

ON THE TOWN

Graham biographer speaks to Literary Society

Carol Felsenthal talked about the obstacles she surmounted in writing her latest book, *Power, Privilege and The Post: The Katharine Graham Story*, at a recent meeting of the Palm Beach Literary Society at the Brazilian Court Hotel.

Persistence paid off in many cases in getting interviews with elusive sources. The Chicago-based writer packed a couple of dozen interviews into her weeklong fact-finding trips to Washington, D.C., while she was writing the book.

The biography has not received a warm reception from the media magnate. Katharine Graham refused to be interviewed for the book, but fortunately for Felsenthal, Graham did not stop others from talking to the author.

Graham's defenders have flocked to the editorial pages of various big-city newspapers to disparage Felsenthal's book, which reveals many intimate details about Graham's marriage to her husband Phil.

The Felsenthal talk on May 12 was the society's last meeting of the season. The society will resume meetings in September. For information about the Literary Society, call Jackie Gerbus at Northern Trust Bank at 622-4600.

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