

WORDSPROUTS: ROSANNA STAFFA

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*By Susan Horwich for Wordsprouts*

Please join us for the third installment of our newly revived WordSprouts program in partnership with the Old Stone House.



Recent WordSprouts event at the Old Stone House

WordSprouts is a long-running PSFC author series, where Coop authors share thoughts about their works and process. To get updates about WordSprouts events, check the *Linewaiters' Gazette* or sign up for the WordSprouts mailing list at [psfcword-sprouts@gmail.com](mailto:psfcword-sprouts@gmail.com).

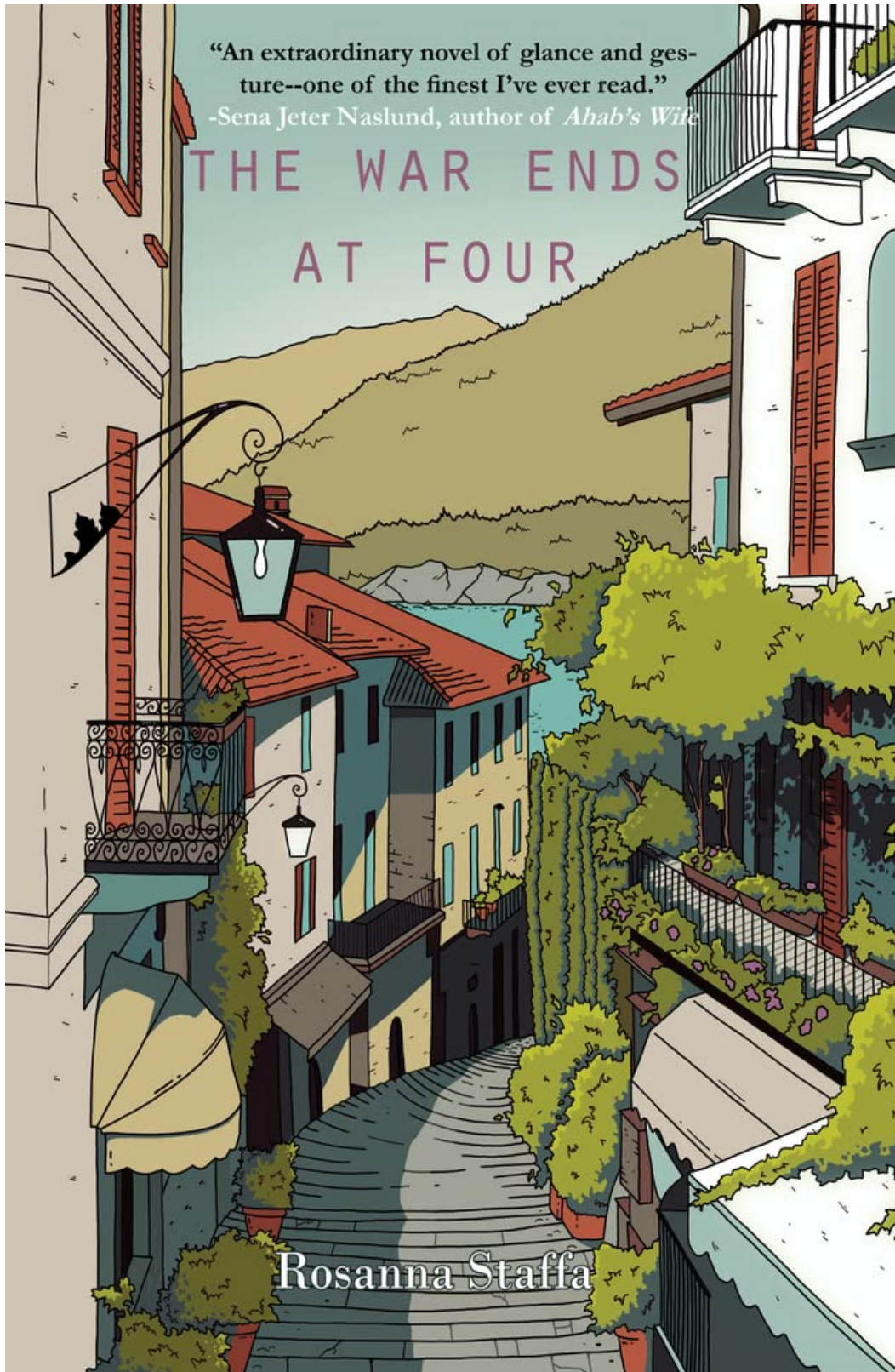
**Our next event:**

Speaker: Rosanna Staffa (PSFC member)

Literary Genre: fiction

When: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

Where: Old Stone House, 336 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215



RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wordsprouts-the-park-slope-food-coop-reading-series-tickets-1288465207119>

Rosanna Staffa will be speaking about her novel *The War Ends at Four*. The book fol-

lows the journey of Renata, an Italian acupuncturist in Minneapolis, as she navigates the complexities of love, cultural identity and her past. The story takes us from Italy to America, exploring the emotional landscapes of both countries. As Renata faces the challenges of her marriage and her profession in America, she also confronts the scars of her upbringing in Milan as an immigrant's daughter whose family suffered greatly during WWII. The novel weaves together themes of grief, courage, the magic of love and the wonder of the unexpected twists that life often brings.

Rosanna says: "The novel asks questions that I ask myself. I want to explore dislocation: What does it mean to leave your country or to change the circumstances in which you were raised? How does our family's history shape us and how we see the world? What does it mean to return to your country after an absence and see it with new eyes?"

Rosanna's favorite Coop shift is Flex and her favorite Coop deals are the dried mango and the amazing assortment of mushrooms.

To learn more about Rosanna's writing, please visit her website, [www.rosannastaffa.com](http://www.rosannastaffa.com). Rosanna's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks courtesy of the Coop. Rosanna will be available to sign copies of *The War Ends at Four*, and she will offer books for sale. The book can be ordered from Regal House Publishing: <https://regal-house-publishing.mybigcommerce.com/the-war-ends-at-four/>.

*WordSprouts's Squad Leader is Sarah Schenck and Squad Members are Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany.*