

Mountain Writers Series

LARRY COLTON & LEANNE GRABEL



Reading
7:30 PM Wednesday
February 15, 2012

The Press Club
2621 SE Clinton
Portland

Suggested Donation \$5



—**Larry Colton** is the only person to have pitched in the Major Leagues and been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Since baseball he has taught high school, worked for Nike, and published hundreds of magazine articles for publications such as *Esquire*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Ladies Home Journal*. His book *Goat Brothers* was a main selection for the Book of the Month Club. His next book, *Counting Coup*, was the winner of the Frankfurt e-book of the year award and a Pulitzer nominee. He recently published *No Ordinary Joe* about four submariners from WWII, and is currently working on a book about Birmingham, Alabama in 1964. He is the founder and former executive director of two non-profit programs: Community of Writers, a non-profit program to improve writing instruction and student achievement in Oregon schools; and Wordstock, the acclaimed Portland Book Festival.

— **Leanne Grabel** is a poet, a language arts teacher, and co-founder of Cafe Lena, site of Portland's longest running poetry open mike. Known for poetry-based theatrical performances and illustrated chapbooks, including *Anne Sexton Was A Sexpot* and *The Last Weekend of Sylvia Plath*, as well as her musical collaborations & poetry collections, *Lonesome & Very Quarrelsome Heroes* and *Short Poems by a Short Person*, Grabel is currently teaching fulltime in a treatment center for incarcerated teenage girls. "badgirls," a multimedia performance based on her teaching, debuted in late 2011. The chapbook of prose poems, *badgirls*, from which the show was based, was published in collaboration with the performance. Grabel's memoir *Brontosaurus* was published in November 2011.

