

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
To a Book Release Party and Sacred Blessing
for STRANDS, a novel by S. Elise Peeples

Saturday, March 20 6:30-8:30 pm
Home of Truth, 1300 Grand St. in Alameda



We will feature:

- a reading from the book
- a conversation between Elise and Medicine Woman Owlsnake on how this book came into being and the role Elise's grandmother Harriet's played in it.
- Ceremony led by Elenna Rubin Goodman
- Music by Spirit Jams

Please bring:

- Finger food to share
- Pictures or items that you associate with your ancestors to place on altars.

Be prepared to celebrate!

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Are there stories in your family passed down from generation to generation which actually conceal more than they reveal? How much do these fabrications actually determine who you are? Even if the ancestors who lived those lives are dead, is there a way to listen with the "third ear" of our imaginations to uncover the truth and bring healing?

At her seventieth birthday party Emma's eyes are drawn to a photograph of herself as a six-year-old child sitting in a wicker chair. Suddenly she realizes she is glimpsing the moment the child began to smile, not for herself, but for others, when the little girl's spirit went into hiding. Feeling dizzy, Emma wonders, where did she go?

Growing up, Emma heard frightening stories about her biological mother: that she hadn't wanted to be a mother and was so crazy she had to be locked up more than thirty years in a mental institution. Emma buried those stories and went about living the most normal, predictable life she could: minister's wife, mother of three, community volunteer. Predictable was how she liked it.

However, in the weeks following the party, Emma finds it impossible to slip back into her comfortable old roles. She is propelled into an alternative reality where secrets are clamoring to be revealed.

Emma is drawn to Ireland to a Peace Weaving workshop where she lives alone by the sea and attends classes. Listening with her third ear to the elements outside the windows, she is bequeathed surprising, even shocking, secrets of her mother line that further reunite her with her long lost spirit, opening up unimagined creativity and changing everything.

Emma's moving pilgrimage is not just fiction, but is also an invitation to each of us to venture through the portals of our own histories and weave the strands we discover there into imaginative and meaningful lives.

STRANDS

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She is the founder of Sound Rivers (www.SoundRivers.net) where she plays and teaches didgeridoo for healing purposes; is Executive Director of Art Between Us, Inc. (www.ArtBetweenUs.org) which specializes in collaborative art; and partner in Heart Passages (HeartPassages.com) which uses collaboration to design unique rituals for all occasions. She lives in Berkeley, California with her poet/writer husband, Adam David Miller (www.adamdavidmillerpoet.com) and her cat Tito.