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## Meet the Author at Sleepy Hollow

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Elizabeth Ellison reading to students Photo provided

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School will host author and former Orinda resident Elizabeth Stow Ellison on November 19 at 6:30 pm. Ellison will be on hand to present and discuss her new book, *Flight*.

*Flight* is about a family struggling with the hidden illiteracy of their son, Evan, who is a freshman in high school. The story is narrated from the point-of-view of Evan's twelve year-old sister and is set in Orinda. "I want *Flight* to be a message to all readers that they too can take flight from whatever it is that's holding them back in their lives," said Ellison.

Ellison attended school in Orinda until she moved to Southern California at age nine. "It was in Miss Hanson's third grade class at Glorietta Elementary School where I began my writing career, though I didn't know it at the time. We just wrote a lot and I loved it."

In addition to being an author, Ellison is a 5th grade teacher. Ellison looks forward to returning home to Orinda. "I have lived in many areas, but Orinda had a significant impact on me. I attended Glorietta and even as a young child I knew that I was getting the best education. The teachers and the community as a whole are so invested in their children. Orinda made such an impression on me as a child that I had no doubts about setting my novel in that town. I am so pleased to have this opportunity to share my novel with Orinda," said Ellison.

The Sleepy Hollow event is free and is open to the public. Ellison will also be at Orinda Books for a book signing on November 22 at 3:00 pm. For more information about Elizabeth Stow Ellison, visit her website at [www.elizabethstowellison.com](http://www.elizabethstowellison.com).

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