“Half my life ago, I killed a girl.” In this powerful, unforgettable memoir, acclaimed novelist Darin Strauss recounts a tragedy and its aftermath. In his last month of high school, just after turning eighteen, Strauss is behind the wheel of his father’s Oldsmobile, driving with friends—having “thoughts of mini-golf, another thought of maybe just going to the beach.” Then out of the blue: a collision that results in the death of a bicycling classmate that shadows the rest of his life. In spare and piercing prose, Darin Strauss explores loss and guilt, maturity and accountability, hope and acceptance—and the result is a staggering, uplifting tour de force.

A recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship and a winner of the American Library Association’s Alex Award and The National Book Critics Circle Award, the internationally bestselling writer Darin Strauss is the author of the novels “Chang & Eng,” “The Real McCoy,” and “More Than It Hurts You,” and the NBCC-winning memoir “Half a Life.” These have been New York Times Notable Books, Newsweek, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Amazon, Chicago Tribune, and NPR Best Books of the Year, among others. Darin has been translated into fourteen languages and published in nineteen countries, and he is a Clinical Associate Professor at NYU’s creative writing program.

Reception and book signing will follow the lecture.

The ASU Bookstore has “Half a Life” in stock and will also be selling the book the night of the lecture.