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**Beatrice**

a novella by Stephen Dixon  
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**Award-winning small press, Publishing Genius, to release *Beatrice***

**The novella is the latest by National Book Award finalist Stephen Dixon**

Atlanta, GA—Independent publisher Publishing Genius Press will release *Beatrice* by Stephen Dixon on April 26, 2016. The novella is a heartfelt and powerful book that builds on Dixon’s reputation for a “highly controlled and rhythmic narrative,” as *Publishers Weekly* put it.

*Beatrice* is about a former professor named Philip Seidel, who hasn't gone out much since his wife died—he's too sad. He dreads the time when he'll finally have to emerge, only to endure his former colleagues' sympathy and concern. Then one day Beatrice, a former student of his, stops by with a care package of homemade treats. She'd been a star in his fiction workshop, and now she's gone on to her own life and academic career. In a way, she saves him when they become lunch partners, meeting at the same cafe every other week or so—until he oversteps the bounds of their relationship and drives her away, recedes back into himself.

Stephen Dixon writes with a sensitivity, pathos, and wit that makes the small lives of Philip and Beatrice seem much bigger, more universal, and—like everyone's—crucial.

Stephen Dixon was born in New York City and lives in Maryland. He has published 30 other books of fiction: 15 story collections and 15 novels and is a two-time finalist for the National Book Award, for *Frog* and *Interstate*. He taught in The Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University for 27 years and retired in 2007.

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