

Evening With J. R. Moehringer

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held the crowd's attention completely, recalling his days in Manhasset with affection and humor. A vibrant question and answer period followed, with specific queries concerning all of Moehringer's works, modes of composition, possible future writing projects, recollections, and much more. The author treated each question with care and attention; his affability and communicative skills shone. A question about the "Epilogue" of *The Tender Bar* engendered a poignant response from Moehringer concerning memories of September 11, 2001. Before proceeding to a lengthy period of book signing and chatting individually with patrons, Moehringer emphasized how deeply appreciative he is to all those who read his books.

At the North Hempstead Country Club reception for his new novel, *Sutton*, J. R. Moehringer promised to come back to "the library where I learned how to read" whenever he writes a book.

Two people who were particularly eager to speak with Moehringer were the widow and daughter of the *New York Daily News* reporter who had interviewed Willie Sutton in 1969, after his Christmas Eve pardon by Governor Nelson Rockefeller and release from Attica State Prison. They drove in from the East End of Long Island. New Jersey was also represented. Several local high school students, who read *The Tender Bar* as part of their English curriculum, had the opportunity to meet the author.

Attendees paid \$50 for the event at the club (student rate \$25), a portion of which benefits the library, and all received a copy of *Sutton*; copies of *The Tender Bar* were also available for purchase. Moehringer graciously signed some books that may be purchased while supplies last at Barnes and Noble on Northern Boulevard, the bookstore that provided copies for the event. Many local businesses donated raffle prizes, which put extra smiles on the faces of the fortunate winners.

"An Evening with J. R. Moehringer" was planned and organized by the Board of the Friends of the Library: Rosanne Vogel (president), and members Danielle Cisek, Lisa Currie, Laura Hull, Mary Lowry, Vivian Valvano Lynch, and Liz Woodburn. Library director Maggie Gough, thanking them, labeled the event "terrific" and said that "J. R. Moehringer was perfect; you could not have found a better author to strike such a resounding cord of nostalgia, humor, personal growth, and hope. . . You have captured an essential component of our library's mission in supporting authors and promoting books and reading." Oct. 2 proved to be an exciting and memorable night for an excellent community cause, and Moehringer promised to come back to "the library where I learned how to read" whenever he writes a book.

Without a doubt, Manhasset will welcome him.

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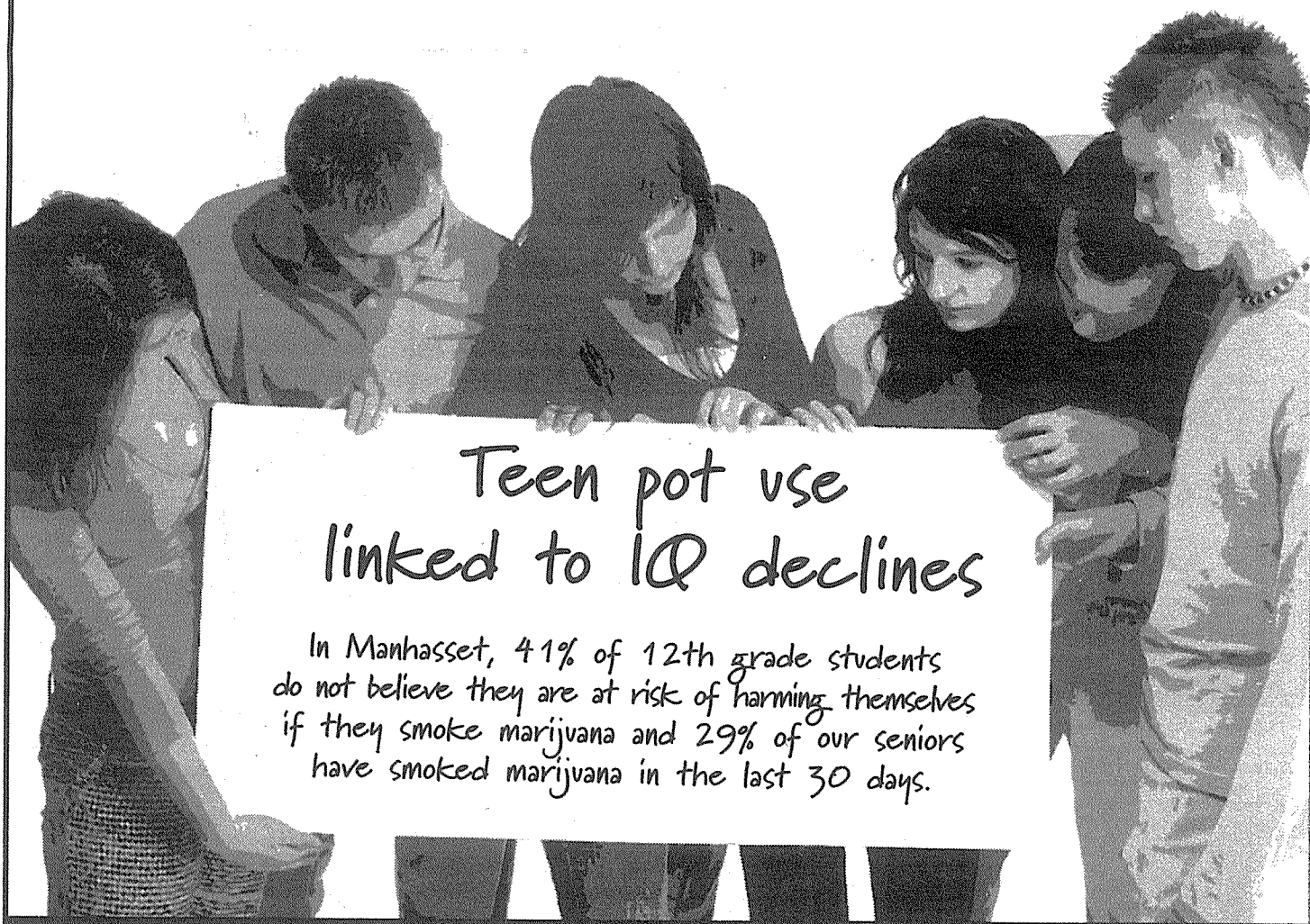
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