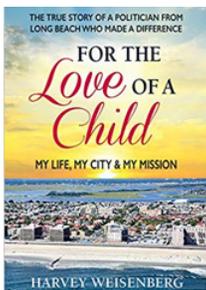


Life's Simplest Pleasure is a Good Book

Who doesn't love a good page-turner? From a *New York Times*' bestselling author to a semi-finalist of the William Faulkner Creative Writing Competition, the Hutton House Lectures is pleased to introduce our students to an extraordinary literary experience. For the Winter term, Hutton House has assembled a group of compelling authors who will present lectures in a wide variety of genres, including fiction and non-fiction. The format of each lecture is an interactive conversation with the author. We encourage you to purchase the book in advance to stimulate your critical thinking and analysis of the text.

The following is a snapshot of two authors who will be speaking this Winter. In upcoming editions of the Hutton House newsletter, we will feature additional writers.



For the Love of a Child: My Life, My City & My Mission by Harvey Weisenberg January 28 and February 4, 2019 | 10 a.m.

A lifelong resident of Long Beach, Harvey Weisenberg is a Renaissance man. He has been a lifeguard, coach, police officer, restaurant owner, special education teacher, and elementary school assistant principal. He also is a seasoned politician who spent 13 years serving on the Long Beach City

Council and 25 years as a New York assemblyman. At the age of 69, he posed in a Speedo on a billboard on Rockaway Turnpike to draw attention to the need for sun protection when he became concerned about the lack of expiration dates on sunblock lotions.

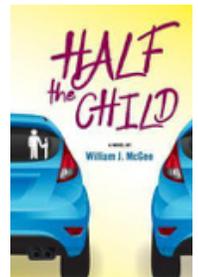
Weisenberg is best known for groundbreaking legislation for special needs families. In 2018, he published the novel, *For the Love of a Child*, which chronicles his family's journey to care for a son, Ricky, now 60, who was born with cerebral palsy, severely disabled, and unable to speak or cry.

"This is a book about unconditional love," Weisenberg said, and making families who have children with disabilities aware that they are "a gift, a blessing." He adds, "So many people don't want to know about special people, but if they only knew the love that's there, the unconditional love that you get from a special child – it's more than anybody could ever imagine."

Book is available at <https://www.amazon.com/Love-Child-Life-City-Mission/dp/0757004806>

Half the Child by William J. McGee February 11, 2019 | 10 a.m.

William J. McGee was born in New York City and received an MFA in Fiction from Columbia University. He teaches creative writing on the university level and is an award-winning investigative journalist and columnist. He is the former editor-in-chief of *Consumer Reports Travel Letter* and writes a monthly travel column for *USA Today*. His journalism and essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Time*.



Half the Child is a novel published in 2018. The fictional character is Michael Mullen, an air traffic controller at New York City's LaGuardia Airport who is fighting to keep his young son Ben in his life. Throughout the course of four consecutive summers as Ben ages from 2 to 5, Michael risks his health, finances, career and relationship to ensure that the bond between father and son is not severed by a prolonged custody battle and even abduction.

Half the Child was a semi-finalist in both the 2017 James Jones First Novel Competition and the 2017 William Faulkner Creative Writing Competition.

Katherine Taylor, author of *Valley Fever* and *Rules for Saying Goodbye*, said of the novel: "William J. McGee's magnificent novel is everything a reader could want in a book: heartbreaking, hilarious, emotionally raw, and still packed with suspense on every page."

Book is available on Amazon in print and Kindle editions at <https://www.halfthechild.com>

