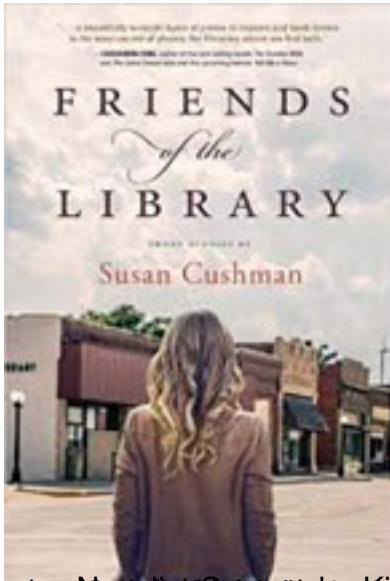




The Pat Conroy Literary Center and NeverMore Books will host Susan Cushman, author of the newly released short story collection *Friends of the Library*, for a book discussion on Tuesday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. Free and open to the public, the event will be held at NeverMore Books (702 Craven St., Beaufort) and followed by a book signing.

Cushman's fifth book, *Friends of the Library* is a collection of linked short stories. When Adele Covington becomes an author in her sixties, she goes on a book tour to speak to the Friends of the Library groups in ten small towns in her home state of Mississippi. Chasing her personal demons through the Christ-haunted South of her childhood, Adele befriends an eclectic group of wounded people and decides to tell their stories. From Eupora to Meridian, from a budding artist with an abusive husband to a seven-year-old with a rare form of cancer, each story contains elements of hope and healing and honors the heart, soul, and history of the Magnolia State.



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