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Debut Novelist Explores The Depths of Human Resilience
Without Jenny by Mark Gunther Releases April 20, 2018

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, April 5, 2018: San Francisco author Mark Gunther celebrates the release of his debut novel, *Without Jenny*, (Koehler Books, April 20, 2018) with launch parties on April 22 and April 29 to benefit ODC dance school and Congregation Beth Sholom's grief support fund.

Without Jenny chronicles the transformation a family experiences after the sudden, accidental death of their daughter. An emotional story told in honest and haunting detail, Gunther paints an intimate portrait of a loving marriage stretched to the breaking point by the unspeakable.

"This novel draws us intimately close to the mysteries of imperfect love and of human resilience." —**Catherine Brady, winner of the Flannery O'Connor award for short fiction**

"Mark Gunther offers his readers a meditation on strength, courage, and the healing power of family." —**Rabbi Naomi Levy, author of Einstein and the Rabbi**

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.) Mark will be at Robin's Café (3153 17th St, San Francisco) to speak about *Without Jenny*, his own experience as a bereaved father, and read selected excerpts. The event is free and open to the public at the popular Robin's Cafe, housed within the ODC theater in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. \$5 from every copy sold will be donated to the ODC dance school.

On Sunday, April 29, 2018 (4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.), the second public reading and signing of *Without Jenny* takes place at Congregation Beth Sholom's Gronowski Chapel (301 14th Ave, San Francisco). \$5 of every copy sold will be donated to the synagogue's grief support fund.

Visit www.markgunther.net for details on upcoming events and to read other works by Mark Gunther.

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About Mark Gunther

Mark Gunther has been many things in his life—student, hippie, cook, husband, carpenter, father, dancer, administrator, musician, entrepreneur, athlete. He has worked in staff or board roles in small businesses and nonprofit organizations for forty years. After their daughter Eva was killed by a drunk driver in 1997, he and his wife started the Eva Gunther Foundation (www.evafoundation.org), to “fuel hope in the heart of a girl.” Mark received an MFA in Creative Writing in December of 2015 and since then has been published in several literary journals and other publications. *Without Jenny* is his first novel.