

Walking Book Club Blue Collars Tour featuring locations described in Blue Collars by Catherine McLaughlin, Saturday November 10

Join Spinner Publications and South Coast Almanac on November 10, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. for a mile-long walk, and visit five spots described in the novel, *Blue Collars*, published by Spinner Publications and written by local author, Catherine McLaughlin. *Blue Collars*, tells the story of young Finn Kilroy's childhood in New Bedford's South End, as she navigates keeping a dark secret of abuse from her close and loving family. Many of the landmarks she chronicles are still present and will be visited on the walk.

South Coast Almanac is introducing the concept of walking book clubs to the area. Originating in the UK, walking book clubs are a way for people to talk about books while enjoying the outdoors and a bit of exercise. To kick off its series of walking book clubs, the Almanac is putting a decidedly local spin by choosing *Blue Collars* by local author Catherine McLaughlin in which 1950s and 60s New Bedford is vividly described.

The price of the walking tour includes the book, a treat from the New Bedford Baking Company & a tour led by Joe Thomas, Publisher of Spinner Publications and South Coast Almanac contributor Corey Nuffer. Thomas and Nuffer will read passages from the *Blue Collars* that relate to the sights and provide some historical background for the novel. Participants need

not have previously read the book to enjoy the tour. Whether you've already finished reading *Blue Collars*, or are just starting it, the tour will provide a context for the novel's setting and will enrich the reading experience.

The walking book club will take place on November 10, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. Rain date is November 11, 2018. \$24.95 (Ticket price includes the book. If you already have *Blue Collars*, \$10 will be deducted from the ticket price). The tour will meet at the entrance to the New Bedford Cove Walk on Cove Road. Parking is available at 1087 Cove Road, New Bedford. Call 781-475-4526 or email with any questions. Please reserve your space by emailing info@southcoastalmanac.com.

About South Coast Almanac

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About Spinner Publications

Spinner Publications, is a non-profit publishing house in New Bedford whose mission is to record and promote the history, stories and culture of the cities and towns of southeastern New England. For more information visit www.spinnerpub.com.