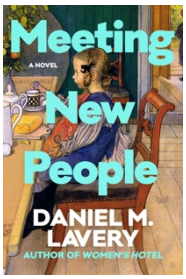
The Betsy-Tacy Society Celebrates Writing This November

In November we are hosting **four** Drop-In Writers Lounges! Each week, a prolific author and BT fan will kick off our time together with some words of writerly wisdom and an opportunity for Q&A before we go into our two-hour block of quiet writing together. We are excited to present this diverse and glittery line-up of guest authors!



November 1, 1–3:30 pm CDT: Daniel M. Lavery



danielmlavery.com/

Danny Lavery co-founded the website *The Toast*, served as Slate's "Dear Prudence" advice columnist, and publishes the biweekly literary newsletter "The Chatner" at Substack. His books include *Texts From Jane Eyre*, *Women's Hotel*, and *Meeting New People*. Says Danny, "I grew up reading the first four Betsy-Tacy books, but I didn't come across any of the books set in high school until after HarperCollins reissued them in the early 2000s. It was such an unexpected pleasure to discover more of the series after I'd reached that age myself."



November 11, 6:30–9 pm CDT: Claudia Mills



claudiamillsauthor.com/

Claudia is the author of more than 60 children's books. She says, "When I was six years old, my mother gave me a blank notebook and told me that this was to be my poetry book. This was the beginning of my life as a writer." Claudia taught philosophy at the college level for several decades, and she currently teaches in the graduate programs in children's literature at Hollins University in Roanoke. In her latest book, *Calliope Callisto Clark and the Search for Wisdom*, she decided to have protagonist Callie fall in love with the thrilling ideas of Claudia's all-time favorite philosopher: the great Stoic Epictetus.



November 22, 1–3:30 pm CDT: Lorna Landvik



lornalandvik.com

Lorna Landvik is a proud Norwegian native of Minnesota. She says, "When I was a girl, I thought Maud Hart Lovelace wrote the Betsy-Tacy series for me. Even though the books were set in the early 1900s, I was Betsy, the girl who wanted to be a writer and was able to talk her friends into mischief. I also devoured the Little House on the Prairie books – but in a cage match I believed Caddie Woodlawn would whup Laura Ingalls Wilder." She has written 13 novels so far, and one – *Oh My Stars* – was made into a short film. (Lorna writes *very* entertainingly about the cinematic-ness of her books on her website!)



November 29, 1–3:30 pm CDT: Flynn Meaney



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Elizabeth Flynn Meaney grew up in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Using the Betsy Ray method, she began sending out stories to magazines in her teens. After hundreds of snail-mail rejections, she finally published short stories, poems, and three YA novels: *Bloodthirsty*, *The Boy Recession*, and *Bad Habits*. She is an alumna of the University of Notre Dame with an MFA in poetry from Hunter College. She currently lives in the Montparnasse area of Paris, just a short walk from the restaurant where Fitzgerald and Hemingway first met. She looks forward to connecting with other November writers!

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