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1 ByWay Books kicks off Poetry Month with Joan M. White

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4 On Saturday, April 4, at 3 p.m., ByWay Books & More,  
5 399 Canal St., kicks off poetry month with Joan M. White, along  
6 with a variety of faith-inspired poetry shared by the community.

7 White is an established poet who explores the seasons—  
8 both the seasons of a year and the seasons of human life. “Her  
9 poems are tender and quietly powerful,” said organizers in a  
10 news release, “drawing on inspiration from nature, humanity, and  
11 spirituality. With an intuitive connection to nature, her collection

12 captures the beauty of loss and resilience which define our  
13 shared experience.”

14 “This luminous collection offers poems of immediacy  
15 and depth,” said Rafe Martin, author of *The Rough-Face Girl*,  
16 “With a disarming naturalness that belies the depth of knowledge  
17 of poetic tradition, of the world, and of Zen. [...] Reading them, I  
18 found myself surprised, delighted, and grateful.”

19 White’s work has been published in *Cider Press Review*,  
20 NPR’s On Being blog, Abstract magazine, and *Burningwood*  
21 *Literary Journal*, among others. She lives in Shelburne and is a  
22 practicing Zen Buddhist and student at the Vermont Zen Center.  
23 She edits the Center’s publication *Walking Mountains*, and she  
24 offers seasonal workshops in haiku.

25 She says she draws inspiration from her work in social  
26 justice philanthropy, wandering in the woods and wetlands, and  
27 reading about space and time.

28 White’s collection, *a commoner’s prayer*, will be  
29 available for purchase.

30 This event also includes several readers who will share  
31 poetry from Rumi, Joan Halifax, and others. The event will  
32 conclude with Stanford M. Forrester/sekiro, a haiku poet.  
33 Forrester is a former president of the Haiku Society of America  
34 and is the founding editor of *bottle rockets*, a haiku journal.

35 Michael Ketchek, former editor of Frogpond and author  
36 of *Haiku Detective*, says, “Forrester’s *designated driver* is an  
37 enjoyable ride. His poems are insightful, often humorous, and  
38 always packing a bit of truth.”

39 For more information, contact ByWay Books: 802-490-  
40 8014, [contact@bywaybooks.co](mailto:contact@bywaybooks.co), or visit [bywaybooks.co](http://bywaybooks.co).

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