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### Benicia's Author Talk program welcomes Allie Larkin's new novel, 'Swimming For Sunlight' on June 20

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Benicia Literary Arts continues its Author Talk program at Bookshop Benicia showcasing thought-provoking talks by acclaimed California authors. Author, Allie Larkin, comes to Benicia on Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m, bringing her recent novel, *Swimming For Sunlight*. The book tells the heartwarming story about Katie Ellis and her anxious rescue dog, Barkimedes, who move back to her Florida hometown with her grandmother, Nan, as Katie learns to rebuild her life.

Allie Larkin is an internationally bestselling author of the novels, *Stay* and *Why Can't I Be You*. Her short fiction has been published in the *Summerset Review* and *Slice* and nonfiction in the anthologies, *I'm Not the Biggest Bitch in This Relationship* and *Author in Progress*. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband, Jeremy and their fearful, faithful German Shepherd, Stella.

Bookshop Benicia is located at 636 First Street in historic downtown Benicia. Parking is plentiful, but seating is limited so come early. Books will be available for purchase and author signings. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### ***In Praise of Swimming For Sunlight:***

*"With a light touch and a big heart, Allie Larkin has crafted a moving, humorous and utterly absorbing novel about a woman who discovers that sometimes you need to take a step back to learn how to move forward. I fell in love with her witty, strong-willed, resilient characters - including Barkimedes, the rescue pup whose spirit sparks both joy and growth in everyone he meets."* - **Christina Baker Kline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Orphan Train*.**

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