

# PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2018 MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

March 14, 2018  
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Alesa Lightbourne** will speak to us about her book *The Kurdish Bike*. Alesa is a prize-winning author who has lived and worked in six countries. She grew up in Carmel and earned a degree in anthropology from UCSC and a masters in creative writing from the University of Washington.

After a teaching stint in Kurdish Iraq in 2010, she wrote *The Kurdish Bike; A Novel*, based on her friendships with village women — and showcases the hardships, brutality and even honor killings that these women endure. The book recently won the Gold Medal for Best Regional Fiction from Independent Publishers Book Awards at Book Expo USA 2017, and has been compared to *The Kite Runner* by the San Francisco Book Review.



Her many adventures include living on a sailboat in the Caribbean, teaching at a slum school in Jamaica, serving as the dean of an international business college in Singapore, dining with Bedouins in Saudi Arabia, and writing for Fortune 50 companies.

She lives in Santa Cruz, volunteers with literacy programs, and loves to boogie board.

These programs are informal coffee hours where local authors discuss their works, answer questions, and autograph their books. They are free of charge and open to the public. Coffee will be provided by The Ugly Mug. For further information call 475-3326

We are located at 3050 Porter Street, Soquel. Parking is available behind the library. Enter from Soquel Drive into the Bagelry parking lot and drive through to the left.

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