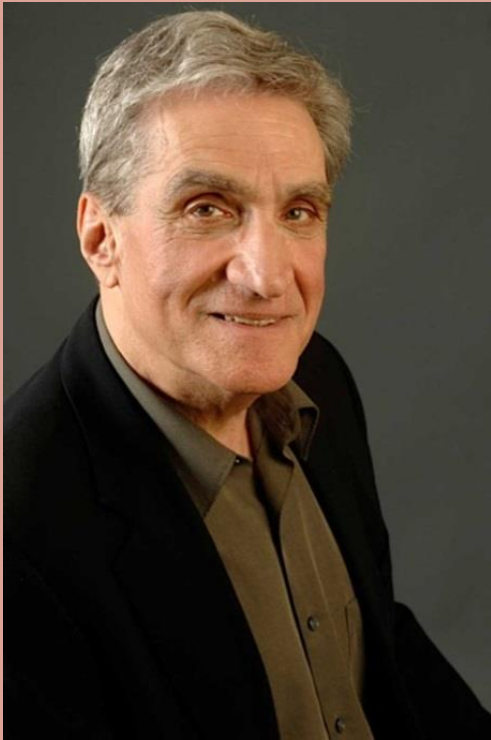


Poetry at the Library Series

An Afternoon with Robert Pinsky



Sunday, April 30, 3:00 pm

Main Library Periodical Room

Booksigning & reception to follow

Please join us for a memorable afternoon with this beloved poet known worldwide for elegant and tough, vividly imaginative poems with a wild musical energy and range.

Pinsky will read from his newest book of poems, *At the Foundling Hospital* (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2016) and talk about its genesis and his approach to the art of poetry.

“Since the death of Robert Lowell in 1977, no single figure has dominated American poetry the way that Lowell, or before him Eliot, once did . . . But among the many writers who have come of age in our *fin de siècle*, none have succeeded more completely as poet, critic, and translator than Robert Pinsky.”

- James Longenbach, *The Nation*

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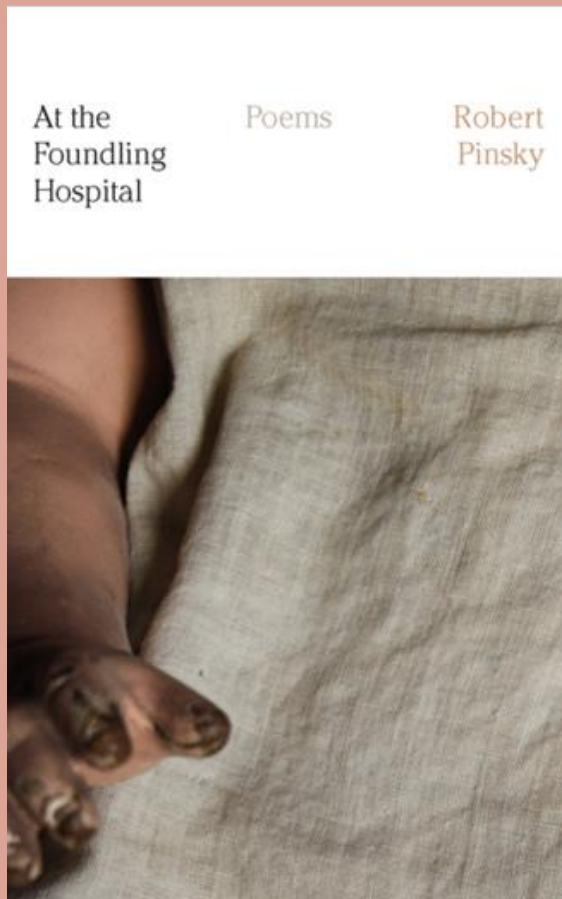
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With all the generosity and mastery we have come to expect from our three-time Poet Laureate, Robert Pinsky has written a bold, lyrical meditation on identity and culture as hybrid and fluid, violent as well as creative: the enigmatic, maybe universal, condition of the foundling. *At the Foundling Hospital* considers the foundling soul: its need to be adopted, and its need to be adaptive. These poems reimagine identity on the scale of one life or of human history: from the emanation of a dead star still alive to the pinhole iris of your mortal eye.

What is a particular person? How unique? What is anyone born as? Born with? Born into? The poems of Robert Pinsky's *At the Foundling Hospital* engage personality and culture as improvised from loss: a creative effort so pervasive it can be invisible

To view a wealth of resources about Robert Pinsky's work as poet, translator, and essayist, please visit his website: www.robertpinsky.com)

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