

One City One Book 2020



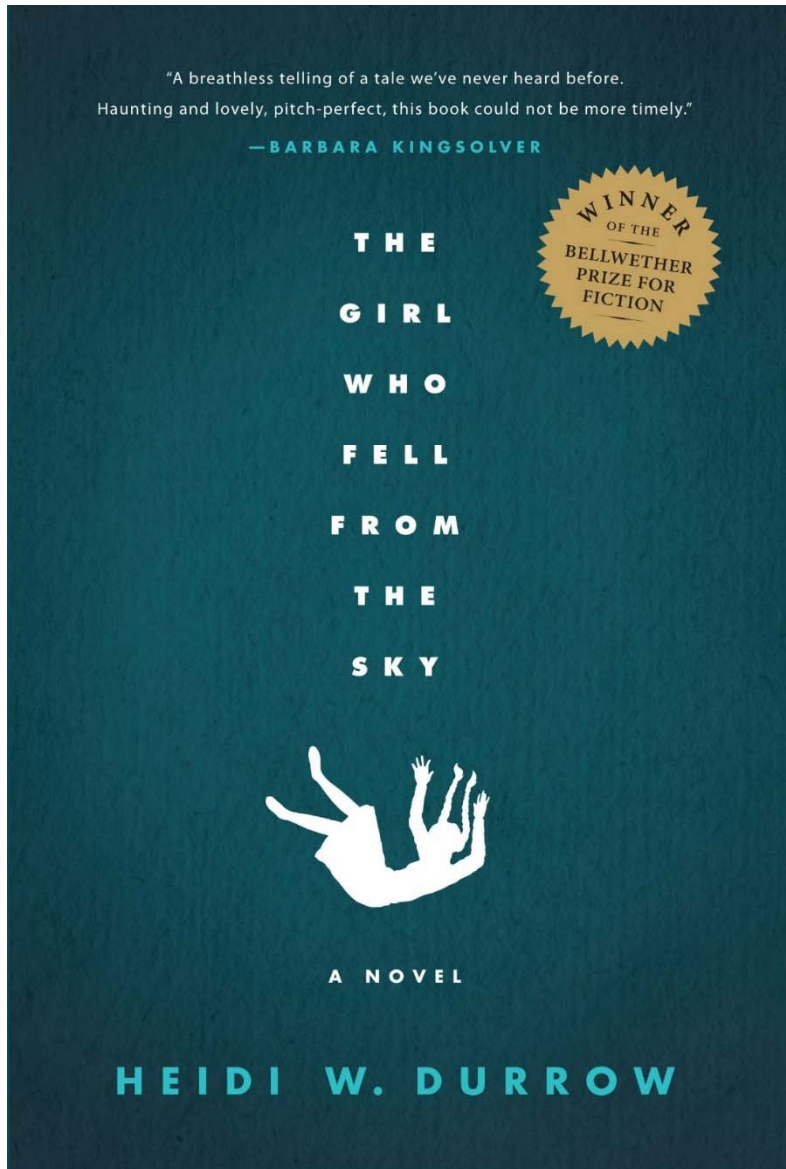
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Rachel, the daughter of a Danish mother and a black G.I., becomes the sole survivor of a family tragedy after a fateful morning on their Chicago rooftop.

Forced to move to Portland, with her strict African American grandmother as her guardian... she tries to swallow her grief... and comes to understand how the mystery and tragedy of her mother might be connected to her own uncertain identity.

This searing and heartwrenching portrait of a young biracial girl dealing with society's ideas of race and class is the winner of the Bellwether Prize for best fiction manuscript addressing issues of social justice.

Author Visit

Feb. 27, 2020 | 6:30pm

McLoughlin Auditorium

Heidi W. Durrow is the New York Times best-selling author of *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*, which received writer Barbara Kingsolver's *PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction*.

She heads the Mixed Remixed Festival, which celebrates stories of the Mixed race and multiracial experience, and hosts a podcast called *The Mixed Experience*.

Heidi is a graduate of Stanford, Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism and Yale Law School. She also attended Portland Community College.



Major themes & programming ideas

- Motherhood
- Coming of age
- Self-identity/self-creation
- Trauma and loss
- Racial identity
- Racism
- Migration
- Multi-generational homes
- “Home”
- Gentrification
- Etc...
- Classroom & curricular tie-ins
- STEM Talk about trauma & the brain
- Guest lectures
- Discussion groups
- Storytelling circles
- Jazz programs
- Birdwatching
- Race and Place discussions
- Veterans programs
- Etc...