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A former resident speaks

Visiting Author Leslie Garis speaks at Wilton Library Jan. 31

Wilton, CT – Although familiar characters such as Uncle Wiggley and the Bobbsey Twins may be so much a part of one’s fond childhood memories, Leslie Garis shares a different view of her youth on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Brubeck Room at Wilton Library. From her recently released book, *House of Happy Endings*, Ms. Garis will talk about her intensely personal memoir of her childhood years, growing up in a very literary, but dysfunctional family. William Grimes, book critic for *The New York Times* wrote this past summer, “Ms. Garis, a journalist best known for her profiles of literary subjects, deftly works through the evidence, constructing moving and memorable portraits of her family members, especially her doomed father, a sadly attractive figure, and her bewildered but courageous mother.” At year’s end, Grimes then went on to name the book one of the top ten picks for 2007. *Publishers Weekly* gave the book a coveted starred review, calling it “artfully stitched like a well-made quilt” and then noted, “Garis's remarkable accomplishment in this memoir is to convey the normal, the enviable and the gothic with unsentimentalized affection, grace and painful honesty.” *House of Happy Endings* encompasses three generations including Ms. Garis’s grandmother Lilian, who wrote the early Bobbsey Twins and grandfather Howard Garis, who authored Uncle Wiggley and Tom Swift volumes.

Ms. Garis, a former Wilton resident, will be signing books after the talk. Books will be available for purchase, provided by Wilton Open Book Shop. There is no charge

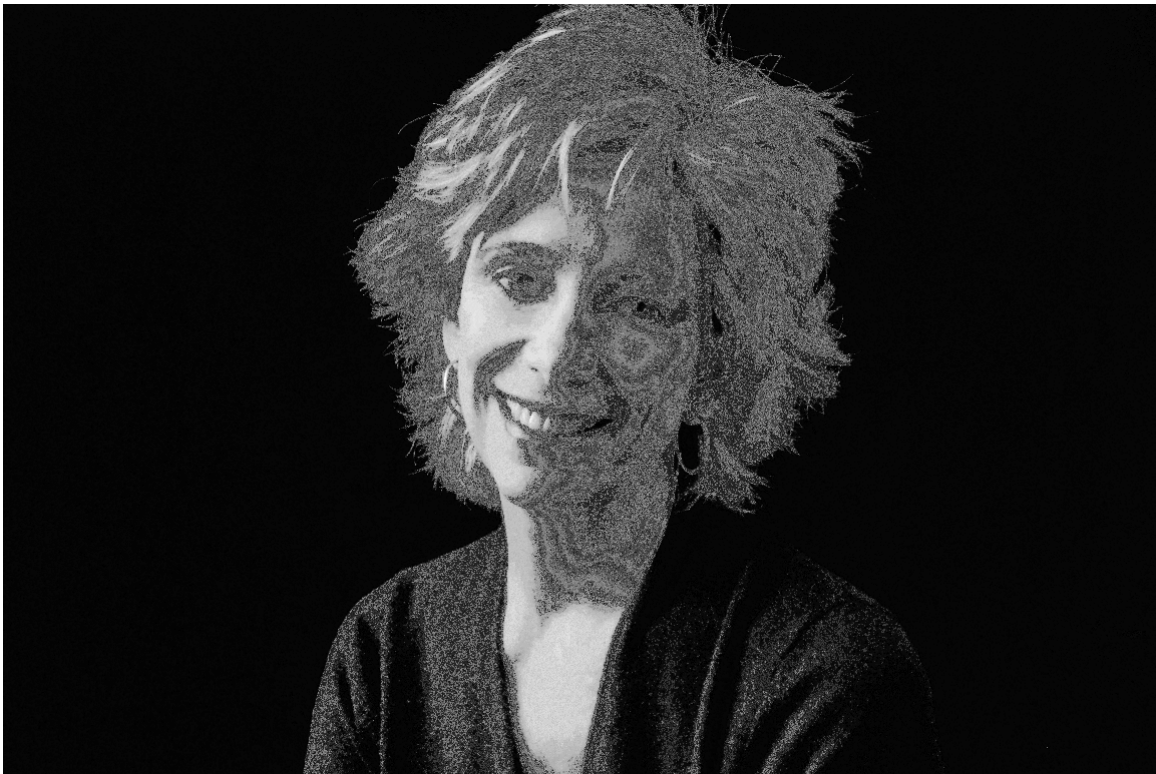
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for the program. Advance registration is strongly recommended, due to the popularity of Wilton Library's Visiting Author series. Pre-registrants must arrive by 6:50 to be guaranteed seating. After 6:50, and if space is available, wait listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted. Visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events to register or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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Caption: Author and former Wilton resident Leslie Garis speaks at Wilton Library about her book, **House of Happy Endings** on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7. Visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 for information, directions and to register. Photo credit: Gretchen Yengst.