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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Mary R. Arno's Novel, Thanksgiving, to Debut at Words & Music 2015**

August 15, 2015, New Orleans, LA: **Thanksgiving by Mary R. Arno** will be released (in a bit of planned synchronicity) Nov. 26, 2015, but readers will get a sneak peek in a special release of the hard cover edition during Words & Music in New Orleans, October 31, 2015.

The book, a debut novel from veteran reporter Mary R. Arno, was adapted from a short story, "A Fork in the Road" that won the 2006 Faulkner-Wisdom Gold Medal. **Thanksgiving** is a coming of age tale, beginning in the 1960s and set in New Orleans, its suburbs, and Baton Rouge.

**Arianna Huffington** calls it "*a beautiful and heartbreaking story of friendship and survival, abuse and retribution, love and justice, told without sentimentality but with a reporter's sharp and spare prose.*"

**About the Book**

New Orleans, Summer 1965: Nancy Drew, the Beatles, Hurricane Betsy. For four young people, it is a time for sailing lessons, clandestine cigarettes, facts of life, guilty secrets. As seasons and years go by, each of the four must come to terms with what happened one summer and what they did—or didn't do. Thanksgiving slowly reveals the adult ugliness festering beneath the summer idylls of childhood.

Published by Koehler Books, **Thanksgiving** will release in both hard cover (978-1-63393-181-7, \$24.95) and soft cover (978-1-63393-157-2, \$12.95) as well as in ebook (978-1-63393-158-9, \$4.99) Visit [www.koehlerbooks.com](http://www.koehlerbooks.com).

**About the Author**

Mary R. Arno is an award-winning author and journalist who has worked at newspapers across the southern United States, from Los Angeles to New Orleans to Orlando, with a couple of others in between. At the *Los Angeles Times*, she was part of teams awarded Pulitzer Prizes for covering the L.A. riots in 1992 and the Northridge earthquake in 1994. A native of New Orleans, she lives on a farm in upstate New York with her husband and the youngest three of her four children, spending as much time as possible in the city of her birth. Visit [www.maryarno.com](http://www.maryarno.com).

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