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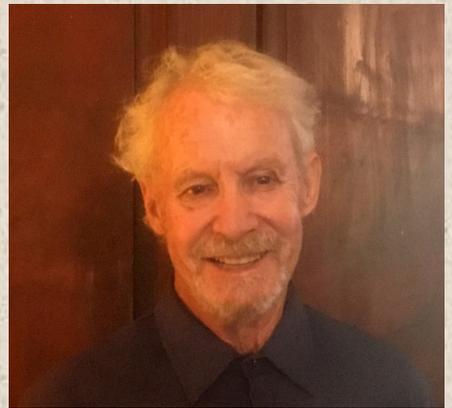
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Joseph G. Anthony moved from Manhattan's Upper West Side to Hazard, Kentucky in 1980. Anthony, an English professor for 35 years, regularly contributes essays and poems to anthologies, including a poem and story in *Kentucky's Twelve Days of Christmas*.

His most recent novel, *Wanted: Good Family* (Bottom Dog Press) was described by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* as "masterfully written and well grounded in Kentucky history and mannerisms [exploring] race, class, relationship and the potential for change." His previous books include two short story collections, *Camden Blues* and *Bluegrass Funeral* plus two novels—*Peril, Kentucky*, and *Pickering's Mountain*.

Anthony lives in Lexington, Kentucky with his wife of forty years, Elise Mandel. They have three grown children.



Joseph Anthony's fine historical novel presents a compassionate, yet unsentimental, study of race, politics, law, and lawlessness in the near-South, turn of the 20th Century city of Lexington, Kentucky....Set up as precisely as lead type placed, letter by letter, onto a printing press, to reveal line by line, in stark black and white, how a century ago "a good truthdid more than a fist in the face could ever do." Although "forgetting is what we do best in the South," it's time to remember and change.

~Christina Lovin, author of *Echo: Poems*

Drawing on historical sources, Joseph Anthony opens a window into the struggle of black Lexingtonians to overcome Jim Crow at the turn of the last century. This novel rescues neglected history from a few dry texts and elevates it to the level of drama. Anthony uses multiple voices, black and white, that cut across the social spectrum to chronicle the painful and costly rise of African Americans towards full citizenship during the Progressive Era....Joe Anthony has produced an eye-opening narrative that does much to explain the complexity of race relations...

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