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AUTHOR REBECCA MAKKAI

going mad herself.

A teacher at a local college, Zee is deviously plotting a way for her husband Doug to gain permanent employment on the college faculty. Doug, in turn, is struggling to complete his life's work: a biography of Edwin Parfitt, a poet who spent time at Laurelfeld back when it was an artist's colony at the beginning of the century. Doug's research is not profitable, and he has secretly turned to penning teen novels to pay the bills. The couple's stress is palpable, and when extended family move in to Laurelfeld's coach house with them, Zee comes unglued.



## GET IT

**HOW:** You can put a hold request on *The Hundred-Year House* by visiting [www.wcls.org](http://www.wcls.org) and searching the catalog

**OR:** Download the free Library Now app from any app store.

As Doug, oblivious to his wife's mental state, works to find out more about Parfitt's life, he stumbles upon secrets related to Zee's family—secrets related to Violet's death; secrets he can't share with Zee.

While Makkai could have hammed up the more farcical elements of the novel, she refrains. Instead, the book really takes off in subsequent chapters, each one jumping back in time. In each instance, we see how Violet's ghost—or maybe the house itself—affected its inhabitants. We meet Zee's mother, Grace, who

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#### AUG. 8-9

**LYNDEN BOOK SALE:** Find adult fiction and nonfiction, religion, mysteries, science fiction, fantasy, crafts, kids, movies and music at Lynden Friends Book Sale from 10am-5pm Friday and 10am-4:30pm Saturday at the Lynden Library, 216 4th St. Starting at 12:30pm Saturday, purchase an entire bag of books for \$3.

📞 305-3600 OR [WWW.WCLS.ORG](http://WWW.WCLS.ORG)

#### MON., AUG. 11

**MONDAY AUTHOR SERIES:** As part of a "Literary Elements" adult summer reading author series, Justin Bog reads from his short story collection, *Sandcastle*, at 6pm at the Mount Vernon City Library, 315 Snoqualmie St. Entry is free.

📞 [WWW.MOUNTVERNONWA.GOV](http://WWW.MOUNTVERNONWA.GOV)

**POETRYNIGHT:** Those looking to share their verse as part of Poetrynight can sign up at 7:30pm at the Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Ave. Readings start at 8pm. Tonight's featured poet is David B. Horowitz. Entry is by donation.

📞 778-7230 OR [WWW.POETRYNIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.POETRYNIGHT.ORG)

#### WED., AUG. 13

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* will be the focus of the 2nd Chapter book discussion group meeting from 2-3pm at the Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Ave. Everyone is welcome.

📞 778-7230

#### THURS., AUG. 14

**LIVING YOUR PASSION:** Award-winning writer, speaker and online TV show host [Stacie Zinn Roberts](#) shares ideas from her new self-help book, *How to Live Your Passion and Fulfill Your Dreams*, at 7pm at Village Books, 1200 11th St.

📞 [WWW.VILLAGEBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.VILLAGEBOOKS.COM)

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#### WED., AUG. 6