

Chicago book news: Henríquez, MacLean paperbacks released

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The paperback edition of **Cristina Henríquez's** latest novel, "The Book of Unknown Americans," was published by Vintage March 3. It follows the children of two immigrant families who fall in love after the injury sustained by the daughter of one family forces them to relocate to the United States from Mexico. Henríquez lives in Hinsdale.

→"The Answer to the Riddle Is Me" by **David Stuart MacLean** will be published in paperback by Mariner March 10. In the memoir, MacLean recounts how antimalarial medication he took while traveling in India caused him to lose his memory and hallucinate. MacLean lives in Chicago.

→"From King to Obama" by **Earl Ofari Hutchinson** was published by Middle Passage Feb. 7. The journalist, broadcaster and activist looks back at his career and life. Hutchinson was born in Chicago and lived on the South Side until he was a teenager.

→"Sammy Sparrow's First Flight" by **Tracy Ahrens** recently was published by Guardian Angel. In the children's book, a sparrow breaks his parents' rules by attempting to fly before he's ready, only to be brought back home by an owl. A donation of \$2 from each book purchased through Ahrens' website (tracyahrens.weebly.com) will be made to one of nine animal shelters in Chicagoland. Ahrens lives in Momence.

→"For the Love of Pumpkins" by **Marilyn Alice Tuckman** was published by Dorrance. The cookbook contains 100 recipes that use fresh or canned pumpkin, or hulled pumpkin seeds. Tuckman lives in Elk Grove Village.

→"Of Irish Blood" by **Mary Pat Kelly** was published by Forge Feb. 3. In the historical novel, a young, Irish-American woman living in Chicago moves to Paris in the early 1900s after a bad romance, mixing with Gertrude Stein and Sylvia Beach before being challenged to join the Irish independence movement. Kelly was born and raised in Chicago.

Recently self-published: "Marsh Township Sanitary District" by **John Kevin Scariano**, and "Ragman's Roll: The Unsung Hero of the Civil War" by **Jon Neal Wallace**.

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