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**April 15, 2018**



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[Special Event: The Newcomers/Helen Thorpe, 4/18, 6pm](#)

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**RSVP Now! Space limited**

## **The Newcomers ~ a very special book signing with Helen Thorpe**

**Public Event! Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

**6:00 -7:00 p.m., DWPC Clubhouse**

**Free of charge; \$5 donation gratefully accepted**



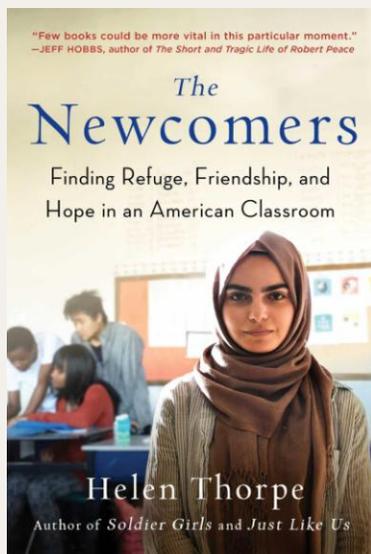
The United States is at a political crossroads around questions of immigration, multiculturalism and America's role on the global stage.

In *The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship, and Hope in an American Classroom*, Helen Thorpe's intensive,

yearlong reporting puts a human face on these debates: 22 newly arrived teenagers taking a beginner-level English Language Acquisition class at South High School in Denver. Their story is timely, important, and inspirational.

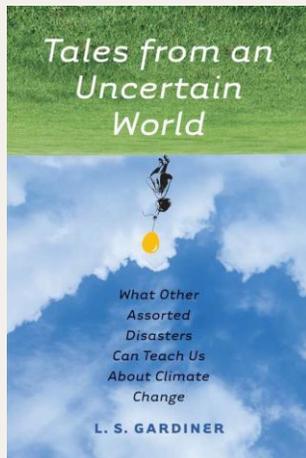
The teenagers in Mr. Williams's class, from Syria, Iraq, Burma, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of Congo and other war-torn places, arrive with a limited grasp of English and of American culture in general. Still, they are teenagers: irrepressible, passionate, adaptive.

Readers learn about their families, the harrowing journeys that brought them to Denver, and how badly the students and their families want to "be American." Together, these stories create an urgent portrait of the real crisis of displaced people around the globe, and a reminder that American wars overseas inevitably send refugees to our shores.



A widely acclaimed journalist and storyteller, Helen Thorpe has been a staff writer for the *New York Observer*, *The New Yorker*, and *Texas Monthly*. She has also written freelance stories for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Slate*, *5280* and other publications. She is the author of two previous books focusing on timely issues impacting women: *Just Like Us*, and *Soldier Girls*. Click here for more about Helen Thorpe: <https://www.helenthorpe.com/>

**RSVP to Faith Marcovecchio by April 16 at [faithnick@msn.com](mailto:faithnick@msn.com). Everyone is welcome.**



**Public Event Celebrating Earth Day 2018!**  
**Book signing with L.S. Gardiner: *Tales from an Uncertain World***

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DWPC Clubhouse

Free of charge; \$5 donation gratefully accepted

So far, humanity hasn't done very well in addressing the ongoing climate catastrophe. Veteran science educator L. S. Gardiner believes we can learn to do better by understanding how we've dealt with other types of environmental risks in the past and why we are dragging our feet in addressing this most urgent emergency.

Weaving scientific facts and research together with humor and emotion, Gardiner explores human responses to earthquakes, fires,

invasive species, volcanic eruptions and more in order to illuminate why we find it so challenging to deal with climate change. Instead of focusing on the economics and geopolitic

s of climate change, *Tales from an Uncertain World* brings large-scale disaster to a human scale, emphasizing the role of the individual.

L.S. Gardiner is the author of two children's books about science. She works at the UCAR Center for Science Education and resides in Boulder.

**RSVP to Faith Marcovecchio by April 24 at [faithnick@msn.com](mailto:faithnick@msn.com).**

Everyone is welcome.



**Coming up soon! Special Member Event**  
***The Changing World of Media and Healthcare***

**with author Judy Graham**

**Thursday, May 3**

**5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.**

**DWPC Clubhouse**

**Dinner: \$18 per person**

For most of Judy Graham's three-decade-plus career as a journalist, she's written about healthcare and how people navigate this complex, baffling system of doctors, hospitals, insurance companies, nursing homes, and other kinds of care. For the past seven years, she's focused increasingly on the nexus between aging and health. Judy now writes a column, "Navigating Aging," for *Kaiser Health News*, and runs a Facebook Group on



aging: [www.facebook.com/groups/navigatingaging](http://www.facebook.com/groups/navigatingaging). There, she posts articles about aging and encourages discussions among its nearly 900 members. In this talk, Judy will discuss the changing world of the media and healthcare. She'll also feature some of the topics she's written about recently in her columns and what they tell us about how to age well.

Judy Graham has been a journalist for 35 years. Her first newspaper job was at the *Denver Post*; she moved from there to the *Chicago Tribune*, where she was a correspondent for 14 years.

**RSVP to Faith Marcovecchio by May 1 at [faithnick@msn.com](mailto:faithnick@msn.com). Members and their guests are welcome.**

### Member News and Items of Interest

## Member Meetup Happy Hour! Come One, Come All!

Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

No formal program, just friendly conversation and sharing. Food = pot luck! We are holding these meet-ups every couple of months. RSVP please to Membership Chair, Joan Sherman: [jsherman\\_276@msn.com](mailto:jsherman_276@msn.com)

## We Need You! DWPC Board of Directors Openings:

*"Ask not what your club can do for you; Ask what you can do for your club!"*

**We need a Treasurer asap! No need to be a math major or rocket scientist, just care about the club and its mission.**

Please contact Nominations Committee Chair, Helen Masterson at [helen@guestguidepublications.com](mailto:helen@guestguidepublications.com)

**Got News?** If you have interesting news or announcements, send your notices to eConnect Editor by each Saturday of the week: Marcia Goldstein: [marciagold@msn.com](mailto:marciagold@msn.com)

## **DWPC Calendar (all events at DWPC Clubhouse)**

### **April, 2018:**

- **Special Event: *The Newcomers*, with Helen Thorpe**, Wednesday, April 18th, 6-7pm -- public welcome!
- **Member Meetup:** Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
- **Poetry Event:** Saturday, April 21, 1-3 p.m. for more information contact Anita Jepson-Gilbert: [anitajg5@aol.com](mailto:anitajg5@aol.com)
- **Special Event: *Tales from an Uncertain World*, with L. S. Gardiner**, Thursday, April 26th, 6-7 pm -- Public welcome!
- **Mark Your Calendar! Annual Meeting:** Monday, April 30, 2018, 5:30 p.m. **Members only dinner.**

### **May, 2018: planning ahead**

- **Member Dinner: The Future of Health Care with Judith Graham,** Sunday, May 3, 2018, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Listen to Your Mother:** special readings honoring our Mothers, Saturday, May 12, 2018, 2-4 p.m.
- **Poetry Event with Marjorie Power:** May 19, 2018, 2-4 p.m.
- **Book signing and workshop with Bonnie McCune and cohorts:** Sunday May 20, 2018, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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