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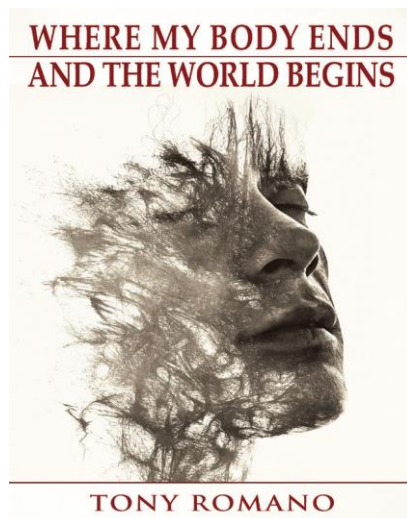
“Where My Body Ends and the World Begins” by Tony Romano

What: Society of Midland Authors monthly meeting
When: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. Reception at 6 p.m.; presentation at 7 p.m.
Where: Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan, 22nd floor penthouse ([with a great view!](#))

Free, open to the public; cash bar, free appetizers

On Dec. 1, 1958, a devastating blaze at Our Lady of the Angels School killed 92 children, shattering a close-knit Italian American neighborhood. In this eloquent novel, set nearly a decade later, twenty-year-old Anthony Lazzeri struggles with survivor’s guilt, which is manifested through conflicted feelings about his own body. Complicating his life is a detective’s dogged belief that Anthony was involved in setting the fire.

Tony Romano’s delicate handling of Anthony’s journey is deeply moving, exploring the complex psychological toll such an event has on those involved, including family and the community. This multi-faceted tale, published by Allium Press, follows Anthony’s struggles to come to terms with how the events of that day – and long buried family secrets – continue to affect him and those around him.



[This novel is] “engrossing, surprising, and psychologically astute.... Romano is a masterful storyteller, unfolding a captivating and imaginative tale.” — *Foreword Reviews*

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