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***Tell Us When To Go* tells the story of a changing San Francisco through the eyes of two college friends**

"DeAndreis has written a fiery satire about friendship,...Silicon Valley and the swiftly tilting madhouse which inequality has wrought...impossible-to-put-down and heartbreaking in all the right places ..."—
Junot Diaz, author of *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*

A new book from Emil DeAndreis, author of *Hard to Grip* and *Beyond Folly*, tells the story of two college friends who move into a grimy San Francisco apartment, only to find their friendship challenged by the different paths their lives—and their city--take.

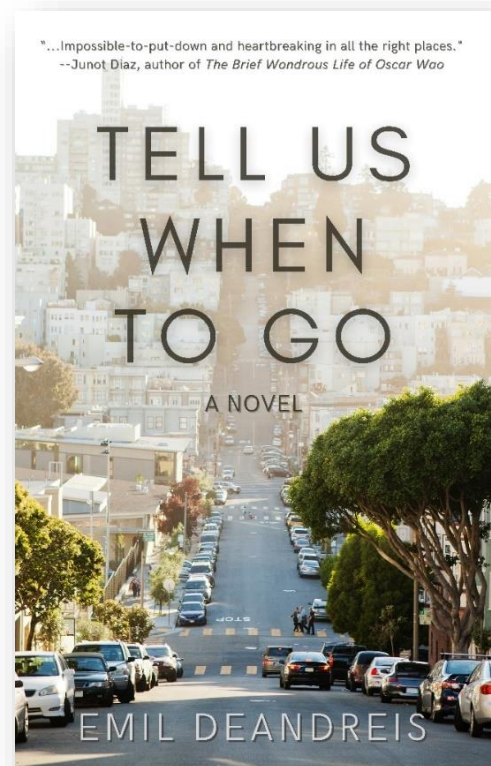
The book is scheduled to be published September 20, 2022, by Flexible Press, LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The story:

Tell Us When To Go is a millennial coming-of-age story, part Silicon Valley satire and part urgent glimpse into of the darker sides of privilege, troll culture, and class disparity. Reminiscent of the ground-breaking Douglas Coupland book, *Generation X*, it asks the question, what comes of a friendship, or a city, with so many forces splitting it apart?

Cole Gallegos is the ace of his college pitching staff, projected to make millions in the big leagues. But a ruthless case of "yips" leads him to break down and drop out of college. Cole's teammate Isaac Moss is a wallflower who lacks direction and independence, so he follows Cole to San Francisco, where they rent a dingy apartment and attempt adult lives.

Desperate for work, Cole is hired by Seaside High to work one-on-one with foster youth Dizzy Benson, who is one strike from getting expelled. The two do not vibe, to say the least. Days are turbulent with standoffs and threats. But their disconnect is not without humor, and with time their grudges against the world clumsily unite them. Meanwhile Isaac is hired as a temp at a growing startup in Silicon Valley, where he enjoys breakrooms with hammocks, and teambuilding beer-tastings. Through this, he begins to gel with this fast paced and vibrant workforce that's begun to sweep through San Francisco. For once, he feels confident, even cool.



With such different days and perspectives, Cole and Isaac begin to diverge, much like the city itself. Told across one semester, *Tell Us When To Go* explores a city amid change, and the people and friendships that are liable to change with it.

About the author:

Emil DeAndreis teaches writing and literature at College of San Mateo. He is the author of two books: *Beyond Folly* (2013; Blue Cubicle Press) and *Hard to Grip* (2017; Schaffner Press). His fiction has appeared in *StoryQuarterly*, *The Barcelona Review*, *JJournal* and more. Emil received an MFA from San Francisco State University and currently lives in the Bay Area with his wife.

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About Flexible Press:

Tell Us When To Go is due out September 20, 2022, from Flexible Press, a Minneapolis publisher dedicated to supporting authors, communities, and mission-driven non-profits through story. *Tell Us When To Go* will be available to book lovers wherever books are sold, and it is available to retailers from Ingram.



A portion of the proceeds from *Tell Us When To Go* goes to the Council of Community Housing Organizations of San Francisco (<https://www.sfccho.org/>), which is committed to fostering development of permanently affordable housing in San Francisco.

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