

WORDSPROUTS: DAVID FORBES

May 5, 2026

# BROKEN LAND DREAMS

DAVID FORBES



*By Susan Horwich*

Come join us for our next WordSprouts event in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring novelist David Forbes, Ph.D., Associate Professor Emeritus in the Urban Education Doctoral Program, CUNY Graduate Center.

David will read from his newly published novel, *Broken Land Dreams* (Brooklyn Codgers-Amazon KDP, January 19, 2026). Following the reading, David will be in discussion with attendees and be available for Q&A.

WordSprouts is a long-running PSFC author series featuring Coop authors sharing their work and their creative process.

#### OUR NEXT EVENT

**Author:** David Forbes (PSFC member)

**Genre:** Novel – magical realism, literary fiction

**When:** Wednesday May 27, 2026 – doors open at 6:45 p.m.; the event begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Format:** In-person only

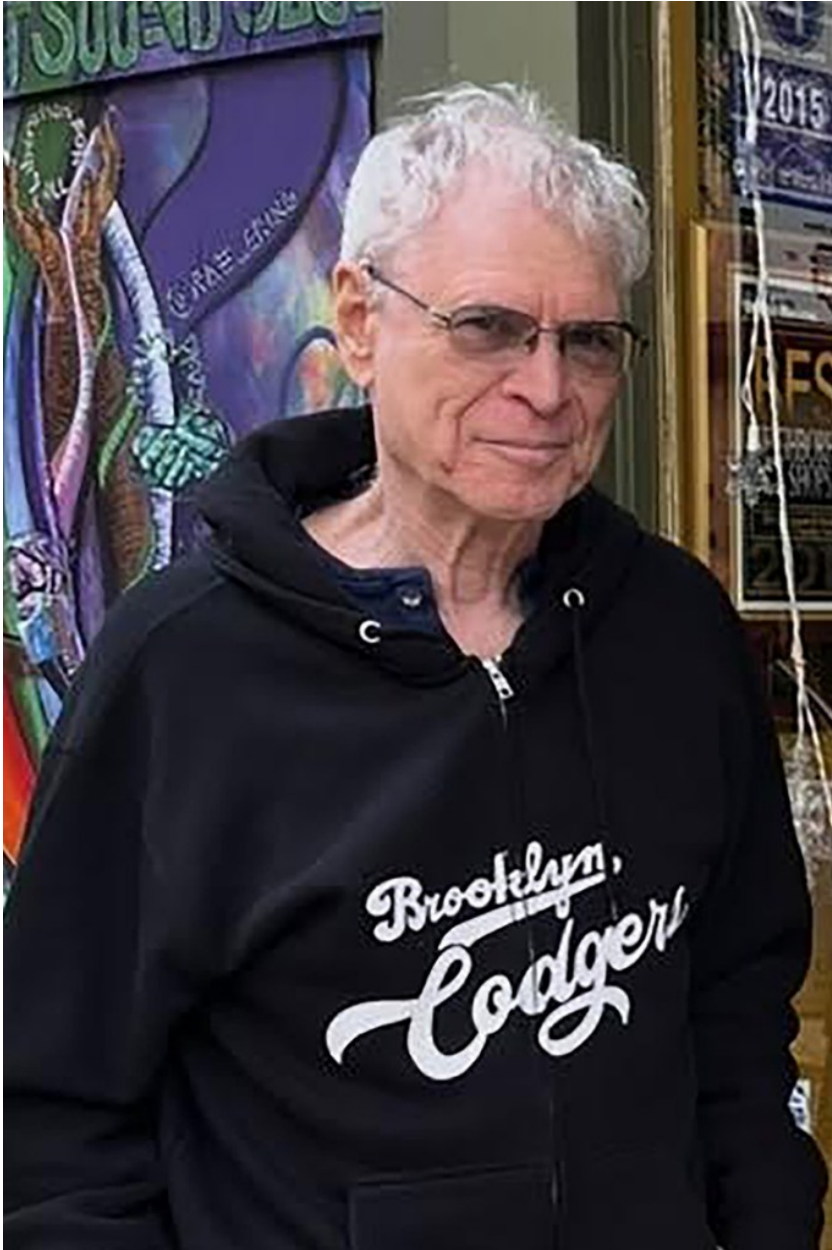
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#### REVIEWS OF *BROKEN LAND DREAMS*

The journalist Eleanor J. Bader wrote for *The Independent*, a review (February 25, 2026) titled, “‘Broken Land Dreams’ Combines Magical Realism with Satire,” with the lede, “A retired high school social worker and disillusioned Brooklynite joins forces with former students and peers to resist the Right in David Forbes’ piece of speculative fiction.”

The journalist Ava Sharahy wrote for *BK Reader*, a review (February 23, 2026) titled, *A Surreal Brooklyn Story That Covers Politics, Loneliness And Superheroes*: “In his indie

fiction debut, David Forbes delves into today's political turmoil through the lens of magical realism through his book *Broken Land Dreams*."



Courtesy of David Forbes

David Forbes is an Associate Professor Emeritus in the Urban Education Doctoral Program at the CUNY Graduate Center. He taught school counseling in the School of Education at Brooklyn College/CUNY for 19 years. He studied psychology and counseling at the University of Chicago, the New School, and University of California, Berkeley. David teaches and writes on critical and integral approaches to mindfulness within neoliberal society and education and has consulted with the New York City Public

Schools on developing social mindfulness programs. He wrote *Mindfulness and Its Discontents: Education, Self, and Social Transformation* (2019), *Boyz 2 Buddhas: Counseling Urban High School Male Athletes in the Zone* (2004), and *False Fixes: The Cultural Politics of Drugs, Alcohol, and Addictive Relations* (1994). He and Ron Purser co-edited the *Handbook of Mindfulness: Culture, Context, and Social Engagement* (2016).

David's favorite Coop item is aged gouda. David says, "especially when it's cut with just two sides of the rind—ahh."

David has been a Coop member since the early 1980s. Now retired, he recalls his favorite work shift, "I best liked being down in the basement, bagging raisins, nuts et al. We got to play our own CDs—remember them?" David played mandolin with a bluegrass group at a Coop event back in the '80s. David imagines, "My yet to be designed PSFC tee shirt: *Shifts happen.*"

David's presentation will be followed by drinks and snacks, courtesy of the Coop. David will be available to sign copies of *Broken Land Dreams*, and he will have copies available to sell. The book can be ordered from any bookstore (distributed by IngramSpark), and online booksellers including amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and strandbooks.com.

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*The WordSprouts committee includes committee leader Sarah Schenck and committee members Peter Brosius, Susan Horwich, Ruthie Nachmany, Tamar Nachmany and Rosanna Staffa.*

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## WORDSPROUTS: LEN NEUFELD

May 5, 2026



*By Susan Horwich*

Come join us for our next WordSprouts event in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring word artist Len Neufeld.

Len will present selections from his ongoing work *Off The Grid*, begun in 2022 and now encompassing hundreds of pieces that combine verbal and visual art.

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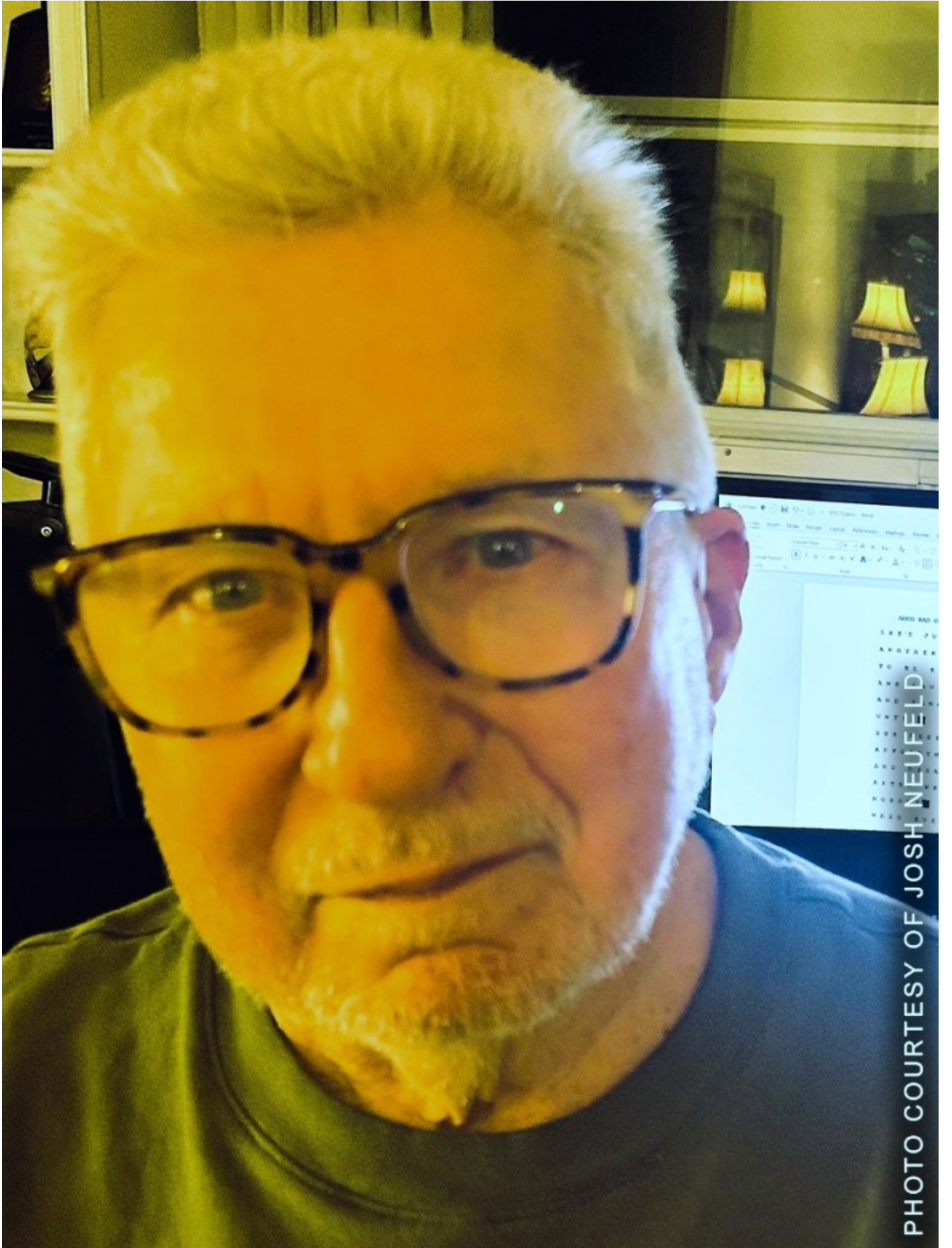


PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH NEUFELD

## OUR NEXT EVENT

Author: Len Neufeld (PSFC member)

Genre: Word art, or visual poetry

When: Wednesday April 29, 2026 (doors open at 6:45 p.m., the event begins at 7:00 p.m.)

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

Format: In-person only

### RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wordsprouts-the-park-slope-food-coop-reading-series-tickets-1739929298369>

Len will provide each member of the audience with a booklet containing all the pieces he'll be presenting at the event, so everyone can follow along (and can take the booklets home if desired). He'll read some of these pieces aloud; others can't be read aloud but only seen. Len will briefly describe the genesis and structure of each piece and will welcome any and all interruptions in the form of criticisms, questions and/or comments, in hopes of a lively discussion. These unusual works derive from Len's life-long interest in language and visual art.

In the 1970s, Len self-published four books of his poetry and prose writings. But he then left off creative writing until restarting in 2022 in this new form (each piece is composed in a grid of square cells—hence the title *Off The Grid*). He said, "The constraints and possibilities inherent in this form were important in freeing me to write creatively again."

Len joined the Coop in 1995, and is now retired from his work shift as indexer for the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

Len's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks, courtesy of the Coop.

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WORDSPROUTS: IRVIN SCHONFELD

May 5, 2026



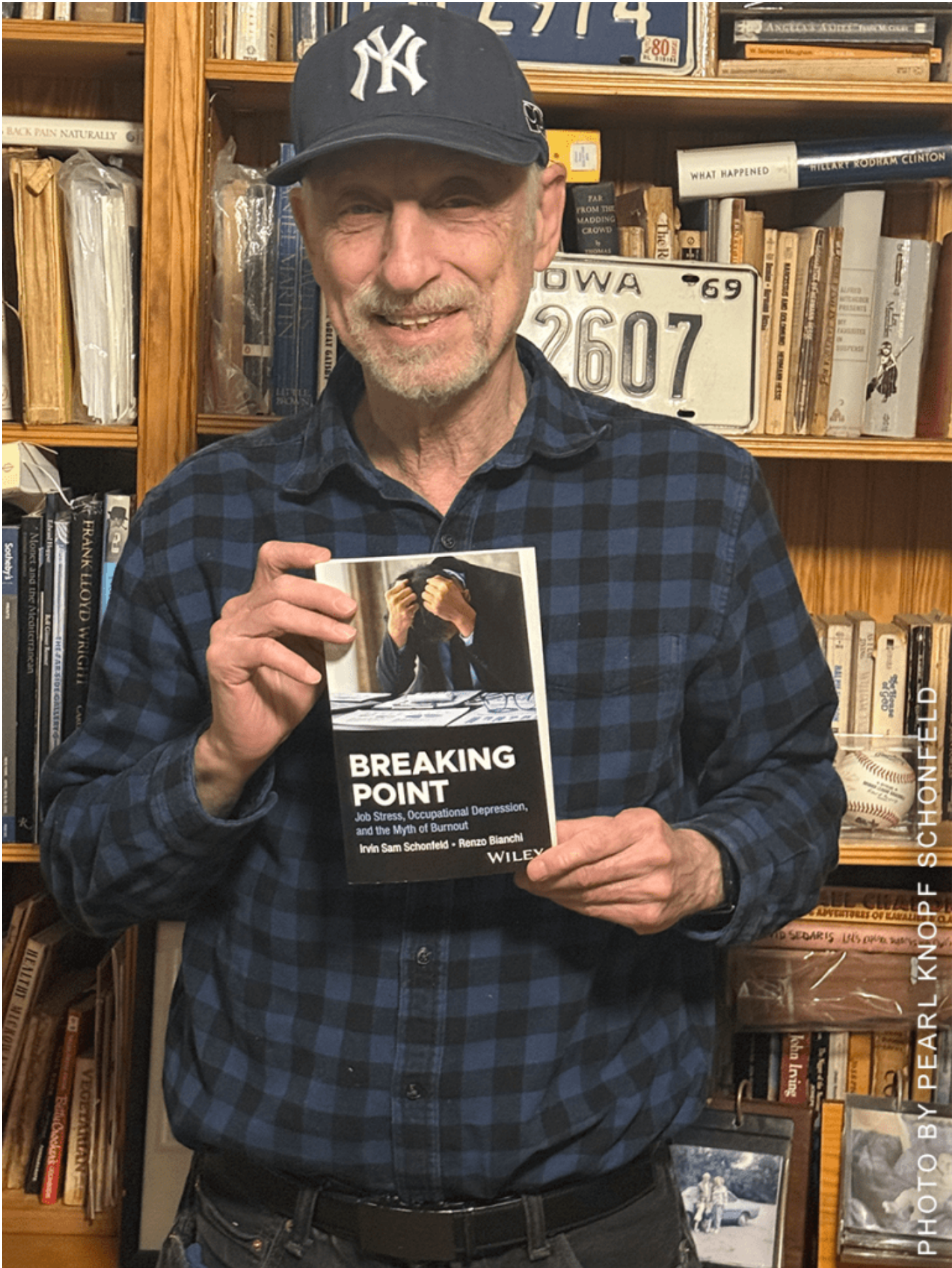


PHOTO BY PEARL KNOPF SCHONFELD

Come join us for our next WordSprouts event in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring psychologist Irvin Schonfeld, PhD, MPH, Professor Emeritus at the City College of New York and the CUNY Graduate Center.

Irvin will present on his most recent book, *Breaking Point: Job Stress, Occupational Depression and the Myth of Burnout* (Wiley, 2025), co-authored with Renzo Bianchi, Professor of Psychology at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway. Irvin and Renzo take a subversive view of burnout.

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## **OUR NEXT EVENT**

Author: Irvin Schonfeld (PSFC member)

Genre: Nonfiction (Occupational Health Psychology)

When: Wednesday March 25, 2026 – doors open at 6:45 PM; the event begins at 7:00 PM.

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

Format: In-person only

RSVP [here](#).

Irvin and Renzo approach job-related burnout from an angle that is both skeptical and subversive. They co-developed and currently research the Occupational Depression Inventory, and examine the impact of job stressors on people who work (e.g., teachers, civil servants, etc.). They are particularly interested in burnout/depression overlap. Irvin described the research underlined in the book as delineating the impact of toxic

working job conditions on depressive symptoms and how to address the problem.

Irvin's early experience as a math teacher in the New York City public schools influenced his future studies, as he described, "I informally observed that the chaotic, and sometimes violent circumstances of my school had a baleful effect on many of my teacher colleagues, particularly women teachers. These observations contributed to a future line of research I would not have anticipated at the time I was a teacher."

Irvin has been a Coop member since 1978. His favorite item from the Coop is Le Petit Ecolier European Milk Chocolate Cookies. Now retired from the Coop, Irvin's favorite work shift was the early morning FTOP shift when he and his coworkers put out the produce and took the excess to the CHIPS soup kitchen.

Irvin's presentation will be followed by an audience question period. Drinks and snacks will be provided courtesy of the Coop.

Irvin will be available to sign copies of *Breaking Point: Job Stress, Occupational Depression and the Myth of Burnout* (Wiley, 2025), and will have copies available to sell.

Copies can be ordered from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or from the book's publisher John Wiley & Sons.

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WORDSPROUTS: JOE DOLCE

May 5, 2026



*By Sarah Schenck*

Come join us for our next WordSprouts event in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring author Joe Dolce.

Joe will read from his new book, *Modern Psychedelics: The Handbook for Mindful Exploration*.

## Wordsprouts:

The Park Slope  
Food Coop Author  
Series presents:



## Joe Dolce

Join us to hear Joe Dolce speak about his new book **Modern Psychedelics, The Handbook for Mindful Exploration**.

As one reviewer puts it, "Dolce has created something for three distinct audiences: experienced travelers seeking new insights, 'infrequent flyers' wanting more skillful use, and the 'psychedelic curious' who need guidance."

Books will be available for purchase, and coop snacks will be served!

Wednesday November  
19, 2025

Doors: 6:45pm  
Start time: 7pm

Old Stone House  
336 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Brooklyn

RSVP:

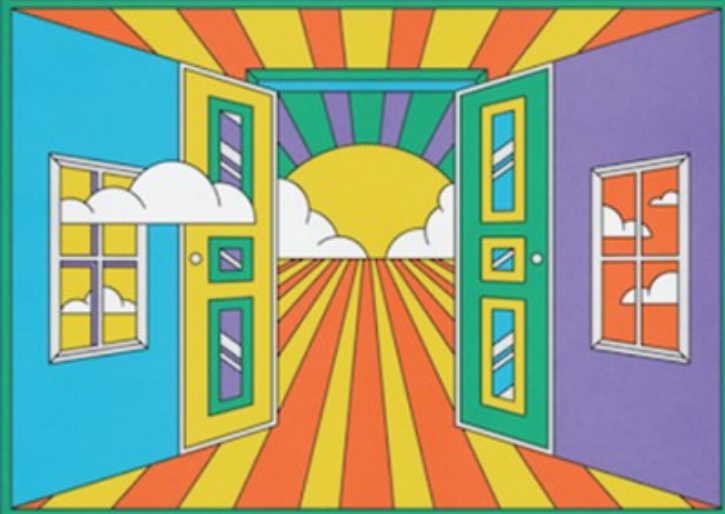
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All events are free  
and open to all!

# MODERN PSYCHEDELICS

THE HANDBOOK FOR MINDFUL EXPLORATION



**JOE DOLCE**

FOREWORD BY JULIE HOLLAND, MD

Courtesy of Joe Dolce

WordSprouts is a long-running PSFC author series featuring Coop authors sharing their work and creative process.

Our next event:

**Author:** Joe Dolce (PSFC member)

**Literary Genre:** Mind Body Spirit/Wellness/Science

**When:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025—doors open at 6:45 p.m., event begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Format:** In-person only (no recording)

**RSVP:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joe-dolce-at-wordsprouts-the-park-slope-food-coop-reading-series-tickets-1413978962139?aff=oddtcreator>

Joe Dolce is a journalist and the former editor-in-chief of *Details* Magazine. He is also the author of *Brave New Weed: Adventures into the Uncharted World of Cannabis* and CEO of Joe Dolce Communications, one of the premier presentation and media training companies in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

As one reviewer put it, “*Modern Psychedelics*, the handbook we’ve been missing, the bridge between Michael Pollan’s brilliant journalism and the practical reality of people actually using these substances. Where Pollan opened the door with *How to Change Your Mind*, Dolce provides the roadmap for what comes next: how to make informed decisions about psychedelics—and so much more. Dolce has created something for three distinct audiences: experienced travelers seeking new insights, “infrequent flyers” wanting more skillful use, and the “psychedelic curious” who need guidance.

Regarding his favorite Coop shift, Joe says: “I’m shift-fluid. When I’m tired, I like cashier; when I’m energetic, unloading trucks doubles as a workout. When I’m frazzled,

packing cheese and nuts is soothing.”

Joe’s presentation will be followed by questions from the audience, and drinks and snacks courtesy of the Coop.

The book will be available for purchase at the event for \$24.99 plus tax, or can be ordered from several online booksellers, including Amazon and Hachette.

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WORDSPROUTS: PETER SCHNEIDER

May 5, 2026



October 7, 2025

*By Susan Horwich*

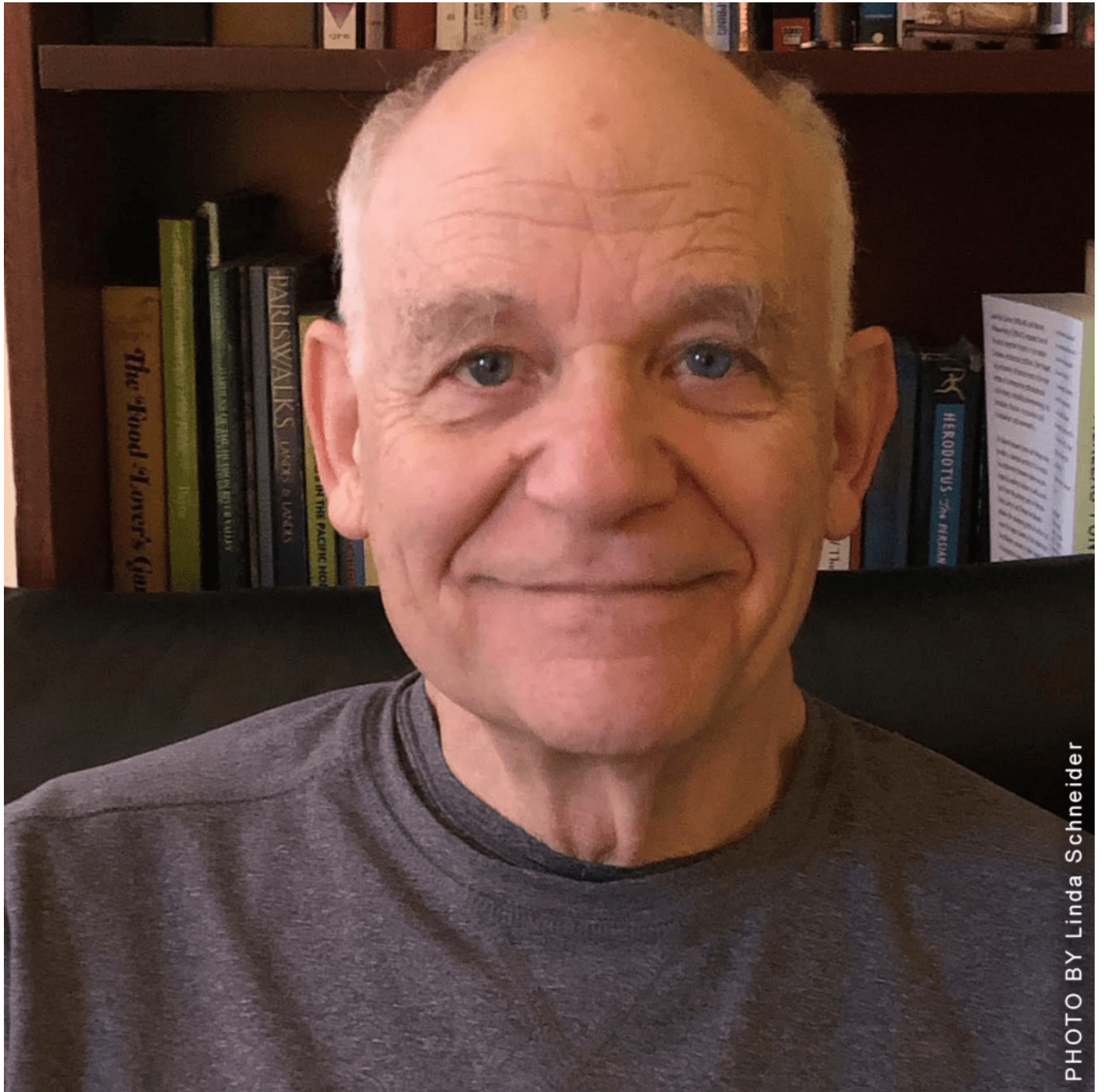
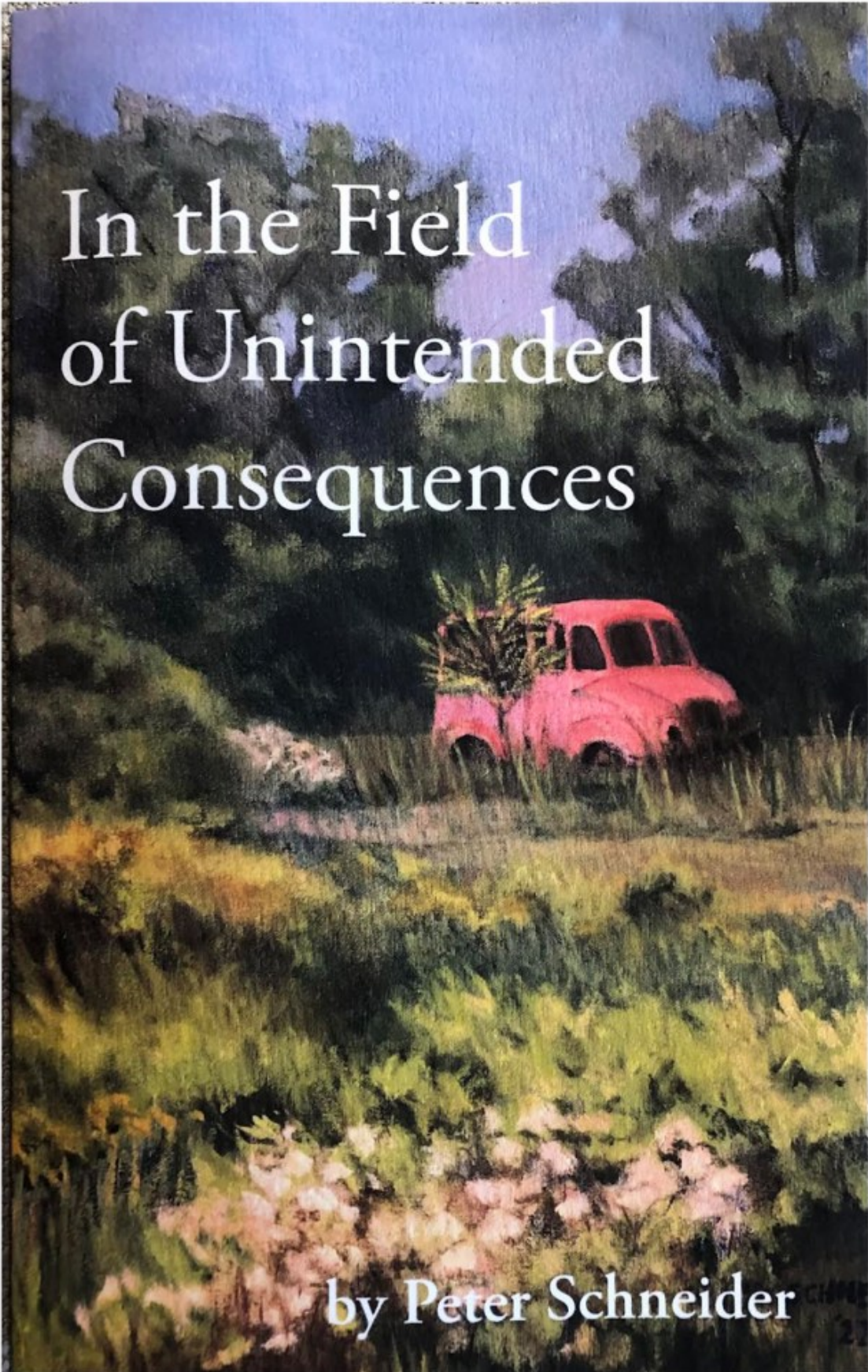


PHOTO BY Linda Schneider

Come join us for our next WordSprouts' event in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring poet Peter Schneider.

Peter will read from his debut collection, *The Map is Not the Territory* (Anaphora Press, 2018), and his most recent publication, *In the Field of Unintended Consequences* (Pb&j Books, 2023). In addition, Peter will share new work.

The background of the cover is a painting. It depicts a red car, possibly a vintage Volkswagen Beetle, parked in a field. The car is the central focus, with a small tree growing in front of it. The field is filled with various green and yellow plants. In the background, there are dark, dense trees under a blue sky. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

# In the Field of Unintended Consequences

by Peter Schneider

Anaphora Literary Press

WordSprouts is a long-running PSFC author series featuring Coop authors sharing their work and creative process.

Our next event:

Author: Peter Schneider (PSFC member)

Literary Genre: Poetry

When: Wednesday, October 29, 2025—doors open at 6:45 p.m., event begins at 7 p.m.

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

Format: In-person only (no recording)

RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wordsprouts-the-park-slope-food-coop-reading-series-tickets-1413999042199?aff=oddtcreator>

The American poet, scholar and artist Maya Pindyck reviewed Peter's poetry for Anaphora Press, saying:

"The poems explore states of consciousness triggered by the author's connections to the land where he resides in Central Vermont and the cityscapes that he is intimate with in Brooklyn, New York. They are also informed by his long-time practices of zazen meditation and t'ai chi and his ongoing study of Western and Eastern philosophy and psychology."

"Awake and in love with the natural world, these poems merge psychological and spiritual landscapes with rivers, trees, and seasons in vital ways. Schneider's poems are rooted and moving, lingering in and traveling through American towns, flowers, hu-

man bodies, and philosophies. With exactitude and vastness, the poems speak to the beautiful strangeness of ordinary things while keeping a sly grin: 'Refuge is swaying / side to side leaning over / on one's black cushion / to cut a loud fart.' We need these grounded, funny, wise and open poems in the world. They show us the vibrancy of a 'gray winter morning' for the first time all over again."

Peter Schneider has been a Coop member since 2009. He is a poet, recovering philosopher and psychotherapist. Retired from his therapy practice, he splits his time between Brooklyn, NY, and Rochester, VT. His poems have appeared in a number of literary journals. His MFA is from Columbia University and his PhD is in clinical psychology from New York University. His favorite snack from the Coop is Humboldt Fog cheese. Now retired from the Coop, he misses the raucous camaraderie of the cheese squad in the basement.

Peter's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks (including Humboldt Fog cheese) courtesy of the Coop.

Peter will be available to sign copies of both *The Map is Not the Territory* (Anaphora Press, 2018), and *In the Field of Unintended Consequences* (Pb&j Books, 2023), and will have copies available to sell.

Both books can be ordered from several online booksellers, including amazon.com and walmart.com.

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WORDSPROUTS: CARINA FINN

May 5, 2026



September 16, 2025

*By Susan Horwich*

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

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**Our next event:**

Speaker: Carina Finn (PSFC member)

Literary Genre: Fantasy



PHOTO BY THEIK SMITH

When: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 — doors open at 6:45 p.m., event begins at 7:00 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-1413975582029?aff=oddtcreator>

Carina will read aloud from her newly published book, *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir* (Sourcebooks, 2025). *Feast and Famine* is a middle-grade fantasy series targeted toward ages 9-13 but designed to be enjoyed by readers of all ages!

In the first two chapters of *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir*, which is set in a magical kingdom, the reader is introduced to Rue and then Merri—two 12-year-old girls who are faced with challenges that a reader of any age, gender or culture can relate to.

CARINA FINN

*New York Times Bestseller*

# FEAST AND FAMINE

THE LAST  
GREAT HEIR



In the book, Carina includes a recipe for Fauret Patisserie's Famous Cream Puffs, which will be the "highlight" snack served at the WordSprouts event.

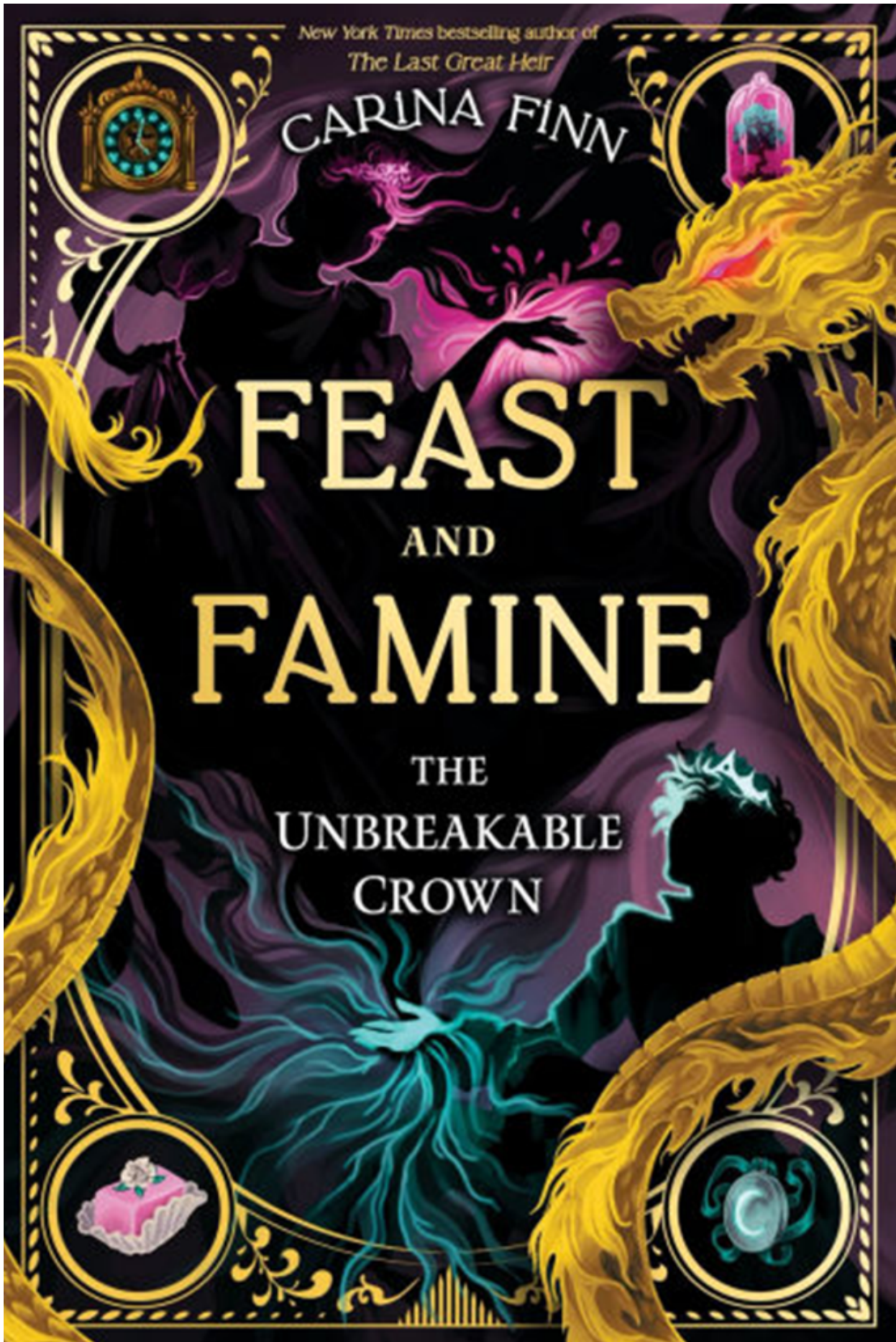
In her Acknowledgements, Carina concludes with an encouraging note to the reader: "And finally, thank you, reader. I hope you've had fun ramping around with Merri and Rue, but most of all, I hope it made you want to invent your own world to wander."

New York Times bestselling author of  
*The Last Great Heir*

CARINA FINN

# FEAST AND FAMINE

THE  
UNBREAKABLE  
CROWN



Carina Finn is a food-obsessed writer, editor and content creator. Her debut middle-grade novel, *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir*, became an instant *New York Times* bestseller. She has written for numerous publications, including *Bon Appétit*, *Epicurious*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Eater*, *Bustle* and others. She splits her time between Brooklyn and upstate New York and loves sharing her adventures in cooking, eating and writing on social media. Find her everywhere on the internet at @sheneedsasnack. Carina is most active on Instagram, TikTok, and Substack.

Carina's favorite Coop snack is Kona Cashews! Carina said about her favorite Coop shift: "I love working checkout because it's fascinating to see how other people shop, and I always discover new things I didn't know we sold."

Carina's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks courtesy of the Coop (don't miss Fauret Patisserie's Famous Cream Puffs!). Carina will be available to sign copies of *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir*, and she will bring some copies to sell. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, as well as other booksellers. The second book in the series, *Feast and Famine: The Unbreakable Crown* can be pre-ordered (2/3/26 release date) at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

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## WORDSPROUTS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2026

# WORDSPROUTS

THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP'S READING SERIES



August 5, 2025

*By Sarah Schenck for Wordsprouts*

WordSprouts is the Park Slope Food Coop's long-standing reading series, featuring published authors who are also Coop members. For over 20 years, we've hosted readers and writers in events that are always free and open to all, including non-Coop members.

Our mission is to showcase local writers who are members of the Coop and cultivate friendships between Coop members and our larger community.

During the pandemic, the Coop lost the capacity to host events in our building, and the committee went on hiatus, except for a few events graciously hosted by our neigh-

bors at Old First Church.

We revived WordSprouts in 2025, with an exciting partnership with the Old Stone House (336 Third Street in Park Slope, just off Fifth Avenue), where we host events on the last Wednesday of the month, including delicious snacks provided by the PSFC.

### **Our 2025 line-up has featured:**

- 2/18/25: Christopher Hastings, graphic novelist/comic artist and creator of *Five Nights at Freddy's* (Scholastic Inc., 2019) and *InvestiGators: Agents of S.U.I.T.* (coauthored with John Patrick Green) (First Second, 2023)
- 3/25/25: Katherine Fennelly, memoir/biography, *Family Declassified: Uncovering my grandfather's journey from spy to children's book author* (Sunbury Press, Inc., 2023)
- 4/30/25: Rosanna Staffa, fiction writer, author of *The War Ends at Four* (Regal House Publishing, 2023)
- 5/28/25: Betsy Andrews, poet and journalist covering food, drink and travel and author of *Coastal: 130 Recipes from a California Road Trip* (Chronicle, 2025)
- 6/25/25: Suzanne Cope, biography and memoir, and author of *Women of War: The Italian Assassins, Spies, and Couriers Who Fought the Nazis* (Penguin Random House 2025)

Our next event will be on Wednesday, September 24, with *New York Times* best-selling author Carina Finn, author of the young readers' fantasy series *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir* (Sourcebooks, 2023). Carina's next book will be coming out in February.

The RSVP link for our September event can be found [here](#).

We welcome your suggestions for future events—past events have featured fiction, nonfiction, history, memoir, graphic novel, cultural criticism and cookbooks. Feel free

to suggest a Coop friend or nominate yourself as a potential featured guest speaker!

We've been contemplating upcoming events with self-published authors and also works-in-progress, and welcome your suggestions.

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WORDSPROUTS: SUZANNE COPE

May 5, 2026



PHOTO BY KURT ARNOLD

## Wordsprouts:

The Park Slope  
Food Coop  
Author Series  
presents:



## Suzanne Cope

Coop member and author Suzanne Cope will speak about the untold history of the Italian anti-facist resistance during WW II, as told through the stories of four spectacularly courageous women fighters.

Wednesday June  
25, 2025 at  
6:45pm

Old Stone House  
336 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
Brooklyn

RSVP:  
[bit.ly/june-  
wordsprouts](https://bit.ly/june-wordsprouts)



June 24, 2025

*By Susan Horwich*

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

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**Our next event:**

Speaker: Suzanne Cope (PSFC member)

Literary Genre: Biography & Memoir / World War II Military History

When: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 — doors open at 6:45 p.m., event begins at 7:00 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-1288509519659>

Suzanne will read aloud from her newly published book, *Women of War: The Italian Assassins, Spies, and Couriers Who Fought the Nazis* (Penguin Random House, April 29, 2025). Following the reading, Suzanne will be in conversation with WordSprouts squad leader Sara Schenck.

According to the author's website, *Women of War* is the gripping, true, and untold history of the Italian anti-fascist resistance during WW II, told through the stories of four spectacularly courageous women fighters. *Women of War* offers not only a reexamination of the elision of women from vital WW II history but also a valuable perspective on the ongoing fight for gender equality and social justice.

According to the publisher's website, Suzanne is a scholar and narrative journalist, and is also the author of *Power Hungry: Women of the Black Panther Party and Freedom Summer and Their Fight to Feed a Movement*. Her work on themes of political and social change, feminism, food and culture has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Food & Wine*, *BBC*, *Washington Post*, *Aeon* and others. She is a professor at New York University.

Suzanne's favorite Coop item is seasonal produce! Recently, her favorite workslot is volunteering at CHiPS, helping to check in clients for lunch and the food pantry.

To learn more about Suzanne's writing, please visit her website, [suzannecope.com](http://suzannecope.com). Suzanne's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks courtesy of the Coop. Suzanne will be available to sign copies of *Women of War*, and she will offer books for sale. The book can be ordered from Penguin Random House, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books a Million, Bookshop.org, Hudson Booksellers, Powell's, Target and Walmart.

*WordSprouts' squad leader is Sarah Schenck and squad members are Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany*

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## WORDSPROUTS: CRAVING CALIFORNIA CUISINE?

May 5, 2026



*By Sarah Schenck*

May 13, 2025

Come join us on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 for our next WordSprouts event, in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring poet and author Betsy Andrews.

Betsy will present her new book, *Coastal: 130 Recipes from a California Road Trip* (Chronicle). Co-authored with Chef Scott Clark and photographer Cheyenne Ellis, *Coastal* is a visual feast of free-spirited Californian cooking and living set against the surf, peaks, curving roads and sunsets of the Golden State.

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**When:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – doors open at 6:45pm, event begins at 7pm

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

**RSVP:** Click here to RSVP on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

*Coastal* was named a Best Cookbook of Spring 2025 by *Eater* and *Epicurious* and a *Book Riot* Most Anticipated Cookbook of 2025.

This inspired collection of crave-worthy recipes, gorgeous photographs and vivid stories takes us on a road trip beginning at Chef Scott Clark's beloved sandwich-and-pie shop *Dad's Luncheonette*, in Half Moon Bay and ending in Ventura County. Along the way, it visits the fishermen, crabbers, farmers, winemakers and foragers who stretch along the Pacific Coast Highway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Clark's accessible seasonal recipes deliver the adventure of the coast in smart, creative, unfussy and delicious ways. They express the breadth of California cooking and its regional and cultural influences, organized into thematic chapters, including:

- Road Trip Snacks (Furikake Popcorn, CA Muddy Buddies, Perfect Meyer Lemonade)
- Fishing and Foraging on the Coast (Dungeness Crab Rice, Lingcod Ceviche, Fries with Eyes)
- Lunch in the Vineyard (Smoked Mackerel with Lemon-Dill Relish, Deviled Quail Eggs, Barley and Wine Grape Salad)
- Back Home with the Kid (Fish Stick Hand Roll Bar, Matcha Mochi Waffles, Watermelon Aqua Fresca)

*Coastal* is more than your average California cookbook; it brings the Californian table, lifestyle and state of mind to home cooks and armchair travelers anywhere.

A longtime Coop member, Betsy Andrews has spent more than two decades covering food, drink and travel as a journalist. She is a James Beard, International Association of Culinary Professionals and Society of American Travel Writers award-winning journalist. Betsy lives in Brooklyn, but she's been traveling California's Central Coast and staying with family there since childhood. She is a contributing editor at *Food & Wine*, *SevenFifty Daily*, and *Imbibe*, and writes for many other publications. She is also a prizewinning poet; her books are *New Jersey* (University of Wisconsin Press), *The Bottom* (42 Miles Press), and *Crowded* (Nauset Press).

Betsy's favorite Coop item is Meyer lemons, which are the basis of many of the recipes in *Coastal*. Her favorite workslot is cashier.

Books will be available for purchase at the event and via [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org).

*WordSprouts'* squad leader is Sarah Schenck and squad members are Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany.

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WORDSPROUTS: ROSANNA STAFFA

May 5, 2026



April 22, 2025

*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).

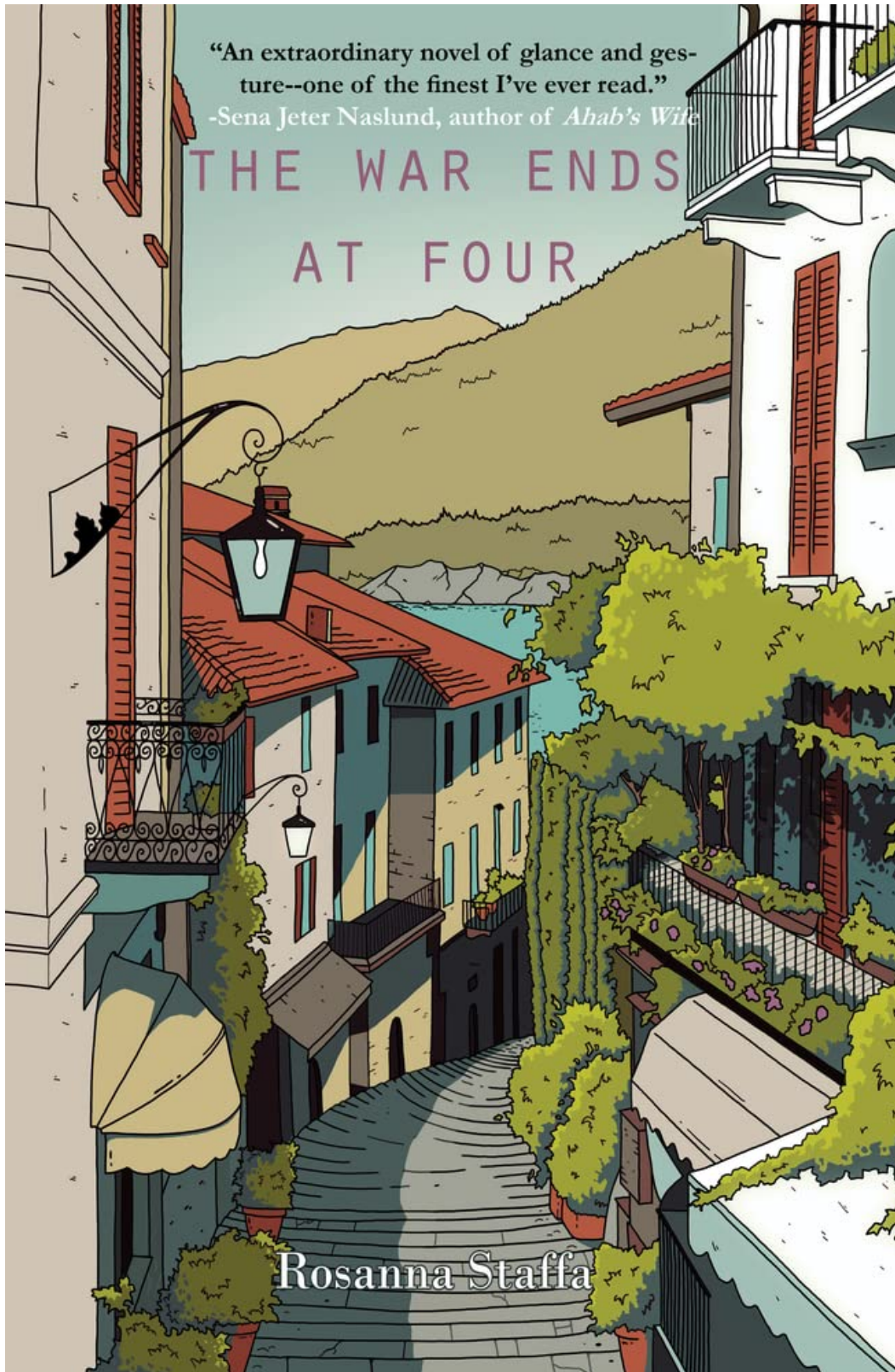
**Our next event:**

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/>.

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