

MELISSA SARNO

Author Visit to Highland School Monday, November 5 About the Book



Can you still have a home if you don't have a house? In the spirit of *The Truth About Jellyfish* and *Fish in a Tree* comes a stunning debut about a family struggling to find something lasting when everything feels so fleeting.

Always think in threes and you'll never fall, Cora's father told her when she was a little girl. Two feet, one hand. Two hands, one foot. That was all Cora needed to know to climb the trees of Brooklyn.

But now Cora is a middle schooler, a big sister, and homeless. Her mother is trying to hold the family together after her father's death, and Cora must look after her sister, Adare, who's just different, their mother insists. Quick to smile, Adare hates wearing shoes, rarely speaks, and appears untroubled by the question Cora can't help but ask: How will she find a place to call home?

After their room at the shelter is ransacked, Cora's mother looks to an old friend for help, and Cora finally finds what she has been looking for: *Ailanthus altissima*, the "tree of heaven," which can grow in even the worst conditions. It sets her on a path to discover a deeper truth about where she really belongs.

Just Under the Clouds will take root in your heart and blossom long after you've turned the last page.

This event has been arranged through the courtesy of Books, Bytes & Beyond, the independent children's only book seller in Glen Rock. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

We are delighted to announce that children's author Melissa Sarno will visit Highland School on Monday, November 5 to discuss her new book, *Just Under the Clouds*. The author will be speaking to students in grades 4, 5 and 6.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read, and we have arranged for both students and teachers to purchase autographed copies of their books. Please consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of an autographed book.

About the Author

Melissa Sarno is a children's writer based in the lower Hudson Valley where she lives with her husband and two children. *Just Under the Clouds*, her debut novel for middle grade readers, is out now.



The only thing she loves more than writing books is reading them. She celebrates middle grade and picture books on the B&N Kids Blog and she's the YA and Children's Book Reviews Editor for Cleaver Magazine. She also loves to hike, run, bake cakes, and take photos.

Learn more about Melissa at melissasarno.com.

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The order deadline is October 22