

Abel Antiques
Vintage Bead Trunk Show

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
October 7, 8, 9

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Harvest Festival *Dancing in the Moonlight*
Saturday, October 15th • 2-8pm

BBQ Dinner 4-6pm • \$30 per person
Includes entry, dinner & logo glass. Reserve your table!

Grape Stomp Competition Team of 2
Vineyard Tours Available

THE MICHAEL FOWLER BAND 5-8PM

Adv. Tickets Required
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Must be 21 or older

FROM MEATLOAF TO MAC 'N CHEESE,
PORTOBELLO TO PORK CHOPS AND...

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DISH

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FRI & SAT: DINNER 'TIL 1 AM
MINORS WELCOME 'TIL 9 PM • WIRELESS INTERNET

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BOOKS BY MOLLY TEMPLETON

Strange Magic

Kelly Link's small press spectacular.

MAGIC FOR BEGINNERS, short stories by Kelly Link. Small Beer Press, 2005. Hardcover, \$24.

Kelly Link writes stories about things most people are familiar with: loss, fear, missed communications, storytelling, retail jobs, revenge. She also writes stories — the same stories — about zombies, haunted houses, magical TV shows, talking cats and small men astride rabbits. Her enchanted, frightening tales have garnered her more quotes from well-regarded authors than most writers collect in a lifetime. She and her husband co-own Small Beer Press, the tiny, selective press that published her first collection, the immensely imaginative *Stranger Things Happen*, and her newest, *Magic for Beginners*.

Stranger Things Happen is a strange book. How did this small collection get so widely noticed? The fact that it's stunning, that Link has mastered the combination of subtle horror, the everyday magic of fairytales and the small, momentous events in seemingly ordinary lives — well, that makes it less surprising that the book got so much publicity, but it doesn't explain it entirely. Small press books, like great small movies and great underwatched TV shows, don't necessarily get noticed based on how good they are.

Except when they do. Link is, in her way, unmatched: Her strength is not just in her prodigious imaginative powers but in her simple, flowing prose and her knack for the most telling detail. "Promise me you won't believe a single word," says Zofia, the owner of a enticingly mystical tote in "The Faery Handbag," but Link might be speaking for herself: Some of her stories have the weight of urban legend, the nonsensical layers of a dream that you can't quite shake but you almost, against your better judgement, believe.

And then there are the characters.

Sometimes the most heartbreaking people in Link's stories hardly speak, like Charley, the animal shelter employee in "The Hortlak." Two convenience-store workers live in a lonely market on the edge of a chasm, selling soda to joggers, truckers and Canadians. Zombies live in the chasm; sometimes they come up and wander through the store, but they seem to be harmless. It's Charley who wounds us, both the reader and Eric, who wants to run away with her. She has to put dogs to sleep, but she takes each one for a drive first, the dog happily hanging its head out the window, ignorant of what's to come. "Whatever you do, don't get in the car with her," says Eric's coworker, Batu. He doesn't trust the dog ghosts.

The most magical of these magical stories is the titular tale, one of several stories-within-a-story and something of a paean to temples of knowledge. "The Library" is a TV show watched religiously by teenagers. Maybe. The show is irregular, the actors unknown, the main character never played by the same person. The action takes place in the Free People's World Tree Library, which is "full of all the sorts of things that one usually has to go outside to enjoy: trees and lakes and grottoes and fields and mountains and precipices (and full of indoor things as well, like books, of course)."

Link's stories are beginning to stretch out, which is, perhaps, their weakness — some magic can't be sustained. "The Cannon" and "Lull" drag a bit, the lack of resolution that works so well in other stories turning against the narrative when Link's not careful. The missteps are few, though, and only a small complaint in a book like this. While *Magic for Beginners* doesn't carry the same weight of discovery of a first read through *Stranger Things Happen*, it is nonetheless a stunning trip through a unique imagination, and well worth a read — or several. **EW**

BOOK NOTES: "The Princess in the Library: The Uses and Limitations of Narrative Form in Fiction," lecture by **Tracy Daugherty**, 6:30 pm 10/6, Baker Downtown Center. \$10 donation for non-Mid-Valley Willamette Writers members ... **Zadie Smith** reads, 7:30 pm 10/6, First Unitarian Church, Portland ... **Mary Engelbreit** signs, 7 pm 10/6, Powell's in Beaverton ... Banned Books Week kicks off 10/7 with a presentation at 7:30 pm at the Downtown Library in which local actors bring to life the words of authors and characters some people don't want you to know about ... **Julia Powell** reads from *Julie and Julia*, 7 pm 10/7, Powell's Books for Cooks and Gardeners, Portland ... **Michael Connolly** reads, 7:30 pm 10/7, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... **Brian Jacques** reads, 2 pm 10/8, Barnes & Noble ... **Patti Smith** reads, 3 pm 10/8, Powell's on Burnside ... "Seven Sherpas for the Novelist and Memoirist," a seminar with Elizabeth Lyon, Anna Maria Creekside Retirement Resort, Medford. For details call Lori, 955-9365 ... **Dan Savage** reads, 7:30 pm 10/9, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... **Alex Sanchez** reads, 7:30 pm 10/10, Powell's on Hawthorne, Portland ... **Oregonian** film critic **Shawn Levy** reads, 7:30 pm 10/10, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... **Laura LeHew**, **Gary Lark**, and **Sara Burant** read, 7 pm 10/11, Springfield Library ... **Gary Willis** speaks, 7:30 pm 10/11, First Congregational Church, Portland. \$12, \$8 college/seniors, \$5 youth ... **Rick Moody** reads, 7:30 pm 10/11, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... Haiku Showdown, 9 pm 10/12, Sam Bond's Garage. 21+. \$3 ... A Celebration of Khalil Gibran, 8 pm 10/12, Luna. \$3-\$5 ... **Tim Winton** reads, 7:30 pm 10/12, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... **Lisa Jackson**, **Carly Alexander** and **Nancy Bush** sign, noon 10/13, Thurston Book Exchange, Spfd. The authors also drop in at Barnes & Noble at 3 pm ... **Pattiann Rogers** reads, 7:30 pm 10/13, Corvallis Arts Center ... **Ha Jin** reads, 7:30 pm 10/13, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... Signing and wine-tasting to celebrate the release of *The Complete Annotated Grateful Dead Lyrics*, with **Jim Carpenter**, **David Dodd** and **Alan Trist**, 4:30 pm 10/14, Tsunami Books ... **John Daniel** reads and discusses *Rogue River Journal: A Winter Alone*, 5 pm 10/16, Tsunami Books ... **Mary Roach** reads, 7:30 pm 10/17, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... **Lex Runciman** and **Carol Ann Bassett** read, 7 pm 10/18, Downtown Library ... **John Berendt** reads, 7:30 pm 10/18, First Unitarian Church, Portland ... A Celebration of Women Poets, 8 pm 10/19, Luna. \$3-\$5 ... **Nina Marie Martinez** reads, 10/19, Annie Bloom's Bookstore, Portland ... **Laura M. MacDonald** reads, 7:30 pm 10/19, Powell's on Burnside, Portland ... Oregon Book Awards Author Tour, time TBA 10/20, Tsunami Books ... **Alice Fulton** speaks, 7:30 pm 10/20, Valley Library, OSU, Corvallis ... **Simon Winchester** speaks, 7:30 pm 10/20, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland. \$25, college/seniors \$18, high school \$5 ... **Myla Goldberg** reads, 7:30 pm 10/20, Powell's on Burnside, Portland.