

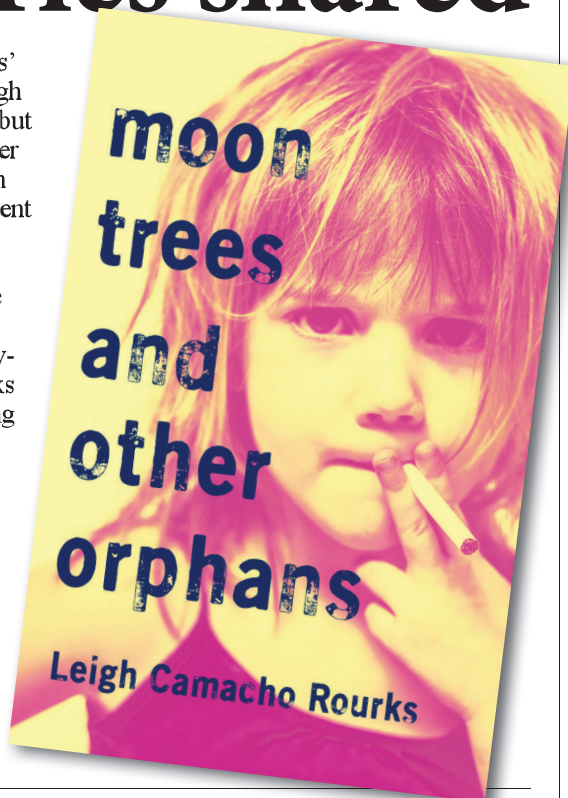
Short stories shared

MANZANITA — The Manzanita Writers' Series presents Cuban-American author Leigh Camacho Rourks who will read from her debut short story collection, "Moon Trees and Other Orphans," at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave. The event costs \$7.

"Moon Trees and Other Orphans" is a gritty collection of short stories set along the Gulf Coast, focusing on themes of desperation, loneliness and love. Filled with hard-living characters who are deeply lonely, it tracks the ways they fight for survival, often making bad decisions as they go. Populated by gun toting women, ex-cons, desperate teens and other outsiders, it is a collection about what life is like in hard places, both beautiful and dangerous.

The author lives and works in Florida, where she is an assistant professor of English and humanities at Beacon College.

'Moon Trees and Other Orphans'
By Leigh Camacho Rourks.



Support the North Coast Food Web

ASTORIA — The North Coast food producers and area food purchasers come together on Tuesday for the annual Local Food Buyer Seller Meet-Up event sponsored by North Coast Food Web.

The event happens from 10 a.m. to noon at the North Coast Food Web's kitchen, 577 18th St.

Each winter, as farmers are planning the year's crops, the organization invites both

local food buyers and sellers to discuss new opportunities for featuring locally produced foods in North Coast establishments.

Previously known as "Farmer Chef Connection," this year's event expands to local food buyers beyond restaurant chefs.

This event is free and open to all North Coast producers and purchasers. Brunch will be provided.

RSVP at northcoastfoodweb.org.

CrosswordAnswers

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