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## LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON

## In Conversation with Special Guest, Meg Wolitzer



March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Ticketing information below

Join Fairfield University Bookstore for a special evening with *New York Times* bestselling, award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson, in celebrating the release of her new book, *SHOUT*.

Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. In 1999, her groundbreaking, award-winning novel Speak opened the door for a national dialogue about rape culture and consent. Now, twenty years later, she reveals her personal history as a rape survivor in a searing poetic memoir, *SHOUT*.

In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. Searing and soul-searching, devastating and triumphant, *SHOUT* is a denouncement of our society's failures and a love letter to all the people with the courage to say #MeToo and #TimesUp, whether aloud, online, or only in their own hearts.

## **IMPORTANT TICKETING & ENTRY INFORMATION:**

- This event will be held at Fairfield University Bookstore, and tickets are required for entry. Purchase your ticket
  package here: <u>http://bit.ly/2Ep6ILD</u>
- Please note that this event is for mature audiences only; children under 13 will not be admitted.
- General admission is \$17.99, and includes a copy of *SHOUT* and entrance to the signing line.
- Student tickets are \$5, and can be used as a \$5 coupon towards the purchase of SHOUT at the event.
- Student tickets will only be honored with presentation of a valid student ID; these will be checked at the door.
- You must purchase a copy of *SHOUT* via a General Admission ticket or from Fairfield University Bookstore to enter the signing line.

Laurie Halse Anderson is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens, and new adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies. She has been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award three times, and two of her books were National Book Award finalists. Laurie has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship and the National Council of Teachers of English; in addition to combating censorship, she regularly speaks about the need for diversity in publishing and is a

member of RAINN's National Leadership Council. Laurie lives in Philadelphia, where she enjoys cheesesteaks while she writes. Find out more about Laurie by following her on Twitter and Instagram at @halseanderson or by visiting her website, madwomanintheforest.com.

**Meg Wolitzer** was born in Brooklyn, New York, studied Creative Writing at Smith College, and graduated from Brown University (where she wrote her first published novel, *Sleepwalking*, while still an undergraduate). She is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of numerous novels for adults, including *The Interestings, The Ten-Year Nap, The Wife*, and *The Female Persuasion*; the young adult novel *Belzhar*; as well as the middle-grade novels *The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman* and *To Night Owl From Dogfish*, co-authored with Holly Goldberg Sloan.