiences at the American Library Association's annual conference last June in Washington with her witty, astute and wise observations.

Convenor: Sam Coghlan, Stratford Public Library, OLA 2008 President.

