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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 4
Paper airplane crafts 4pm

Wednesday, February 5
Music time w/ Mr. Rob 10:30am
Lego fun 4pm
Bailey Yoga Night 6pm

Tuesday, February 11
Story time w/ Ms. Jenn 10:30am
Valentine's crafts 4pm
Lakes Region Forum
w/ Bill Roorbach 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 12
Lego fun 4pm

Tuesday, February 18
Play-Doh crafts 2pm

Wednesday, February 19
Kids Yoga 10:30am
Stamping crafts 2pm
Lego fun 4pm
Title Waves Book Group 6pm

Friday, February 21
\\Halfway to Summer Party//
Beach activities & games 2pm

Tuesday, February 25
Music time w/ Buster B. 10:30am
Polar Bear crafts 4pm

Wednesday, February 26
Lego fun 4pm

DISCUSSES

BILL ROORBACH

LIFE AMONG GIANTS

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FEB 11 AT 6:30PM

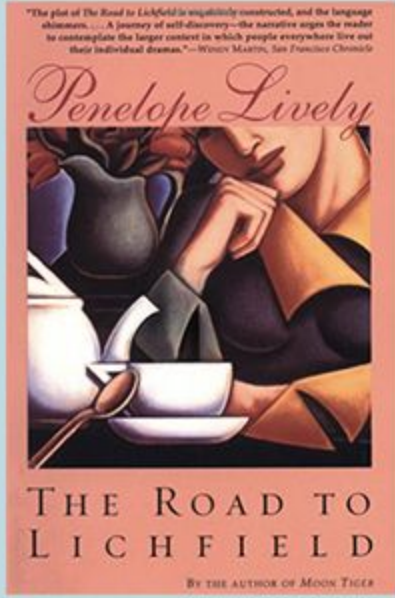
DOWNTOWN WINTHROP

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Footnotes / / A Column by Shane Billings

A Contemporary Classic: *The Road to Lichfield* by Penelope Lively



For the duration of one spring time in the late 1970s, Anne Linton travels the road to Lichfield, where her father is dying in a nursing home. While staying at his house on the weekends, happily married Anne falls in love with one of his neighbors, and her safe world is in danger of falling apart. This turning point in Anne's life is presented in a subtle, poignant manner, rather than large brushstrokes or great fanfare. Running parallel to her own affair is Anne's discovery that her father had a mistress, which fact bothers her tremendously. Lively, whose "Moon Tiger" won the 1987 Booker Prize, is a master at writing about the human heart in all its realness, without any histrionics. She is also fascinated by themes of time and memory, which pop up here although not to the extent that they do in *Moon Tiger*. "The Road to Lichfield" is wonderfully written and reads quickly, although you may want to savor the language by taking it slowly. When Anne returns home from Lichfield to her regular life from during the weeks, there are wonderful scenes of her involvement in a community effort to save a historical building from being condemned. These scenes lend some humor to an otherwise serious novel, but also serve as a mirror that reflects back on what is happening in Lichfield. Quite simply, one of the most affecting books I've had the privilege to read.



Literary Favorites



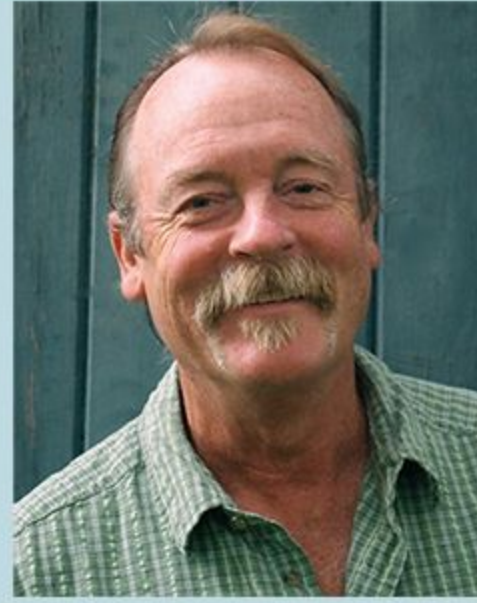
NEW BOOK COMING SOON: *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman

After her imaginative foray into ancient Judaic history in "The Dovekeepers," Hoffman breathes fiery life into an enrapturing fairy tale and historical fiction mash-up. Professor Sardie, a fanatic with a secret past and a Dr. Frankenstein aura, runs the Museum of Extraordinary Things on Coney Island in 1911, showcasing "living wonders," including his motherless daughter, web-fingered Coralie, who performs in a tank as a Mermaid. Ezekiel Cohen, a motherless Orthodox Jewish immigrant from Russia, abandons his tailor father and his faith, calls himself Eddie, and devotes himself to photography. As Coralie's father puts her at grave risk to perpetuate what he hopes will be a profitable hoax, Eddie documents the shocking and tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and tries to solve the mystery of a young woman's disappearance.

With a Jewish mystic and a distinguished Wolfman, ravishing evocations of the rapidly transforming city and the tawdry yet profoundly human magnetism of Coney Island, dramatic perspectives on criminal greed and the coalescence of the labor movement, and keen appreciation for the new clarity photography fostered, Hoffman unveils both horror and magic in this transfixing tale of liberation and love in a metropolis of lies, yearning, and metamorphosis.

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Lakes Region Forum



Bill Roorbach will speak on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30pm. The event is part of the ongoing Winthrop Lakes Region Forum. Roorbach will discuss and read from his bestselling and much acclaimed new novel, "Life Among Giants," which the New York Times called "richly entertaining," and the Washington Post called "bighearted" and "delightful."

Roorbach is the author of eight books of fiction and nonfiction. The 10th anniversary edition of his craft book, "Writing Life Stories," is used in writing programs around the world. Recently, Bill was a judge on Food Network All Star Challenge. His work has been published in Harper's, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Magazine and dozens of other magazines and journals. His story "Big Bend" was featured on NPR's "Selected Shorts," read by actor James Cromwell at the Getty Center in Los Angeles.

Bill has taught at the University of Maine at Farmington, Colby College, and Ohio State. His last academic position was the Jenks Chair in Contemporary American Letters at the College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts. He has now retired from academia in order to write full time.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call the library at 377-8673 or visit www.baileylibrary.org. Copies of "Life Among Giants" will be available for sale at the event through Apple Valley Books.

Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items

1. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
2. The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
3. The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan
4. Sycamore Row by John Grisham
5. Allegiant by Veronica Roth
6. We Are Water by Wally Lamb
7. Private L.A. by James Patterson
8. Duty by Robert Gates
9. Concealed in Death by J. D. Robb
10. Takedown Twenty by Janet Evanovich



Notable Coming Soon

Shotgun Lovesongs by Nickolas Butler
Gemini by Carol Cassella
The Enchanted by Rene Denfeld
After I'm Gone by Laura Lippman
The Weight of Blood by Laura McHugh
Above by Isla Morley
The Accident by Chris Pavone

