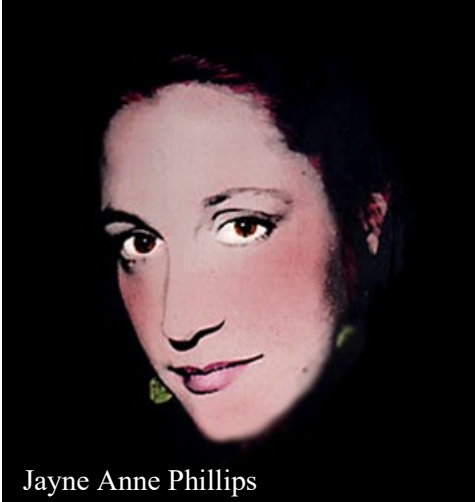


Festival of Books Finale Features Bestselling Author

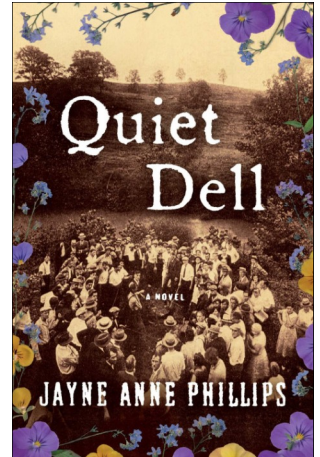


Jayne Anne Phillips was born and raised in West Virginia. The author of five award winning novels and two short story collections will be the keynote speaker at the finale of the third annual Upper Ohio Valley Festival of Books this Saturday, November 12 at 1 pm at the Ohio County Public Library.

Phillips will be reading from her fifth novel, *Quiet Dell*, which is based on the true story of the infamous 1931 murders committed in a hamlet of the same name near her hometown in West Virginia by con man Harry Powers. The

tragedy was one of the first nationally sensationalized crimes in America. A mesmerizing retelling of a harrowing true crime, *Quiet Dell* is a triumph.

Phillips's works have been translated and published in twelve foreign languages. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, a Howard Fellowship, and a Bunting Fellowship. She has taught at Williams College, Boston University, Harvard University, and Brandeis University, and is currently Distinguished Professor of English and Director of the Rutgers Newark MFA Program at Rutgers-Newark, the State University of New Jersey.



The Upper Ohio Valley Festival of Books is presented by the City of Wheeling Arts and Cultural Commission, in partnership with the Ohio County Public Library, the Elbin Library at West Liberty University, and the Wheeling National Heritage Area. The idea for the festival grows from the Wheeling Arts Commission and its work to support, nurture, and promote all the arts in the greater Wheeling area and specifically to promote an interest in regional books, authors and publishing.

All Upper Ohio Valley Festival of Books programs and workshops are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the festival's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/uovbookfest.



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