



Mary Frances Zambreno, Author of **INVISIBLE PLEASURES**

A lifelong resident of Oak Park, Illinois, Mary Frances Zambreno decided to become a writer at the age of twelve, when she first realized that writers were just people with a good supply of paper and a desire to tell stories. Along the way to becoming a writer, she earned a doctorate in medieval literature, learned to read six languages (including English), and discovered that she enjoyed teaching almost as much as she enjoyed writing. Currently, she teaches a wide variety of courses at Elmhurst College, in Elmhurst, Illinois.

She became one of the first Writers of the Future contest winners with her story, "A Way Out" (collected in *Invisible Pleasures*), and her subsequent short fiction quickly became a staple in Marion Zimmer Bradley's and Jane Yolen's anthologies. Her stories have appeared in numerous genre magazines and anthologies, but certainly not frequently enough to satisfy her many fans. She even wrote a review column for *American Fantasy* magazine. Her young adult fantasy novel, *A Plague of Sorcerers*, was named to the ALA's list of Best Books for Young Adults in 1992; its sequel, *Journeyman Wizard*, was a New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age in 1994. She has written two other YA fantasy adventures.



A special event, *INVISIBLE PLEASURES* is the first short story collection from American Fantasy Press since it began in 1996. A 500-copy first printing is being done in hardcover in December, 2005. Copies are available at independent bookstores nationwide, Amazon.com, & Barnes&Noble.com. The author is available for interviews.

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