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Liz Moore is the author of the novels *The Words of Every Song*, *Heft*, *The Unseen World* and *Long Bright River*. Her most recent novel, *The God of the Woods*, was a New York Times bestseller and was selected by Barack Obama for inclusion on his Summer Reading List. A limited-series adaptation of New York Times bestseller *Long Bright River* was co-created, executive-produced and co-written for television by Moore and premiered on Peacock in 2025. She is noted by major media outlets such as NPR, The New York Times, The New Yorker and The Washington Post as a standout in literary mystery and suspense. Moore is Director of the MFA program in Creative Writing at Temple University in Philadelphia.



INTRODUCTION

PREETI VENKATARAMANI

Preeti Venkataramani has a deep interest in having a local impact and has served on multiple boards in varied roles. In her day job, she builds elegant technology solutions for companies in the Midwest region looking to upgrade or rearchitect their data and tech stack - making them future ready. An avid reader and CCPL fan, she lives in Beachwood with her husband and is the proud mother of two teenagers!

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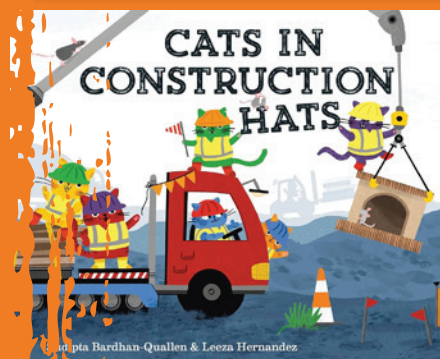
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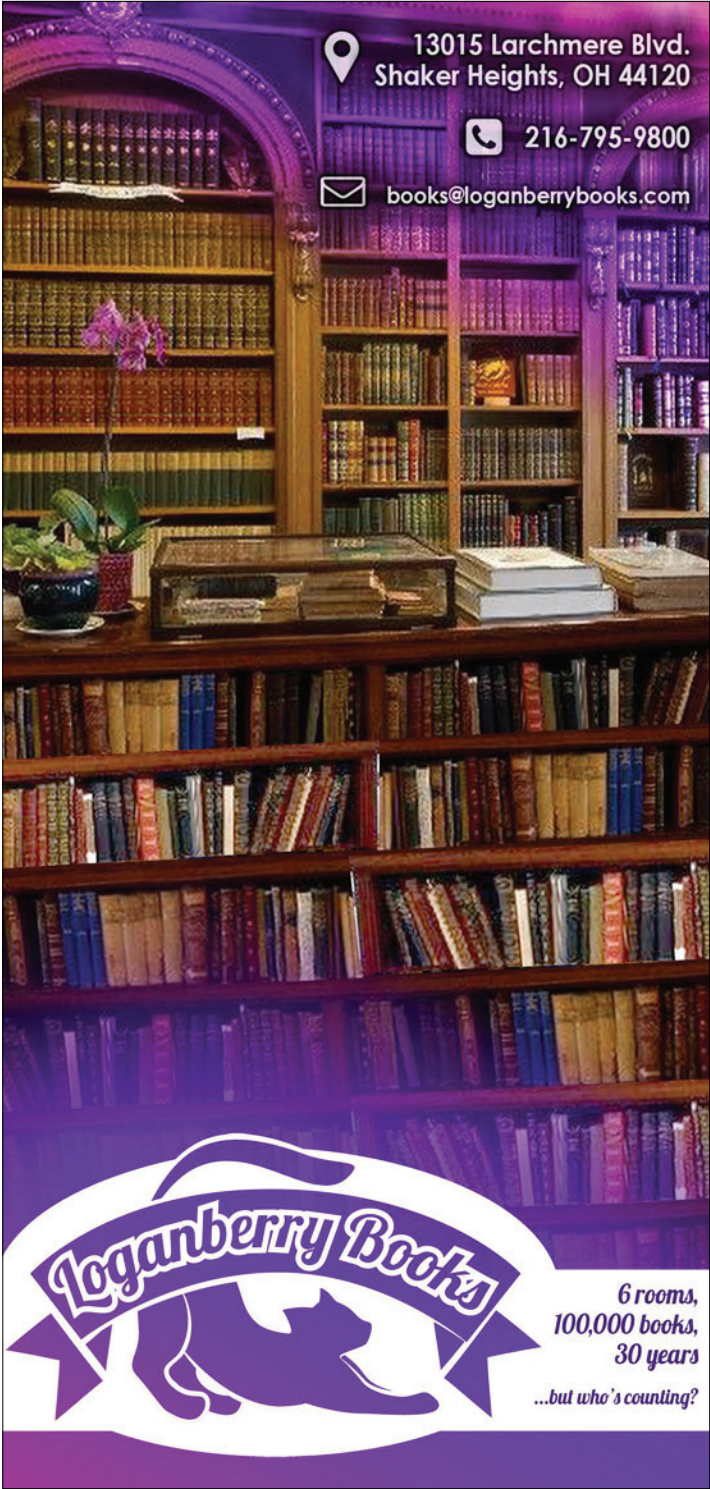
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