



Book Launch

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Casa dos Açores da Nova Inglaterra

STORMY ISLES

by Vitorino Nemésio

during the Dia dos Açores
celebration dinner

Our Lady of Light Band –
Banquet Hall
664 Quarry St, Fall River (MA)

Saturday, June 15, 6:30 PM

Stormy Isles, originally published in Portuguese in 1944 and set in the Azores between 1917 and 1919, focuses on the vivacious and sharp Margarida, who, at twenty years of age, is a model of feminist aspirations and the paragon of her generation. A member of the elite, she foregoes some of the entitlements of her class and struggles with the morals of the bourgeois society in which her life unfolds. Narrated in realist and poetic language as a series of interconnected tales within a larger story, this completely revised translation of *Stormy Isles* provides a rich, vivid portrait of the Azores in the early twentieth century.

VITORINO NEMÉSIO (1901–1978) was a novelist, short story writer, poet, intellectual, journalist, and radio and television personality. Known as a conversationalist, he is considered one of the most significant Portuguese writers of the twentieth century.

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