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Poem of the Week

Revival

by Luci Shaw

March. I am beginning
to anticipate a thaw. Early mornings
the earth, old unbeliever, is still crusted with frost
where the moles have nosed up their
cold castings, and the ground cover
in shadow under the cedars hasn't softened
for months, fogs layering their slow, complicated ice
around foliage and stem
night by night,

but as the light lengthens, preacher
of good news, evangelizing leaves and branches,
his large gestures beckon green
out of gray. Pinpricks of coral bursting
from the cotoneasters. A single bee
finding the white heather. Eager lemon-yellow
aconites glowing, low to the ground like
little uplifted faces. A crocus shooting up
a purple hand here, there, as I stand
on my doorstep, my own face drinking in heat
and light like a bud welcoming resurrection,
and my hand up, too, ready to sign on
for conversion.



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Story Starter

“It had now been snowing for thirty-nine days and thirty-nine nights, and those of us who could still get out onto the roofs of our houses were all anxiously watching the sky to see how tomorrow would go...”

Where can you imagine this story going next?

Quote of the Week

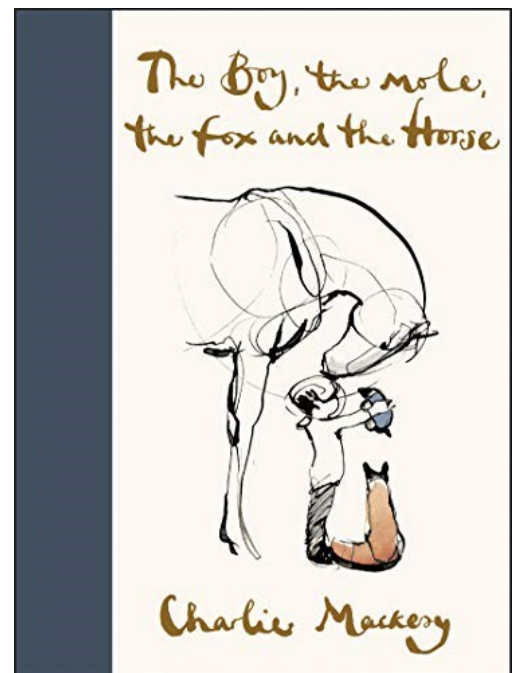
“Long before I wrote stories, I listened for stories. Listening for them is something more acute than listening to them. I suppose it’s an early form of participation in what goes on. Listening children know stories are there. When their elders sit and begin, children are just waiting and hoping for one to come out, like a mouse from its hole.”

-- Eudora Welty

Book Recommendation

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

One of the books most frequently recommended by patrons at our library! Charlie Mackesy’s gentle fable depicts a group of friends (three of whom happen to be animals) undertaking a sometimes difficult journey, and sharing their hopes and fears about vulnerability, kindness, and love with one another along the way. Featuring hand-drawn illustrations and a story suitable for all ages, the book was also adapted into an award-winning animated short film in 2022.



Have a book or poem suggestion? Want to see something new featured, or even have your own story printed? Stop by the Writer’s Group, or email the library at fpfl@mvls.info!