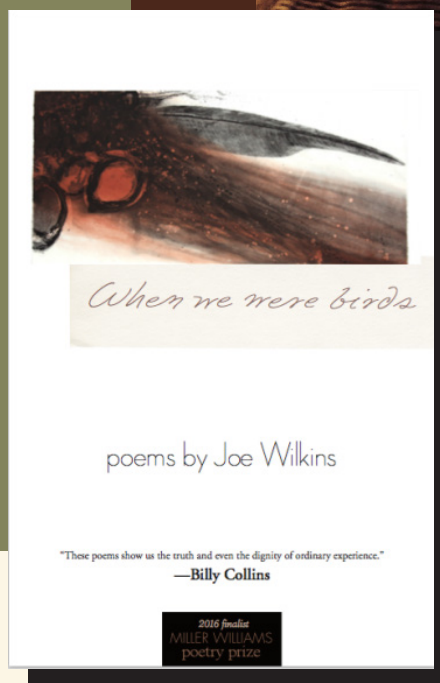




Author Joe Wilkins

Wednesday,
April 26
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**Free Writer's Workshop, 3:30-5 p.m.
Main Building, Room 145, LCC**

Reading, 7-8 p.m., Longview Public Library

Joe Wilkins is the author of a memoir, *The Mountain and the Fathers: Growing up on the Big Dry*, winner of a 2014 GLCA New Writers Award – an honor that has previously recognized early work by the likes of Richard Ford, Louise Erdrich, and Alice Munro – and two previous books of poetry, *Notes from the Journey Westward* and *Killing the Murnion Dogs*. His third full-length collection, *When We Were Birds*, was selected by Billy Collins for the Miller Williams Poetry Prize Series and was recently named a finalist for the Oregon Book Award. A Pushcart Prize winner and National Magazine Award finalist, Wilkins has published essays, poems, and stories in *The Georgia Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Ecotone*, *The Sun*, *Orion*, and *Slate*. Of Wilkins's work, the *Indiana Review* writes, "The most striking component of it is its awareness of 'the whole world.' What is ordinary becomes transcendent. In places derelict and seemingly unexceptional, Wilkins compels us to recognize what is worth salvage, worth praise." Wilkins lives with his wife, son, and daughter in western Oregon, where he directs the creative writing program at Linfield College.

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