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**PEN Literary Award-Winner Floyd Skloot Releases His First Collection in Four Years**

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**Floyd Skloot** is the author of eight previous poetry collections, including *The End of Dreams*, a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize, *The Snow’s Music*, and *Approaching Winter*. He has won three Pushcart Prizes and the PEN USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction. He lives in Oregon.

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