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Author Amy Bloom visits Wilton Library April 22

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library’s Visiting Author series hosts Amy Bloom, author of *Away*, on Tuesday, April 22, from 7 – 9 p.m. A nominee for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award, Bloom is the author of two novels, two collections of short stories, and has written for numerous publications including the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Vogue*, *Slate*, and *Salon*. According to Janet Maslin of the *New York Times*, Bloom’s latest novel is “alive with incident and unforgettable characters, [the] brief but epic novel illuminates as brilliantly as it entertains.” Bloom, who is currently on leave from her Creative Writing part-time lecturer position at Yale University, will be discussing *Away*, and other aspects of her writing.

As noted on the author’s website, “Panoramic in scope, *Away* is the epic and intimate story of young Lillian Leyb, a dangerous innocent, an accidental heroine. When her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian comes to America alone, determined to make her way in a new land. When word comes that her daughter, Sophie, might still be alive, Lillian embarks on an odyssey that takes her from the world of the Yiddish theater on New York’s Lower East Side, to Seattle’s Jazz District, and up to Alaska, along the fabled Telegraph Trail toward Siberia. All of the qualities readers love in Amy Bloom’s work— her humor and wit, her elegant and irreverent language, her unflinching understanding of passion and the human heart— come together in the embrace of this brilliant novel, which is at once heartbreaking, romantic, and completely unforgettable.” Books will be available for purchase and signing. The book talk is sponsored by R.J. Julia

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Booksellers of Madison, CT and Wilton Library. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is strongly recommended due to the popularity of the library's Visiting Author series. Pre-registrants should arrive by 6:50 to be guaranteed seating. Waitlisted and walk-ins will be admitted after 6:50 if space is available. To register, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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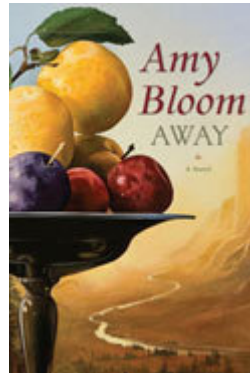


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Caption: Author Amy Bloom visits Wilton Library on Tuesday, April 22, from 7 – 9 p.m. to discuss her new book, *Away*.