

Young Sci-Fi Author Has Andover Connections

Senior project leads to book of five stories

Press release

With his first book, *Split Track and Other Science Fiction Stories*, young author McHale Cahill, a senior at Sunapee High School, exemplifies classic science fiction elements with a personal take. Each story includes an important message on the human condition and questions its involvement with the world.

McHale's Andover connections include his mother, Tina Walker, who grew up in Andover and graduated from Proctor in 1986; and his grandmother, Donna Wiggin, who has lived her whole life in Andover.

Split Track is a quick read, yet every story contains descriptive imagery and detailed worlds that keep the pages turning. Through each story, McHale captures human themes, even if the characters aren't completely human.

"McHale's characters struggle with human problems and resolutions in far-away times and places," says Thomas Coverdale, an English teacher at Sunapee High School, "allowing him to scrutinize what it means to be an individual of today's world, in bas relief

against a culture or society that is constantly changing into what tomorrow might bring.

"Kale's nuanced fiction sets the standard in my classes – characteristically demonstrative, helping me instruct his peers to 'put the audience into the narrative.' He is undoubtedly one of the best student fiction writers that I have witnessed in 35 years of teaching."

"I write because I like to create my own worlds and tell stories within those worlds," McHale says. "Writing helps me live in worlds that can only be accessed through the imagination." The stories, while each exploring different themes of science fiction, will certainly give readers a character or message with which to relate.

Split Track was born out of McHale's senior project and has won an award from the Center for the Arts Teen Writing Competition. He wrote and self-published *Split Track* by himself using Kindle Direct. He hopes to continue writing and publishing books in the future.

Split Track is 92 pages long and is now available in paperback at Amazon, locally at Artisan's at 11 Pleasant Street, New London, or by contacting the author at yaknkvd@gmail.com.

Book Club Pick for May is Jessica Bruder's *Nomadland*

Surviving America in the 21st century

Janet Moore

Andover Libraries Trustee

The Andover Libraries Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Bachelder Library, just up Chase Hill Road in East Andover. Anyone is welcome to pick up the monthly read and come sit around and talk about books.

On Wednesday, May 25, at 7 PM, we'll be discussing Jessica Bruder's *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*.

The Great Recession of 2008 hit older adults pretty hard, so hard in fact that a number of them gave up the struggle to maintain their brick and mortar lives and took to the open road to work seasonal jobs. They moved between trailer parks and campgrounds, forming a new and often unwilling segment of society; those who couldn't afford to live on Social Security, lost their pensions, but were aged out of mainstream jobs with benefits. What they discovered was a mix of the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Amazon fulfillment centers across the country rely on their "camperforce"

workers to fill in during the fall rush toward Christmas. It's not a pretty picture, as the elderly are held to the same "standards" that pressurize the younger workers. State and federal camping associations haggle over what they term petty grievances but what the transient workers call overtime.

But the camaraderie and sense of community and downright ingenuity make the struggle worth living. Compassion rules as these nomads travel back and forth across the country, living a new kind of American dream in the retirement years.

Pick up a copy of *Nomadland* at either library and join us on the 25th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Moore at 603 735-4018 or JMPcille@tds.net.

Andover Libraries Announce March Madness Raffle Winners

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The Andover Libraries are happy to announce the recipients of the March Madness Raffle prizes. This raffle could not have happened without the generous support of Andover businesses.

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Speaker Dr. Lourdes Avilés is Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University in central New Hampshire. She is currently chair of the program and teaches a variety of courses to prepare future meteorologists.



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Refreshments will be served at 1:00 pm