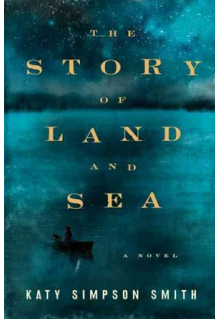


MFA Alum Katy Simpson Smith '2014's Most Buzzed About Debut Author'

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Katy Simpson Smith MFA'13's new novel, *The Story of Land and Sea*, is "not only among the most assured debut novels in recent memory," raved a [Vogue magazine review](#). "It heralds the birth of a major new talent."

Released last month, the book—a historical novel set on the Carolina coast in the Revolutionary War era—has earned praise in *The Huffington Post* ("[The Book We're Talking About](#)"), *The Chicago Tribune* ("[Editor's Choice](#)"), the BBC ("[The 10 Best New Books](#)"), and *Oprah Magazine* ("[10 Titles to Pick Up Now](#)").

Simpson Smith discussed the book with NPR's Audie Cornish on *All Things Considered*. [Listen](#).