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Meet with Success in Publishing

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2013 was another strong year for the distinguished writers on the faculty of the MFA in Creative Writing and Literature program at Stony Brook Southampton, and 2014 is promising continued success.

Billy Collins received national attention for *Aimless Love* (Random House, October 2013), his collection of new and selected poems, and appeared on “The Colbert Report” on October 29 and “Prairie Home Companion” with Garrison Keillor on November 2.

Roger Rosenblatt’s latest memoir, *The Boy Detective* (Ecco, November 2013) garnered glowing reviews from major media, including PBS, NPR and The New York Times.
Dan Menaker’s memoir about his days at The New Yorker, *My Mistake* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, November 2013) was widely reviewed, including in The New York Times Book Review on December 13, 2013.

This year, Meg Wolitzer’s best-seller, *The Interestings*, is due out in paperback from the Riverhead Books division of the Penguin Group in March. MFA in Creative Writing and Literature Director Julie Sheehan cheerfully pointed out in December that the paperback edition should be out just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, Purim and World Kidney Day.

Susan Scarf Merrell’s novel *Shirley*, a literary thriller about the novelist Shirley Jackson, is due from Blue Rider/Penguin in June.

Jules Feiffer’s much-anticipated graphic novel, *Kill My Mother*, will be released in August.

Also in August, Patricia McCormick’s co-written *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*, is coming out from Orion Children’s Books.

And there is good news, too, for Patty Marx, as the Twelve imprint of Hachette Book Group has announced it will publish *Let’s Be Less Stupid*, an account of her so-called “adventures in cognitive interventions.”

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