

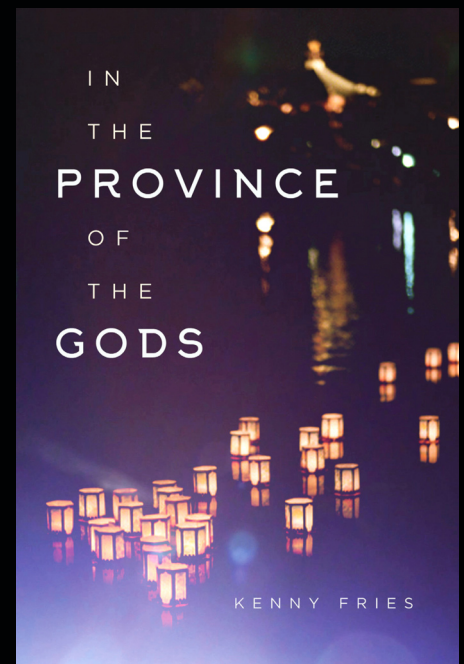
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When disability is placed at the center of events, where it belongs, it provides the lens through which much of our society's ills can be clearly seen and, thus, changed. Writer Kenny Fries will read and talk about how societal views of disability, most importantly eugenics, has come to the surface once again as the COVID pandemic confronts us. He makes connections between his research on Aktion T4, the Nazi program that mass murdered disabled people, and how it resonates today, as well as the importance of understanding how disability representation affects all of us, disabled and nondisabled alike. For over two decades, Kenny Fries has looked at how disability provides an understanding of the interconnectedness between individuals and also between different cultures, using the prism of his life as a writer who lives with a congenital physical disability to forge a new understanding of a wide range of values and ideas, from systems of interdependence to intersectionality to Darwinian evolution to disability and the Holocaust. His works include *The History of My Shoes and the Evolution of Darwin's Theory*, which received the Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights; *In the Province of the Gods*, recipient of the Creative Capital literature award; and his forthcoming *Stumbling over History: Disability and the Holocaust*, for which he received a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Arts and Literary Arts Fellowship.



Kenny Fries author and professor at Goddard College's MFA in Creative Writing Program



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