

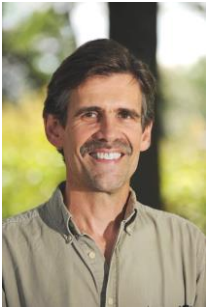
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November 9, 2022 Program
12:00 Noon at the Fortnightly of Chicago

Author Tom Montgomery-Fate

Finding the Way Home



The speaker for FAW's November luncheon is Tom Montgomery-Fate, the author of six books of creative nonfiction such as *Cabin Fever*, a nature memoir (Beacon Press), and *Steady and Trembling*, a spiritual memoir (Chalice Press). Tom's writing makes the everyday seem extraordinary and finds beauty in sadness. Stories from his life resonate with our own.

A regular contributor to the *Chicago Tribune*, his essays have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Orion*, *The Iowa Review*, *Christian Century*, *Fourth Genre*, *River Teeth*, and many others. You may have heard him on NPR, PRI and Chicago Public Radio. An engaging speaker as well as writer, Tom will read from his new book *The Long Way Home: Detours and Discoveries* and discuss his writing life. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this much respected local author.

Online Reservations no Longer Available

Thank you for trying out the system last month and thank you Karen Baker for creating such a smooth system. However, this currently places an undue strain on the tireless women (Pat Adelberg, Carol Eshaghy) who work so hard to organize the attendance and create the tables you want, so again, as always, reserve by phone.

Luncheon reservations and cancellations are due no later than 6:00 PM Thursday November 3rd.

**Call: Pat Adelberg - (847) 588-0911
or Peggy Kuzminski - (cell) (773) 710-863
for reservations**

Menu for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – FAW Lunch

Apple & celery root soup, spiced pecans
Sage-roasted chicken breast, Autumn Harvest wild rice, haricot vert,
cranberry ginger jam
Pumpkin coconut panna cotta, pepita cookie

You don't want to miss this event! Make your reservation ASAP. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon in the main floor dining room of the Fortnightly Club of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place. The Fortnightly has COVID-19 safety measures in place. The seating is tables of 6 – 8 socially distanced. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. **Please remember that vegetarian meal requests are special order, and the Fortnightly chef only prepares the number of meals that are requested. Do not ask the staff for a vegetarian meal at the luncheon if you did not pre-order one at the time of your reservation.**

- ✓ Cost is \$45.00 Pay by check(preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also.
- ✓ Vegetarian meals should be requested at the time you make your reservation.
- ✓ You must call to cancel your reservation, otherwise you will still be charged.
- ✓ Group reservations - please only have one person make the group request to avoid confusion.
- ✓ You may request a permanent (standing) reservation for all the meetings. You must then call and cancel any program you can't attend—otherwise FAW is still charged for your meal and we must charge you.



Dear FAW members and friends of literature,

October has been a fine time to be in Chicago, with spectacular fall colors and summer-like weather. The weather will have changed by the time you read this newsletter, but we can look forward to a luncheon at the Fortnightly on November 9. Tom Montgomery Fate will read from his new book, *A Long Way Home* and will discuss his writing life. I find comfort and wisdom in Tom's writing and readings, and I think you will too. In an interview in *The Daily Iowan*, Tom states, "I want readers to feel like they can find their story in mine." Also on the 9th, we will meet our scholarship winner, Tyler Odeneal, a student in the Columbia College MFA Program. Our Patron Fund provides for these scholarships. We are grateful for members' generosity and for our Foundation Trustees.

In other news, a friend of FAW, Joe Meno, has a new book, *The Book of Extraordinary Tragedies*. Meno was a speaker at our luncheon a few years ago. He was an engaging speaker and told us that he delivered flower arrangements to the Fortnightly in his salad days. Remember to call in your reservations by November 3 at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you at The Fortnightly.

Sincerely,
Ida Hagman

Message from Roberta Gates, Foundation Fund Chair

TYLER ODENEAL WINS FAW'S 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Tyler Odeneal, an MFA candidate studying fiction writing at Columbia College Chicago, is the winner of this year's \$3,000 scholarship. Tyler's fiction and poetry have either been published or will soon be published in *Furrow Literary Magazine*; *Genre: Urban Arts*; *580 Split*; *Masks Literary Magazine*; and elsewhere. He was also a finalist for the 2021 Arthur Flowers Flash Fiction Prize.

Tyler will be accompanied by Garnett Kilberg Cohen, his advisor and a professor at Columbia College Chicago .



Roberta Gates, Karen Burnett and Doris Roskin, who currently serve as trustees of the Foundation Fund, want to thank the many members who have contributed to the Foundation this year and in all previous years. Without you, our scholarship program would not exist!

FAW NEWS

▣ **Awards Committees** - Both the Young People's Literature and Adult Literature committees report a solid beginning to the reading year. The committees have met and the evaluation and discussion of books is underway.

▣ **In Memoriam** - It is with sadden hearts that we report the death of past FAW member, Shirley Baugher. We will remember Shirley and her million-in-one smile. Her editions of the FAW Newsletter were works of art with many original articles. Shirley was also a contributor to the FAW Literature committee and led many Reader & Reviewer meetings. We will miss her deeply.

▣ **FAW Member Handbook distribution** - The member handbook will be distributed at the November & December meetings. Attend the meeting and pick up your handbook.