



8:30 - 10:00 pm

Rotunda of the Exhibit Hall

After the Feast, wrap up your busy Saturday at the Sweet & Greet dessert party, a sophisticated showcase of 20 authors representing every shelf in your store. Enjoy cake, coffee, and a big bag of this fall's finest releases from the Northwest and beyond.



Jessixa Bagley



A.J. Banner



Kate Berube



Chris Britt



John R. Bruning



Kristin E. Clark



Kurt Cyrus



Heather L. Earnhardt



Sandra Evans



Shannon Grogan



Melissa Hart

Seattle author-illustrator **Jessixa Bagley's** new picturebook *Before I Leave* (Roaring Brook/MPS) is a sensitive look at how it feels when a best friend moves away. Bagley's simple text and charming illustrations follow Zelda, a little hedgehog, and her anteater pal Aaron, as they learn to cherish the time they have together before they have to say "goodbye." Jessixa Bagley's debut book *Boats for Papa* received starred reviews in *Kirkus*, *School Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*.

"**AJ Banner's** *The Twilight Wife* (Touchstone/S&S) is an intensely suspenseful, diamond-sharp romantic thriller about a woman who has lost her memory and the wild, painful path back to her true self. You won't be able to put it down!" - David Bell, author of *Since She Went Away*. A. J. Banner is also the author of *The Good Neighbor*, and has published several other novels for adults and young adults under her real name, Anjali Banerjee. She lives on the Olympic Peninsula.

In **Kate Berube's** *Hannah and Sugar* (Abrams), a little girl learns to overcome her fear of dogs when Sugar, who waits every day at Hannah's school bus stop, goes missing. Berube's quiet story and soft illustrations offer a sweet message about bravery, empathy and compassion. Kate Berube is the creator of *Tater Totter*, a zine for children, and the illustrator of Curtis Manley's *The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read*. *Hannah and Sugar* is scheduled for March, 2017.

Nationally syndicated cartoonist **Chris Britt** has created a heartwarming winter tale in *The Most Perfect Snowman* (Harper), about Drift, a rather plain snowman who longs for hat, mittens, scarf and carrot nose just like all the other snowmen. But just when all his dreams do come true, a roaring blizzard tests his character. Can Drift give up the things he loves to help others? Besides his work as a children's book author and illustrator, Chris Britt's editorial cartoons are seen in over 200 newspaper across the country. He lives in Tacoma.

Already optioned for film by Sony Pictures, Oregon writer **John Bruning's** *Indestructible* (Hachette) tells the little-known story of a renegade pilot whose personal mission to rescue his family from a WWII POW camp changed modern air warfare forever. When the Japanese invaded Manila, WWI veteran and manager for Philippines Airlines Pappy Gunn was ordered to fly key military personnel to safety, leaving behind his wife and children, who were taken prisoner by the invading army. He spent the next three years fighting to rescue them. Bruning, an award-winning combat reporter, is author or co-author of eight books.

*Jess, Chunk, and the Road to Infinity* (FSG/MPS), is a timely, fresh and funny new novel for teens by California writer **Kristin Elizabeth Clark**. After high school graduation, Jess embarks on a cross-country trip to attend her estranged father's wedding, accompanied by her best friend Chunk. Thing is, the last time she saw her father, Jess was a boy. Clark is also the author of *Freakboy*, named as a Bank Street Best Book of the Year.

**Kurt Cyrus** asks young ones to grab a hard hat and start counting in *Billions of Bricks* (Holt/MPS), his new mathematically inspired picturebook. By following a construction worker building with bricks, children will learn how to count by twos, tens, twenties and more. Cyrus is an author and illustrator, creator of many previous books for young readers including *Tadpole Rex* and *Big Rig Bugs* and the PNBA Award-winning *Hotel Deep*. He lives in Oregon.

Chef **Heather Earnhardt** has made Southerners out of Seattleites for years at her tiny cafe, The Wandering Goose. In *Big Food, Big Love* (Sasquatch/PRH), she helps us take those Southern comforts home with recipes for crumbly buttermilk biscuits, creamy grits and crispy hush puppies and much more. Along with the recipes and mouth-watering photos, Earnhardt offers up wonderful stories of the people and places that influenced her growing up in the South. Heather Earnhardt is also the author the charming little chapbook *The Wandering Goose*.

*This Is Not a Werewolf Story* (Atheneum/S&S) is Tacoma writer **Sandra Evans'** first book, a middle grade novel about a boy with an unusual secret. Raul is a loner, living at the One of Our Kind Boarding School, longing for Fridays when all the other students get to go home. Raul's secret is that he is a shapeshifter, and his ability to transform means that he can go home, too.

In **Shannon Grogan's** *From Where I Watch You* (Soho Press/PRH), 16-year old Kara longs to escape her family torn apart by the death of her older sister, and to realize her dream of becoming a professional baker. But then the anonymous notes start coming. "Lyrical prose + riveting mystery + mouth-watering baked goods = one of the best books I've read in years." - Mandy Hubbard, author of *Prada and Prejudice*. Shannon Grogan is a teacher who loves to bake as much as her character Kara does.

# Saturday Evening Sweet & Greet



**Melissa Hart's** *Avenging the Owl* (Sky Pony / Perseus) uproots young teen Solo Hahn from his California surfing lifestyle to the backwoods of Oregon, where his efforts to avenge his kitten's death at the claws of an owl go horribly wrong. Sentenced to community service at a bird of prey rehabilitation center, Solo slowly begins to feel a connection to the birds he has vowed to hate, and finds that they can help him to be true to himself, no matter how tough things get. Melissa Hart lives in Eugene.

Grab your markers and pencils for a unique coloring adventure with **Zoe Keller's** *Color the Pacific Northwest* (Timber Press / Workman). From Lewis and Clark to Sasquatch, Yakima apples to Seattle lattes, camp robbers to urban food carts, this book features 50 spreads of detailed drawings ready in to ink in with lots of color. Zoe Keller is a studio illustrator based in Portland.

Playwright and novelist **Victor Lodato's** forthcoming novel *Edgar and Lucy* (St. Martin's / MPS) is described by best selling author Tom Perrotta as "... a quirky coming-of-age novel that deepens into something dark and strange without losing its heart or its sense of wonder." Lotato's debut novel *Mathilda Savitch* was a PEN USA Award winner. *Edgar and Lucy* will be published in March, 2017.

*A Million Little Things* (Mira / Harper) is bestselling author **Susan Mallery's** third book in the Mischief Bay series, a twisty tale of family dynamics that explores what can go wrong when the line between friendship and family blurs. Mallery lives in Seattle with her husband and her tiny, but intrepid toy poodle. *A Million Little Things* is scheduled for February, 2017.

**Kate McDermott** has taught thousands of people from around the country how to bake great pies at her Pie Camps and workshops. *The Art of Pie* (Countryman Press / Norton) is her wonderful collection of tips, techniques and recipes; the kind of cookbook destined to lean dog-eared and fruit-stained on every reader's kitchen shelf for years to come. Kate McDermott lives in her Pie Cottage in Port Angeles.

Writer **Michelle Mulder** believes that each of us can take the simple steps to move from a life of consumerism to one that is more sustainable. In *Pocket Change: Pitching in For a Better World* (Orca Books), she explores how money became so important in our society, and showcases families and individuals around the world who are creating strong, healthy communities that thrive with very little money at all. Mulder is the author of several books for children, and lives in Victoria, B.C.,

Two Tacoma letterpress artists, **Chandler O'Leary** and **Jessica Spring**, have teamed up to create *Dead Feminists: Historic Heroines in Living Color* (Sasquatch, / PRH). This beautiful book of broadside art, based on the popular poster series of the same name, adds period photographs and ephemera to illuminate the stories of 27 women who changed the world. O'Leary and Spring are both illustrators, book artists and printers.

For those who have ever wondered what went on under those gorgeous gowns in Downton Abbey, **Therese Oneill's** *Unmentionable: The Victorian Lady's Guide to Sex, Marriage and Manners* (Hachette) uncovers all the dirty laundry of a bygone era. With wonderful honesty and plenty of humor, Oneill details the historical truths of how women's intimate lives were really lived, proving that "the good old days" were not always so great. Therese Oneill lives near Portland.

**Jaime Temairik's** new picturebook *Alice and Lucy Will Work for Bunk Beds* (Disney-Hyperion / Hachette) is about two sisters who love sharing everything. Everything, that is, except their be-and that calls for new bunk beds. Temairik's colorful illustrations show the two sisters, working together to earn the money they need for those new bunks. *Alice and Lucy* is the first book she has written and illustrated on her own. She lives in Seattle.

*Grandmother Fish* (Feiwel & Friends / MPS), **Jonathan Tweet's** groundbreaking picturebook introducing the concept of evolution to young children, took 15 years to complete. It began when Tweet couldn't find a book to help him teach his own daughter about evolution, so he decided to write one himself. Beautifully illustrated by Seattle artist Karen Lewis, *Grandmother Fish* simplifies complex concepts with a call-and-response text that will get kids on their feet and playing along.

Just in time for the holidays comes *The Nutcracker* (Chronicle), **Holman Wang's** new addition to his Cozy Classics board book series. This beloved Christmas classic is retold using 12 simple words and illustrated with 12 cozy needle-felted scenes. Holman Wang, along with his brother Jack, is the creator of the Star Wars Epic Yarn books, as well as ten other Cozy Classics, including Les Miserables, Emma and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, all due this fall. He lives in Vancouver, B.C.



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