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**AUTHOR ANNIE COGGAN and DESIGNER NOËL CLARO**

**IN CONVERSATION**

The public is warmly invited to a virtual conversation on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 pm, when author and architect Annie Coggan and Netflix creative producer Noël Claro, get together to celebrate the recent release of Coggan’s book, *The Book of Errors: Three Architects, Three Historic Houses, One Dame of the American Revolution.* The free Zoom event is being co-hosted by Left Bank Books in Belfast and the *Bangor Daily News.* To register for the free event: [tinyurl.com/anniecoggan](Annie%20Coggan%20event)

*The Book of Errors* is a collection of illustrated essays looking at the preservation of three historic houses and the layered, messy process of reconstructing our past and reimagining history. Coggan delves into the history of three iconic American structures—the Henry Knox Memorial in Thomaston, Maine; Fraunces Tavern in New York City; and the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia—and the stories of the people and ideas involved in their preservation to consider the ways in which ​history is reshaped by future generations.​

The book’s title stems from the preservation missteps and preconceptions of those involved, and through drawings, ephemera, and imaginings considers the narratives of history we create through architecture. At the Henry Knox mansion, a “Miss Watts” wanted to reconstruct the original (1794) house based on her memory of a childhood visit there. Brigid Hughes writes in the book’s introduction “At Fraunces Tavern, the architect . . .was hired to restore the structure to its 17000s plan, despite two fires and expansions that had removed nearly every trace of its origins.” And at the Betsy Ross house, the architect was given free rein to renovate the building in the 1930s according “to his own personal preferences.”

A book of imagined architectures, *The Book of Errors*​ ​invites us to new possibilities that may or may not have happened, but that become stories of our mind, each in our unique way.

Joining Coggan in conversation will be Noël Caro, the book’s graphic designer. Carol is a Creative Producer at Netflix where she oversees product launches for adult animation and scripted comedy titles. She has previously worked at Nickelodeon and has has been on the faculty at Parsons School of Design.

Copies of *The Book of Errors* ($18.00) are available at Left Bank Books. Call 207-338-9009 or email: [info@leftbankbookshop.com](mailto:info@leftbankbookshop.com) to reserve one. The shop is happy to ship copies if you’re unable to visit.

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