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Roland Merullo was born in Boston in 1953, and brought up in Revere, MA, a working-class Italian American community five miles from downtown Boston. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH, in 1971, and Brown University in 1975, where he also earned a Master's in Russian Language and Literature the following year.

Merullo is the critically acclaimed author of seven novels, including *Leaving Losapas*; *A Russian Requiem*, currently optioned for film rights by John Turturro; *Revere Beach Boulevard*, finalist for the L. L. Winship/PEN New England Prize; *In Revere in Those Days*, a Booklist Editors' Choice; *A Little Love Story: A Novel*; and *Golfing With God*. His memoir, *Revere Beach Elegy*, won the 2000 Massachusetts Book Award for Non-Fiction.

Merullo's essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Outside*, *Yankee*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday Magazine*, *Boston Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Travel & Leisure Golf*, *LINKS*, *Golf Magazine*, *Forbes FYI*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. His writing has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Boston Herald*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Newsday*, and by dozens of other papers, magazines, internet sites, and radio and TV stations. He has given hundreds of informal talks and speeches at colleges, conferences, libraries, and civic organizations.

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