

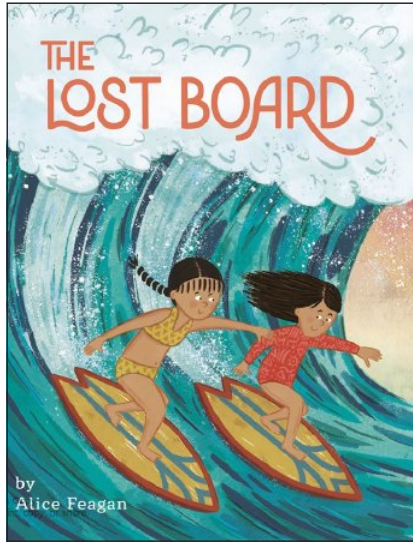
SPORTS & OUTDOORS

Local author will give away a surfboard as part of book tour

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Local author and illustrator Alice Feagan, is hitting the road this summer throughout Colorado in support of her new children's book, "The Lost Board." Slated for release on June 9, the story follows a young girl named Lana who is eager to ride her family's treasured surfboard that hangs above the counter in their surf shop. Although the board belonged to her great grandmother, has carried many riders, and holds many stories, her mother and grandmother say Lana is not old enough to ride it yet. But when a large swell comes in, she can't resist taking the board, which she ends up losing in a big wave. The board is gone and, when she admits what she did, they say goodbye to the family heirloom but hold on to its memories. Meanwhile, the board goes on to have its own adventures — including finding a new rider.

"In 2020, I read an article about a person in Hawaii who lost his surfboard on a big wave," Feagan explains. "He thought it was gone forever, but over a year later it was found by a teacher in the Philippines. It was such a great story about connection, and I couldn't stop thinking about it, so I started to read and research other stories about lost surfboards." Feagan did a deep dive into the powerful history of admired female surfers and began



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Those who preorder a copy of "The Lost Board" through The Bookworm before June 9 will have their name entered into a drawing to win a signed copy of the book and a kid's surfboard.

writing what would become "The Lost Board." In addition to following the journey of the board, the book explores the lesson that sometimes letting go is part of the journey.

The author's six-date Colorado book tour begins June 12 at The Bookworm in Edwards at 9:15 a.m. While each bookstore has their own structure, most of her events will include storytime, a drawing demo, a "design your own surfboard bookmark" activity, a book signing,

and swag for the kids. Additionally, those who preorder a copy of "The Lost Board" through The Bookworm before June 9 will have their name entered into a drawing to win a signed copy of the book and a kid's surfboard. "I'm excited about all the stops on my Colorado tour, but The Bookworm is my hometown bookstore so being there is always special," says Feagan. "I love seeing our friends, our sons' friends, and new faces!"

Her last two books — "Read Island" and "The Collectors" — were both published in 2021, have become favorites among children of all ages, and are available at The Bookworm. Feagan collaborated with local author Nicole Magistro for "Read Island" and the two of them will collaborate again for their 2027 release "The Day After The Storm."

A Colorado resident since 2015, Feagan grew up splashing in creeks, chasing lightning bugs, and creating art in the mountains of North Carolina. Her love of nature and all things outdoors is reflected in the mixed media collage illustrations she creates for various clients and publications. When she's not illustrating or writing, she can be found spending time outside with her husband and two young sons.

The Bookworm is located at 295 Main Street in Riverwalk. For more information, visit alicefeagan.com.

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