

# Second Novel by Local Author to be Published this Month

By Neal Rentz

Former White Plains resident Richard Cirulli recalled last week the former Demitasse Café in Dutchess County.

Cirulli, who currently resides in Port Chester, said the café was a hangout for him and his friends.

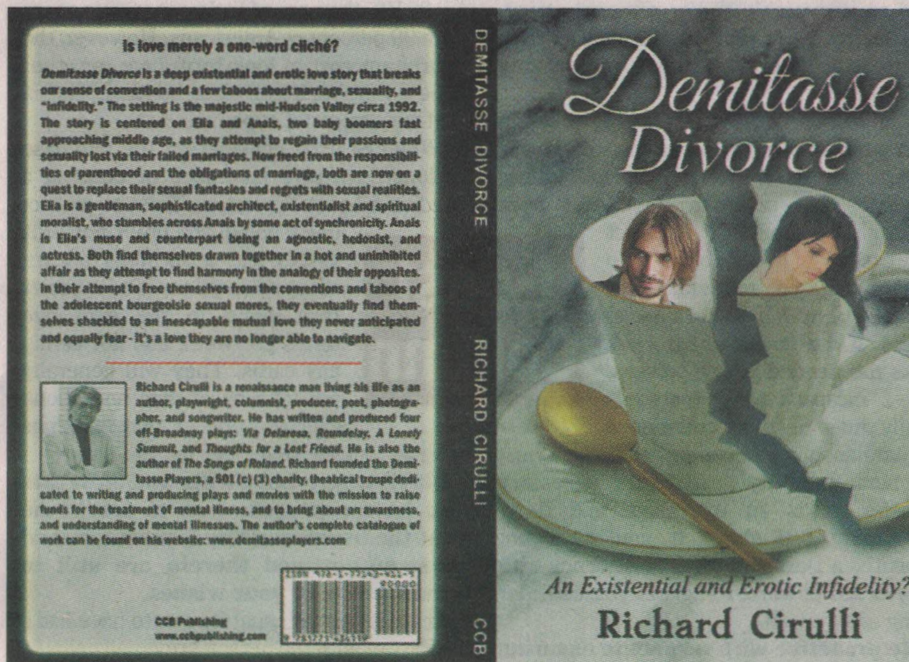
In his new novel, "Demitasse Divorce," the fictional version of the Demitasse Café is located in Cold Spring and it is where a married man and woman meet and have an affair and find they are falling in love with each other, Cirulli said.

Cirulli said he is an existential philosopher. He works with the Demitasse Players, who describe themselves as "An Essentially Existential Troupe."

Cirulli described the existential aspects of his new novel.

"The thesis of the story is the question, 'is love a cruel game we call happiness'; with the protagonist being romance and the antagonist being love," Cirulli said. "As the two main characters are drawn to each other and fulfill passions denied them in their failed marriages, they find themselves in an internal existential conundrum when they realize they are falling in love."

Cirulli said the two main characters did not anticipate or want to fall in love. "As the relationship escalates and circumstances reveal themselves, the reader will find him



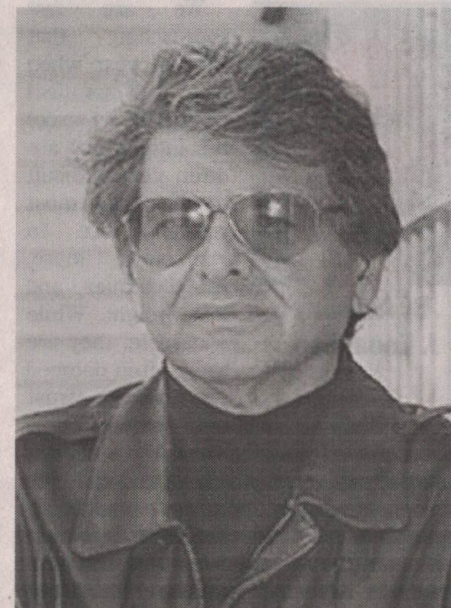
The cover of the novel "Demitasse Divorce" by former White Plains resident Richard Cirulli, which will be published later this month.

or herself in a bit of an existential enigma as they pull the pieces together to discern the moral definition of infidelity."

"And as Elia and Anais navigate their relationship at various times and circumstances the infidelity itself is

questionable, though nonetheless real with consequences, making one question if the legal system is the antagonist when it attempts to govern emotions and passions," Cirulli said.

"Demitasse Divorce" is slated to be



"Demitasse Divorce," the latest novel written by former White Plains resident Richard Cirulli, will be published later this month.

published in two weeks by CCB. The novel will be sold by Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Cirulli said he will participate in a book-signing event sometime in March at the White Plains Barnes and Noble.

For more information about the novel, visit [www.demitasseplayers.com](http://www.demitasseplayers.com).