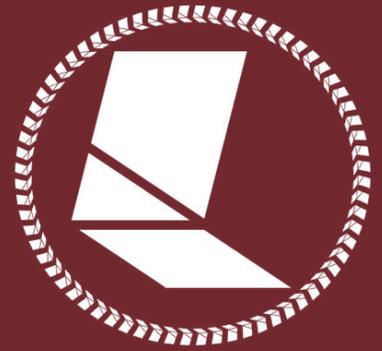
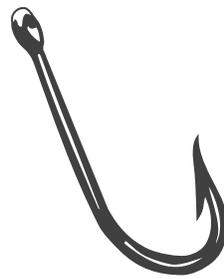


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THE GIFTS WE KEEP

Katie Grindeland

Sales Hook

THE GIFTS WE KEEP by Katie Grindeland is the first selected winner of the Library Writers Project to be published in a new partnership between Ooligan Press and the Multnomah County Library. It is an evocative story, told through the eyes of five protagonists, about family, pain, loss, and the gifts that are left in the wake of tragedy.

Book Description

Dangerous secrets, past tragedies, and a violent obsession are forced to the surface when Emerson and her estranged family agree to care for ten-year-old Addie. Emerson's cold exterior covers her pain from her husband's suicide a decade past. Tillie buries herself in art and gardening, avoiding her own questions about the accident that left her in a wheelchair. Eve flits through life as though nothing is important. Henry leaps from one adulterous relationship to another while guilt and secrets eat away at him. Addie has her own hardships to deal with, being far from her home in Alaska and living with these strangers. Her quiet demeanor, inquisitive nature, and uncanny ability to recognize pain in others spark change within this family. If these five can face their true selves, each other, and their past, they just might find a way forward to a life filled with love and happiness.

Special Feature

The Multnomah County Library Writers Project

Ooligan Press and the Multnomah County Library have created a unique partnership celebrating Portland's local authors and libraries. The Multnomah County Library Writers Project is an annual writing contest, with Librarian selected winners added to the library's ebook shelves. Now, Ooligan Press will be publishing a winner from the Library's contest each year. The Gifts We Keep is the first title from this new partnership.

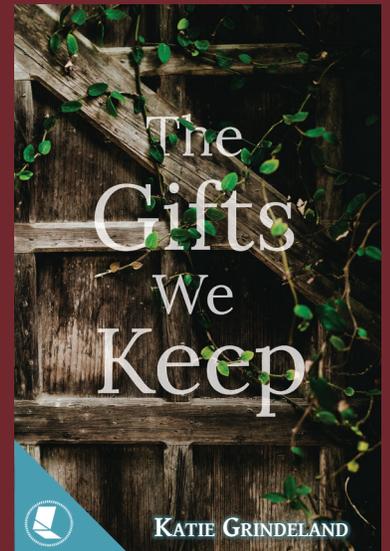
Key Selling Points

Library Writers Project Winner ♦ Beach Read ♦ Promotes Local Authors ♦ Characters over 40 ♦ LGBTQ+ Themes ♦ Disability Themes

Audience

Primary Audience: women ages thirty-five to fifty-five interested in a hard-to-put-down, family/romance beach read

Secondary Audience: People interested in fiction with LGBTQ+ themes and plotlines.



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Edition: First

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FIC045000 FICTION / Family Life

/ General FIC027300 FICTION /

Romance / LGBT / General

FIC031100 FICTION / Thrillers /

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Author Bio

The Gifts We Keep is Katie Grindeland's first book and winner of the 2016 Multnomah County Library Writers Project. Grindeland is from Bellevue, Washington, and graduated from Marylhurst University with a bachelors in psychology and a minor in professional writing. When she is not busy working as a 911/Police/Fire Dispatcher in Portland, Oregon, she enjoys hiking and spending time with her two teenagers.

Comparative Titles

- *The Light in Summer: A Butternut Lake Novel*, Mary McNear. William Morrow. June 20, 2017. ISBN-10: 0062690477 ISBN-13: 978-0062690470. 384 pages. \$15.99 LTD: 6,971
- *At the Waterline*, Brian K. Friesen. Ooligan Press. May 1, 2017. ISBN-10: 1932010920 ISBN-13: 978-1932010923. 276 pages. \$16.95 LTD: 881
- *The Sunlit Night*, Rebecca Dinerstein. St. Martins Press. May 1, 2016. ISBN-10: 1632861143 ISBN-13: 978-1632861146. 272 pages. \$16.00 LTD: 2,125
- *The Wedding Sisters*, Jamie Brenner. Macmillan. June 1, 2016. ISBN-10: 1250045746 ISBN-13: 978-1250045744. \$15.99 LTD: 7,062

Marketing And Publicity Highlights

- The book will be marketed along with the Multnomah County Library Writers Project
- By the library and by Ooligan Press. All marketing will be in collaboration with the library.
- Katie Grindeland will do a library book tour.

Table Of Contents

The story is crafted linearly, from the point of view of the five protagonists. Each protagonist represents a different element:

- Henry – stone
- Eve – air
- Tillie – earth
- Addie – moon
- Emerson – ice (followed by water)

Additionally, the book is divided into nine thematic-based sections (each of the five characters has a chapter in each section):

- Begins
- Reads a Sign
- Shares a Secret
- Makes a Discovery
- Slips
- Deals
- Opens it Up
- Leaps
- Resolve

About Ooligan Press

Ooligan Press is a general trade publisher rooted in the literary tradition of the Pacific Northwest. A region widely recognized for its unique and innovative sensibilities, this small corner of America is one of the most diverse in the United States, comprising urban centers, small towns, and wilderness areas. Its residents range from ranchers, loggers, and small business owners to scientists, inventors, and corporate executives. From this wealth of culture, Ooligan Press aspires to discover works that reflect the values and attitudes that inspire so many to call the Northwest their home.

Founded in 2001, Ooligan is a teaching press dedicated to the art and craft of publishing. Affiliated with Portland State University, the press is staffed by students pursuing master's degrees in an apprenticeship program under the guidance of a core faculty of publishing professionals.

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