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The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time with Novelist Amanda Peters

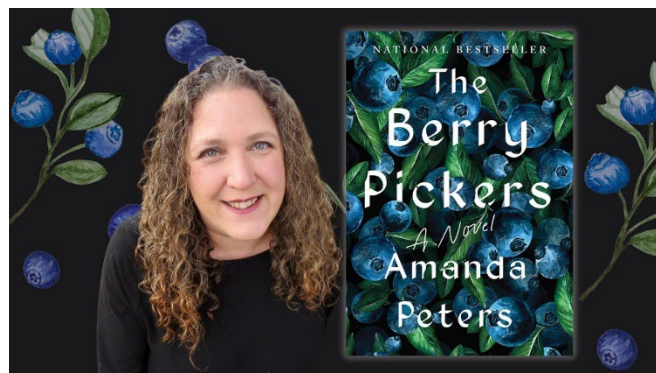
TOMS RIVER – Join us for an online discussion with acclaimed writer Amanda Peters at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 13. She will discuss her instant bestselling novel, *The Berry Pickers*, as well as her tender short fiction collection *Waiting for the Long Night Moon: Stories*.

Inspired by Peters's own Mi'kmaq heritage, *The Berry Pickers* is a riveting exploration of family, grief, and the bonds we share. It follows the decades-long aftermath of the 1962 disappearance of Ruthie, a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl, from a blueberry field in Maine. Her brother Joe, the last one to see her, is distraught over her disappearance for years to come. In Maine, a young girl named Norma, troubled by realistic dreams and visions, slowly works to uncover a family secret. *The Berry Pickers* paints an intimate portrait of race, love, loneliness, and the power of forgiveness.

The Berry Pickers is available in various formats for free for Ocean County Library cardholders. Visit tinyurl.com/BerryPickersOCL to reserve your copy today.

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