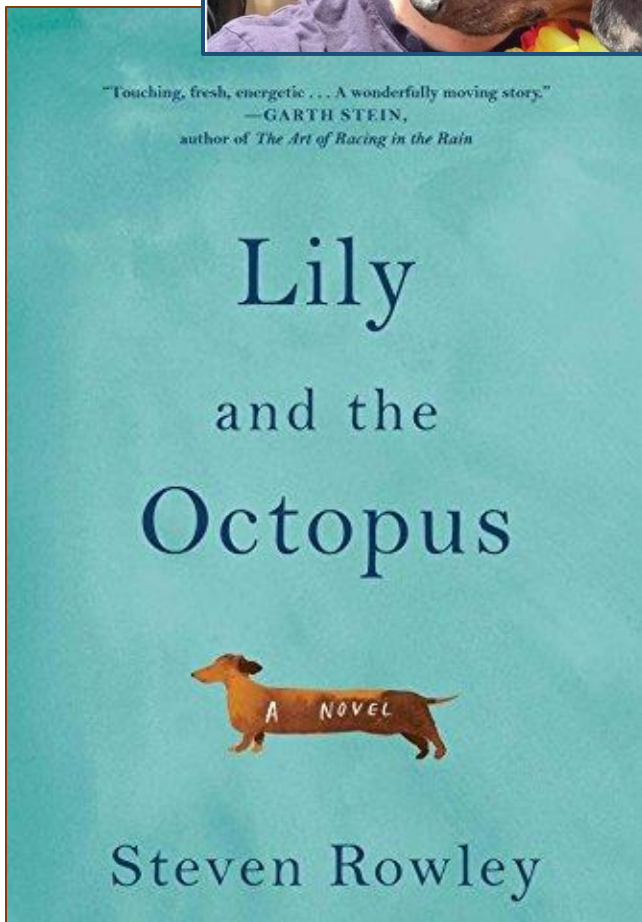




NATIONAL BESTSELLER  
Paperback Release  
Book Signing for  
**Steven Rowley**  
Sun, June 4, 4-6 PM



*Steven Rowley's touching, fresh, energetic novel isn't simply another 'boy and his dog' story. It is a profound exploration of grief—how we find ourselves lost, how we search for reason, how we sacrifice ourselves for our loved ones....—Garth Stein, author of The Art of Racing in the Rain*

**Ted Flask is a man struggling with the loneliness and heartbreak of everyday existence. A useless therapist. A cheating ex-boyfriend. A challenging relationship with a distant mother. His saving grace is the intimacy he shares with Lily, his 12-year-old dachshund, who is ill and running out of time. Ted's denial of her possible loss becomes the weird and wonderful journey at the center of this imaginative novel. Ted can only acknowledge the tumor that threatens Lily as an evil invader: an octopus. So he declares war, going to both fanciful and forceful lengths to save his precious friend.**

**Steven Rowley** was a struggling screenwriter who initially thought he would self-publish his first novel, but his un-agented manuscript landed in the hands of an enthusiastic editor at Simon & Schuster. Since its original publishing in 2016, *Lily and the Octopus* has received wide acclaim, and foreign rights have been sold to fifteen territories so far.

**Rowley** has worked as a freelance writer, newspaper columnist, and screenwriter. He is from Portland, Maine, and graduated from Emerson College. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his boyfriend and their dog.



**pasadena humane society & spca**



**3:30-6: PHS** volunteers

share information on their programs and services to the community

**3:30-5:30: Dachshund**

**Rescue Los Angeles** is here with some special ambassadors (including Zoey & Charlie, pictured here, who were adopted through DRLA)