

January 19: Peter Geye kicks off the 17th annual Fireside Series with a reading from his debut novel, **Safe from the Sea**. In Geye's story-within-a-story, the reunion of estranged father, Olaf, and son, Noah, plays out around the retelling of the shipwreck of the Ragnorök on Lake Superior 35 years ago, of which Olaf was the only survivor.

January 26: Spend the evening with three Coffee House Press poets – **Lightsey Darst, Greg Hewett** and **Steve Healey**. Darst's collection **Find the Girl** is a lurid and lyrical debut that explores the transition from girlhood to womanhood. In **Darkacre**, Hewett brings his poetic imagination to bear on histories both personal and collective, and **10 Mississippi**, by Healey, reads like a game of hide-and-seek set in America's rising floodwaters of text and technology.

February 2: **Vermilion Drift**, the latest in William Kent Krueger's Cork O'Connor mystery series, just hit the *New York Times* best seller list. Don't miss a thrilling evening as Krueger reads from his story of intrigue in an underground iron mine in Tamarack County – a novel *Publisher's Weekly* says is "superlative" and "succeeds on every level."

February 9: **Bonnie Blodgett** reads from her "richly nuanced" (*Publisher's Weekly*) memoir, **Remembering Smell: a Memoir of Losing – and Discovering – the Primal Sense**. After using a nasal spray for a cold, Blodgett lost the sense of smell and had to relearn its role in her life. She delves into the complicated science of smell, its role in evolution, memory, survival and how the deprivation affected her own life.

February 16: In **The Last Hunter: An American Family Album**, Will Weaver examines family, life on the land, and those things we hold dear enough to carry from one generation to another. The author of *Sweet Land*, the Minnesota Book Award-winning young adult novel *Defect*, and many more, has created a twenty-first-century collection of deeply personal tales of family history, childhood memories and traditions.

February 23: **Swati Avasthi** closes the Fireside Series with a reading from her acclaimed young adult novel, **Split**. 16-year-old Jace Witherspoon arrives at the doorstep of his estranged brother Christian with a re-landscaped face (courtesy of his father's fist), \$3.84, and a secret. This novel is about what happens after. After you've said enough, after you've run, after you've made the split - how do you begin to live again?

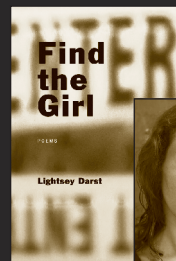
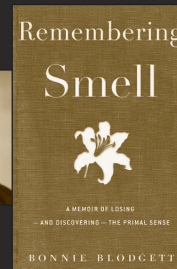
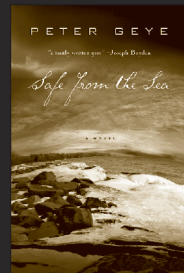


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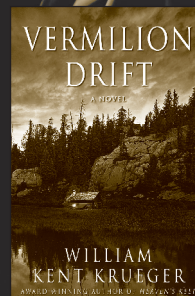


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