



Somehow: Thoughts on Love

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Loyola Academy, McGrath Family Performing Arts Center

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In *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, beloved bestselling author **Anne Lamott** explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. “Love just won’t be pinned down,” she says. “It is in our very atmosphere” and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love.

In each chapter of *Somehow*, Lamott refracts all the colors of the spectrum. She explores the unexpected love for a partner later in life. The bruised (and bruising) love for a child who disappoints, even frightens. The sustaining love among a group of sinners, for a community in transition, in the wider world. The lessons she underscores are that love enlightens as it educates, comforts as it energizes, sustains as it surprises.

Lamott is the author of multiple *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Dusk, Night, Dawn; Almost Everything; Hallelujah Anyway; Small Victories; Stitches; Help, Thanks, Wow; Some Assembly Required; Grace (Eventually); Plan B;* and *Traveling Mercies*, as well as several novels. She is a past recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an inductee to the California Hall of Fame.

Lamott will be in conversation with **Heidi Stevens**, Director of External Affairs for the University of Chicago’s TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health, and creative director for Parent Nation, an initiative of the TMW Center. Prior to joining TMW, Stevens worked at the *Chicago Tribune* for 23 years, where she wrote a daily column called “Balancing Act.” She maintains a weekly nationally syndicated column. Stevens also serves as a FAN board member.

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