

WORDSPROUTS: CARINA FINN

September 16, 2025



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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



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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

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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.

WordSprouts Mission Statement: to showcase local writers who are members of the Coop and cultivate friendships between Coop members and our larger community.

WordSprouts' Committee includes committee leader Sarah Schenck and committee members Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany.

WORDSPROUTS COMMITTEE REPORT

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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.

You can email us at psfcwordsprouts@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram at @food-coopwordsprouts.

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WORDSPROUTS: SUZANNE COPE

September 16, 2025



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 3rd Street,
Brooklyn

RSVP:
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. 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.

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WORDSPROUTS: CRAVING CALIFORNIA CUISINE?

September 16, 2025



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

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://bookshop.org).

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WORDSPROUTS: ROSANNA STAFFA

September 16, 2025



April 22, 2025

By Susan Horwich for Wordsprouts

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Recent WordSprouts event at the Old Stone House

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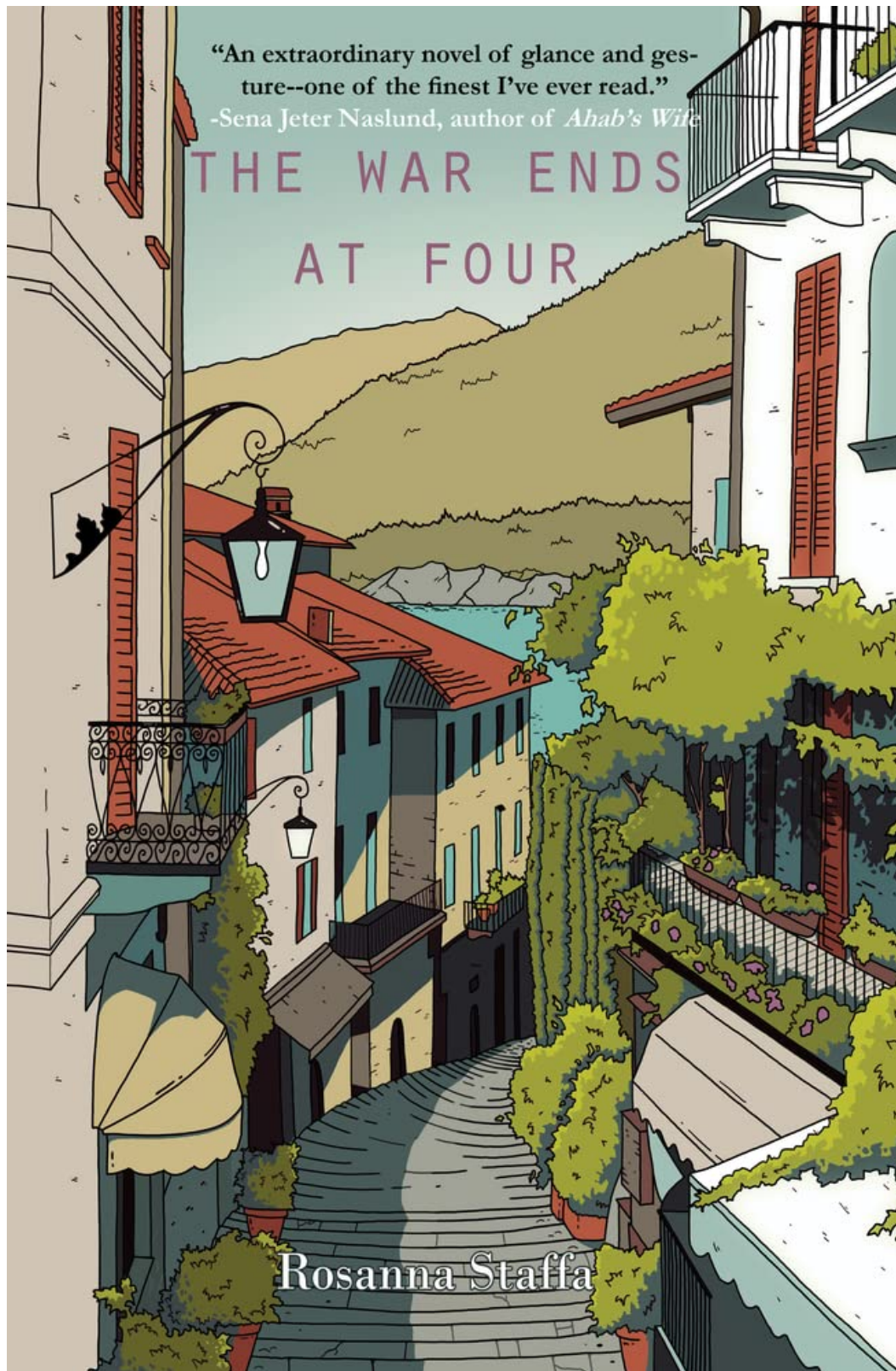
Our next event:

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. 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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