

## Meet the Author Wendy Doniger

### *The Ring of Truth* and Other Myths of Sex and Jewelry

Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
6:00 to 7:30 pm  
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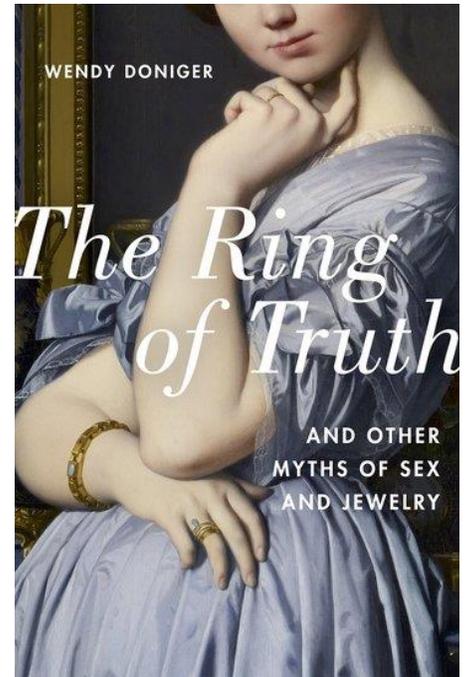
Why are sex and jewelry, particularly rings, so often connected? Why do rings continually appear in stories about marriage and adultery, love and betrayal, loss and recovery, identity and masquerade? What is the mythology that makes finger rings symbols of true (or, as the case may be, untrue) love?

The cross-cultural distribution of the mythology of sexual rings is impressive—from ancient India and Greece through the Arab world to Shakespeare, Marie Antoinette, Wagner, nineteenth-century novels,

Hollywood, and the De Beers advertising campaign that gave us the expression, “Diamonds Are Forever.” While most of the rings in the stories originally belonged to men, or were given to women by men, Wendy Doniger shows that it is the women who are important in these stories, as they are the ones who put the jewelry to work in the plots.

After her talk, Dr. Doniger will sign copies of the book, *The Ring of Truth and Other Myths of Sex and Jewelry* will be available for purchase.

**Wendy Doniger** is the Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions at the University of Chicago and the author of over 40 books, including *On Hinduism* and *Redeeming the Kamasutra*.



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