

one book

With a Hammer for My Heart - Lawanda Ingle is determined to be the first person in her family to attend college and get out of Cardin, Kentucky, but there's no money, so she decides to earn her own way. While trying to sell magazine subscriptions, she meets Amos Garland, an alcoholic veteran who lives in a home fashioned from two old school buses crammed with books. They become friends in spite of her family's disapproval, but when Garland's bus is broken into and his journal is recovered by the sheriff, its rambling entries include incriminating descriptions of Lawanda. Garland is arrested for public drunkenness and is held for corrupting a minor. *With a Hammer for My Heart* is the story of healing, redemption and social responsibility.



community book discussions

Boone County Public Library

Thursday, October 2, 3 p.m.
Florence Branch

Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m.
Florence Branch

Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.
Main Library

Monday, October 13, 7 p.m.
Main Library

Monday, October 13, 7 p.m.
Walton Branch

Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.
Scheben Branch

Wednesday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.
Scheben Branch

Thursday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.
Walton Branch

Thursday, October 16, 10 a.m.
Main Library

Monday, October 20, 7 p.m.
Main Library

Thursday, October 23, 10 a.m.
Lents Branch

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m.
Main Library

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m.
Florence Branch

Campbell County Public Library

Saturday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.
Newport Branch

Friday, October 24, 11 a.m.
Cold Spring Branch

Sunday, October 26, 3 p.m.
Carrico/Ft Thomas Branch

Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m.
Carrico/Ft Thomas Branch

Grant County Public Library

Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m.

Kenton County Public Library

Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m.
Erlanger Branch

Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m.
Durr Branch

Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m.
Erlanger Branch

Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.
Mary Ann Mongan Library

Thursday, October 30, 2 p.m.
Erlanger Branch

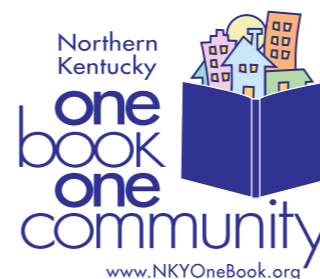
Monday, November 10, 7 p.m.
Erlanger Branch

How can you participate?

Stop by any branch of the Boone, Campbell, Grant or Kenton County Public Libraries to borrow a copy of *With a Hammer for My Heart*, or get a 10 percent discount when you purchase your own personal copy at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Read the book, attend one or more of the discussions scheduled in your community, or host your own.

In addition to reading the book and joining in the book discussions, enjoy programs with an emphasis on community and family @ your local library.

One Book, One Community is a reading program built around the shared experience of people reading and talking about the same book. Through public and private discussions, the program promotes a sense of community by facilitating the enjoyment of a great story. Come and experience the richness of the varying perspectives and ideas of our neighbors.



Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Florence - 7663 Mall Road, Florence, KY, 41042, (859) 647-6400
Newport - 1 Levee Way, Suite 2127, Newport, KY 41071, (859) 581-2000

Boone County Public Library (859) 342-BOOK (2665)
Main Library - 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005
Chapin Memorial Library - 6517 Market Street, Petersburg, KY 41080
Florence Branch - 7425 US 42, Florence, KY 41042
Scheben Branch - 8899 US 42, Union, KY 41091
Lents Branch - 3215 Cougar Path, Hebron, KY 41048
Walton Branch - 21 S. Main Street, Walton, KY 41094

Boone County Schools
8330 US Highway 42, Florence, KY 41042, (859) 283-1003

Campbell County Public Library
Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch - 1000 Highland Avenue, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075, (859) 572-5033
Cold Spring Branch - 3920 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076, (859) 781-6166
Newport Branch - 901 E. Sixth Street, Newport, KY 41071, (859) 572-5035

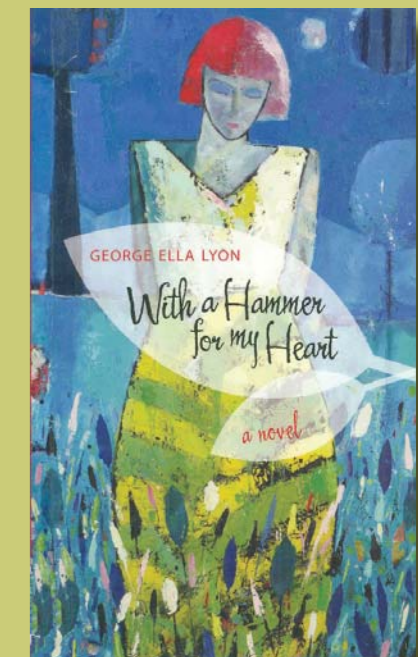
Grant County High School
715 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge, KY 41035, (859) 824-9739

Kenton County Public Library
Erlanger Branch - 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018, (859) 962-4000
Mary Ann Mongan Library - 502 Scott Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011, (859) 962-4071
Durr Branch - 1992 Walton-Nicholson Road, Independence, KY 41051, (859) 962-4030

Williamstown Independent Jr/Sr High School
300 Helton Street, Williamstown, KY 41097, (859) 824-4421



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community partners

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community friends

- Bettie Carter Morgan Woman's Club
- Boone County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
- Boone County Historical Society
- Florence Woman's Club
- Kenton County Adult Education
- Newcomers of Boone County

media partners



George Ella Lyon grew up near a small coal-mining town amid a large extended family who shared stories, music, and poetry. She began writing early in childhood and kept up with it as she progressed through college, marriage, and motherhood.

George Ella Lyon published her first book, a poetry collection called *Mountain*, in 1983. When an editor asked her if she wrote for children, Lyon replied that she did not, but the question sparked an interest in her, and she later wrote many books for children of various age groups. Many of these books used questions asked by her small children as ideas.

With a Hammer for My Heart, published in 1997, is her 22nd book, but, more significantly, it is her first novel for adults and has been translated into German. It was adapted as a play by Ed Smith and produced at Georgetown College.

She is an author who has worked in many genres, including picture books, poetry, juvenile novels, young adult novels, and scholarly articles about American literature and women's issues. Within all of these genres, she frequently focuses on the lives and concerns of the Appalachian people, particularly those in her native state, Kentucky.

Novels

- *With a Hammer for My Heart*, 1997.
- *Gina. Jamie. Father. Bear*, 2002.
- *Sonny's House of Spies*, 2004.

Poetry

- *Mountain*, 1983.
- *Catalpa*, 1993.
- *Counting on the Woods*, photographs by Ann W. Olson, 1998.
- *Where I'm From, Where Poems Come From*, 1999.

Awards

- Lamont Hall Award, Andrew Mountain Press, 1983, for *Mountain*
- Golden Kite Award, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, 1989, for *Borrowed Children*
- Kentucky Bluegrass Award, for *Basket* and *One Lucky Girl*
- Andrew Mountain Press Award, for *Mountain*
- Book of the Year Award, Appalachian Writers Association, for *Catalpa*
- Best Books of the Year citation, Publishers Weekly, for *Who Came Down that Road?*
- Jesse Stuart Media Award, Kentucky School Media Association, for body of work.

Two important themes in the literary work of George Ella Lyon are the idea of community and family. Her books typically focus on characters that discover a kinship with people of other places and other times. Through imagination and inspiration, her characters can relate to the issues of people who came before them or who live in other lands and thereby gain insights into their own problems. At the same time, George Ella Lyon explores the many relationships found within family and how these help or hinder a character's understanding of him or herself. For a list of programs with an emphasis on community and family, pick up the latest newsletter at your local library or visit our website at www.NKYOneBook.org.

author visits

Grant County Public Library

Monday, November 17, 3:30 p.m.
Teacher Workshop on Teaching Writing
George Ella Lyon provides a basic approach along with specific exercises and a list of resources.

Monday, November 17, 6 p.m.
Family Literacy Presentation
George Ella Lyon discusses the importance of reading, writing, and sharing family stories with your kids.

Kenton County Public Library

Mary Ann Mongan Library
Tuesday November 18, 9:30 a.m.
Meet the Author Program for Children
George Ella Lyon talks about the "road" she traveled to find the right words for *Mother to Tigers*. She discusses journaling and revision.
Pre-registration required; call (859) 962-4077.

Durr Branch

Tuesday November 18, 1 p.m.
Writing Workshop
George Ella Lyon stresses the abundance of material each writer has to draw on and offers a number of avenues to find that material.
Pre-registration required; call (859) 962-4031.

Erlanger Branch

Tuesday November 18, 7 p.m.
Meet the Author and Book Signing.

Boone County Public Library

Main Library
Wednesday, November 19, 1 p.m.
Meet the Author Program for Children
Pre-registration required; call (859) 342-BOOK(2665).

Main Library

Wednesday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Meet the Author and Book Signing

Campbell County Public Library

Newport Branch
Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m.
Meet the Author Program for Children (ages 4+)
Pre-registration required; call (859) 572-5035.

Cold Spring Branch

Thursday, November 20, 4 p.m.
Meet the author/journaling for teens (ages 11-18)
Pre-registration required; call (859) 781-6166.

Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.
Meet the Author and Book Signing

In addition to visiting local libraries, George Ella Lyon will also speak to students in a number of local schools

discussion questions

Which characters did you like or dislike? Did you change your opinion about any of the characters over the course of the novel?

How important is the setting for this story?

What was your favorite part or passage?

What did you think of the author's writing style? What word or words would you use to describe her style?

What is the main conflict in the story?

Were there too many or too few details? Were you confused by any part of the book?

What were the strengths and weaknesses of this book?

What did you think of Garland's notebook? Can you draw any conclusions about his character from it?

What is this novel saying about war and its aftermath?

What is the theme of this story? Is there more than one?

Would this book make a good movie? Which actors or actresses would be good in the roles?

What do you think the title means?

What do you think this novel reveals about the author's worldview?

Does this book remind you of any others that you've read?

Do you enjoy reading books by Kentucky or Appalachian authors? What other titles have you read? Would you recommend them? Why or why not?