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Athena Kildegaard will read and sign new book

Summary: Kildegaard will read and sign her new book at the Briggs Library Sunday, February 12.

(February 7, 2012)-Athena Kildegaard, poet and lecturer, will be reading from and signing her new book, *Cloves & Honey* (Nodin Press) at two events. The first, sponsored by the Briggs Library Associates, will be on Sunday, February 12 at 7 p.m. in the McGinnis Room of the Briggs Library at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The second will be held at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 13.

Cloves & Honey came about as the result of the author's year-long discipline of writing a single love poem every day—a daunting but also satisfying project. The best of these poems, winnowed and reworked but as fresh as the day they were written, have been gathered into a single volume that tracks the seasons, the various forms love can take, the ebb and flow of domestic affection, and a host of other themes captured in daily interactions with family, friends, and the surrounding countryside. She reflects on the love-life of whales and the silences of composer John Cage, reminisces about a Chicago blues club and imagines mystic wanderings in the Hindu Kush, but through it all we feel a confident purr of affection and recognize an unerring gift for choosing the telling details.

The reading on February 12 at the University of Minnesota, Morris will also include an open mic. People are invited to read a favorite love poem—their own or by someone else. A reception will follow the reading.

On February 13 at the PRCA musician Zach Lies will also play songs of love and a reception of chocolate goodies—the food of love—will be featured.

Kildegaard's previous books of poetry are *Rare Momentum* and *Bodies of Light*, both from Red Dragonfly Press. She has received the LRAC/McKnight Fellowship and grants from the Lake Region Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Cloves & Honey is available directly from the publisher, [Nodin Press](http://NodinPress.com) it can be found at the PRCA, or purchased through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

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