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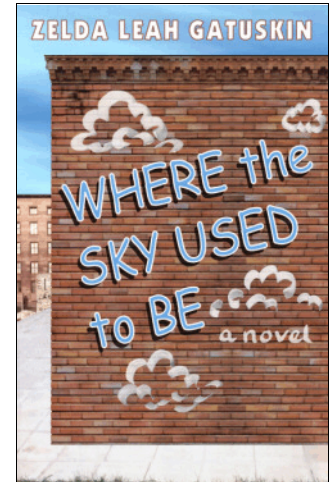
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*New from Amador Publishers, LLC*  
**WHERE THE SKY USED TO BE**

a novel by **ZELDA LEAH GATUSKIN**  
**ISBN 978-0-938513-43-8; trade paper; 396 pp. \$19.95**  
with illustrations by Linda Mae Tratechaud

In this new novel by Zelda Leah Gatuskin, young artists find themselves, lose their innocence, challenge authority and confront harsh realities in a southwestern college town at the end of the twentieth century. Their impassioned, expansive lives are contrasted with the contained drama of ninety-one-year-old Muffin living out her final months in a nursing home. When Claire and her best friend Lydia reluctantly take on “the Muffin project” for the summer, they soon find themselves attached to Muffin and other residents of Westcare Manor. While teens and seniors bond, teens and parents clash; and Muffin and her aging daughter Jo battle on in their own way. The concerns and relationships of four generations of women are brought into sharp focus. The thread that connects all is art and its power to expose, express, inspire and heal. For young adults and up.

**About the Author:**

Zelda Leah Gatuskin is the author of two fantasy novels, *THE TIME DANCER* and *CASTLE LARK*, and author-artist of two creative non-fiction collections, the highly praised *ANCESTRAL NOTES: A Family Dream Journal*, and *TIME AND TEMPERATURE: thoughts about consciousness*. In 2010 she published her first collection of poetry, *BUT WHO’S COUNTING?* which was a first place winner for Poetry Book in the 2010 New Mexico Book Awards.

**Launch Event:**

There will be a reception with a reading by the author on Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at The Matrix Fine Art Gallery, 3812 Central SE in Albuquerque. Free and open to the public.

**What Readers are Saying:**

*“I love her writing. [Zelda] has a natural-born storyteller's rhythm.” “This book has it all...” “What grabbed me was the very honest depiction of an aging elderly woman...and how engaging the person where they are, not where we think they should be, is healing.” “Magnificent. A wonderful plot that encompasses many different things.” “...beautiful observation, alliteration, and humor.”*

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