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Novelist C.H. Armstrong to Read at SWOSU

The *Westview* Writers Series at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is sponsoring a reading by novelist C.H. Armstrong on Monday, March 25, on the Weatherford campus.

Armstrong, author of *The Edge of Nowhere*, will read from her new young adult novel, *Roam*.

The public is invited to the 6 p.m. reading in the Al Harris Library on the SWOSU campus. Admission is free.

Dr. Amanda Smith-Chesley, editor of *Westview* at SWOSU, said Armstrong is an Oklahoma native transplanted in Minnesota for 26 years.

A 1992 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she holds a B.A. in Journalism with a minor in History. A prolific reader of many genres, Armstrong vividly remembers learning to read and the thrill of “unlocking the code” behind the letters that make up a word.

Roam (her young adult novel about a homeless teen and her family) pays tribute to Harper Lee and the many life lessons taught through her character, Atticus Finch, in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The Edge of Nowhere was Armstrong’s first published novel and was inspired by her own family’s experiences in rural Oklahoma during the one-two punch that was The Dust Bowl and

The Great Depression. While it is overall a work of fiction, many of the main plot points were based upon her grandmother's struggles as a young widow during the era. Armstrong's father, represented by the character of Ethan in the novel, is the eighth of 14 children.

For more information about the March 25 event, contact Smith-Chesley at (580) 774-3734.

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