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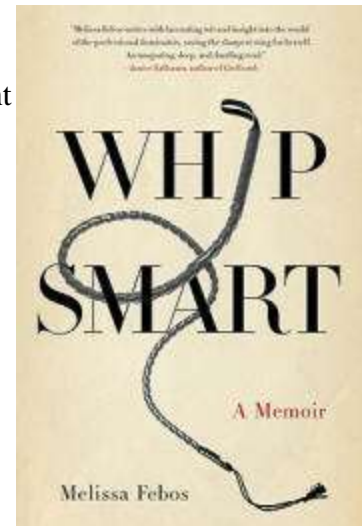
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## Author Melissa Febos discusses “Whip Smart: A Memoir”

Critically acclaimed author Melissa Febos will read from and discuss "Whip Smart: A Memoir" on Monday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Library. Copies of the book, published this month will be available for purchase and signing. The program is intended for adults.

Febos grew up on Cape Cod. Dropping out of high school at 15, she taught herself for a year then moved to Boston and began taking night classes. In 1999, she graduated from the New School University in New York. During the next four years, while earning an MFA in writing from Sarah Lawrence College, she worked as a professional dominatrix in a Manhattan “dungeon,” physically and verbally humiliating men and supporting a drug habit. Reviewers find the book both honest and excruciating. Terry Gross, host of the Peabody Award-winning radio program, Fresh Air, interviewed Febos last week.

Febos teaches writing and literature at SUNY Purchase College and The Gotham Writers’ Workshop. She is co-curator and host of the Mixer Reading and Music Series on the Lower East Side of New York. Her essays, stories and articles have been published widely. More information is at her Web site, [www.melissafebos.com](http://www.melissafebos.com).



The Olympia library is located at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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