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Simon Van Booy was born in London and grew up in rural Wales and Oxford. After playing football in Kentucky, he lived in Paris and Athens. He is the author of two short story collections: *The Secret Lives of People in Love* and *Love Begins in Winter*, which won the 2009 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. His highly anticipated novel, *Everything Beautiful Began After*, is now available from Harper Perennial. Van Booy is also the editor of three philosophy books, *Why We Fight*, *Why We Need Love*, and *Why Our Decisions Don't Matter*, and a children's book, *Pobble's Way*. His essays have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* (London). Van Booy was a finalist for the 2010 Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise, and his work has been translated into thirteen languages. He lives in New York City, where he teaches at the School of Visual Arts and is involved in the Rutgers Early College Humanities program for young adults living in underserved communities. www.simonvanbooy.com

A typical event may include: lecture, reading, Q&A, book signing, workshop.

Topics include, but are not limited to: *Why We Need Love*, *Why We Fight*, *Why Our Decisions Don't Matter*, *Compassion*, *The Nature of Self-Perception*, *Animals in Art*, *The Importance of Daydreaming*, *The Unimaginable History of Love*, *Greek Mythology for Teenagers*, *The Myth of Early Literacy*, *Great Love Affairs in Classical Music*, *How to Enjoy a Life of Wealth Without Money*, *Classic European Cinema*, *How to Become a Writer*, *The Nuances of Grammar*, *How to Write Your Life as Legacy*.

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