

## MARY CAMARILLO

Hi there,

I'm a pre-pandemic Dorland alumni and have some good news to share. My second novel *"Those People Behind Us"* will be published in October of this year. *"Those People Behind Us"* is set in the summer of 2017 in Wellington Beach, California, a suburban coastal town increasingly divided by politics, protests, and escalating housing prices—divisions that change the lives of five neighbors as they search for home and community in a neighborhood where no one can agree who belongs.

The novel is shortlisted for a Hawthorne prize. New York Times bestselling author of *"Kitchens of the Great Midwest"* calls the novel "a beautiful, propulsive masterwork of empathy."

Mary Camarillo's award-winning debut novel, *"The Lockhart Women"* was published in June 2021. She writes about Southern California, a place she's called home for more than 50 years and still finds confusing. Her poems and short fiction have appeared in publications such as Red Wheelbarrow Anthology, 166 Palms, Sonora Review, Lunch Ticket, and The Ear. She lives in Huntington Beach, California, with her husband, who plays ukulele, and their terrorist cat, Riley.

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