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Book Launch for Brooklyn-Based Debut Novelist

“Rachel Stolzman reminds us what kind of stories matter, and move us, the most.”
—Julia Glass, author of *Three Junes* and *The Whole World Over*

Brooklyn-based writer Rachel Stolzman’s debut novel, *The Sign for Drowning* (Trumpeter), is an emotionally-charged story of family loss and the death of a child, and the unexpected occasions of grace that enable us to heal from it and grow beyond it.

Told through the eyes of Anna, a teacher working with deaf children who has grown up haunted by her younger sister’s death, Stolzman has crafted a moving and poetic witness to love’s power to transcend grief, pain, and the constraints of human language.

Rachel Stolzman received her MFA in creative writing from Sarah Lawrence College. Her writing has won several awards and her poetry has appeared in numerous journals. This is her first novel. She lives in Brooklyn.

Praise for *The Sign for Drowning*:

“An impressive feat for a debut novelist. . . Stolzman brings lyrical sensibility to an elegiac tale of a family’s heart-stopping tragedy and hard-won redemption, in which a tarnished silence can once again be made to shine through the resonate power of love.”—*Foreword Magazine*

“Reminiscent of Ian McEwan’s *The Child in Time* and Frederick Reichen’s *The Odd Sea*, this is a moving and important novel. Rachel Stolzman’s story about a woman’s attempts to find order in the broken world she inhabits deftly captures grief and the struggle to live within its lifelong specter.”—Bret Lott, author of *Jewel* and *A Song I Knew by Heart*

“Against the themes of loss and mourning in this radiant novel are balanced those of nurturing and hope.”—Roy Hoffman, author of *Chicken Dreaming Corn*

“Rendered in spare and original prose, *The Sign for Drowning* is a piercing and poignant tale of loss and love. Rachel Stolzman writes from the heart and speaks to the heart. This haunting first novel is the story of unspeakable horror and extraordinary beauty.”—Patty Dann, author of *Mermaids*

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