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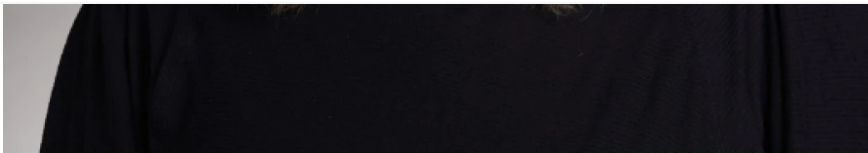
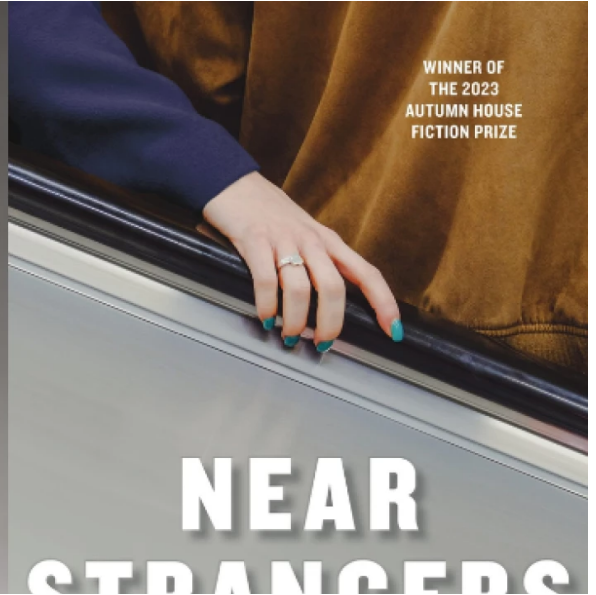


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Crotty won the Iowa Short Fiction Award for her first collection of short stories, 'What Counts as Love.'

Rebecca Faye Smith Galli also joins *Midday*. She is a columnist and author from Lutherville with [a new book of reflections and essays called 'Morning Fuel.'](#) Galli wrote the the daily compendium of thoughts to help readers start their day. The author faced a series of challenges and tragedies that inform her work, which is imbued with optimism and hope.

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