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CML News

We read a lot about the human condition, from a variety of sources, covering perspectives that are wide, deep, and often surprising. It's what makes CML unique and what motivates our daily search to find and share the best-written words that showcase humanity in all its glory. To that end we'd like to introduce you to our newest seeker--or Associate Editor--[David Graham Page](#).

David hails from London, has lots of international work and travel experience, and describes himself as a serious reader and borderline bibliomaniac! (His wife would contest the "borderline.") We find him highly articulate, intellectually curious, and wonderful to listen to (what is it about that British accent?!). Welcome, David!

Highlights

The latest issue of CML has no theme, but by coincidence, it has some New York stories. In one, our listeners will be transported to a 1940s New York City trade school, where recent immigrant **Frederic Morton** ("Othello's Son") learns the rules of race relations; then go further back in time to New York circa 1912, where **Helen Epstein** enlightens us about Dr. Sara Josephine Baker's then groundbreaking public health idea of giving infants attention and affection ("The Doctor Who Made a Revolution"); and then join **William Langewiesche** and head to underground New York and the many ongoing big engineering projects that keep the city humming ("What Lies Beneath").

Top Picks

Even if poetry isn't your first love, you won't want to miss "When All the Others Were Away at Mass," read by **Seamus Heaney**. He died in August 2013, but here his Irish lilt and sensibility live on. **Barbara Kingsolver** graces our issue with back-to-back pieces, one a mellifluous ode to all things knitting ("Where It Begins") and the other a wintry story about hope ("A New Kind of Day"). Her words are portraits. And finally, take an in-depth look at the new one-hundred-dollar bill, crafted to be counterfeit-resistant and friendly to the visually impaired. **Chris Jones** takes us inside the process. Show me "The Benjamin"!

And special thanks to ... J.J. Bacarella of Lynwood, WA, who took the time to tell us:

“You are fantastic! What a serendipitous find! I never knew I was so interested in most of your articles. Fascinating! I have been playing the heck out of CML! I have even gone camping with it.”

Enjoy! And Happy New Year from all of us at CML.