



# Making the Holiday Season Brighter

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY WITH K&T LIGHTS

We all want to be living on the block that brings in the most cars *ooing* and *aahing* at the beautiful Christmas lights, yet somehow, no one wants to be the one to hang and take down all those strands of twinklers. Problem solved. Kyle and Tracy May of K&T Lights will take care of all the hard work for you, so you can actually enjoy your finished holiday display and keep your holiday cheer intact.

The light bulb flashed for the Mays to start K&T Lights after helping to light up a friend's wedding. Today, the couple has a whole staff of lighting specialists helping to make the Christmas season beautiful in San Joaquin.

The Mays will help you create a holiday idea for your home or use one that you create, either with your lights and timers or you can rent some of theirs (for a small added fee)—and they will even service the lights all holiday long free of charge if anything happens to go awry.

K&T Lights will also decorate your indoor Christmas tree, and are available for weddings and special events all year long. —*Jamie Menaker*

**For more information:** K&T Lights, Stockton, (209) 957-0829, [www.kandtlights.com](http://www.kandtlights.com)

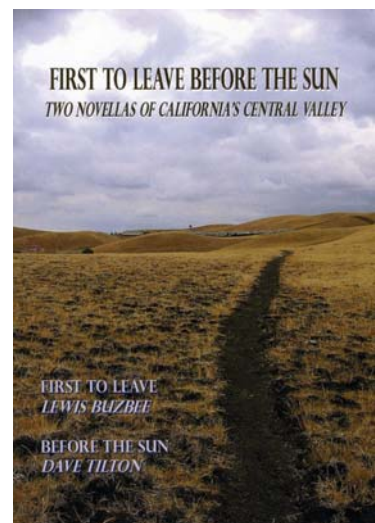
## First to Leave Before the Sun

(Donkey Hotel Press, 2007)

In the literary collaboration *First to Leave Before the Sun*, authors Lewis Buzbee and Dave Tilton join forces to bring readers one book consisting of two separate novellas, each taking place in the Central Valley.

Buzbee, the novelist and essayist who brought us *The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop* (Graywolf Press, 2006), is the contributor behind the book's opening novella, "First to Leave," a fictional account of the experience of moving to Modesto from Oklahoma with his family during the early years of the Dust Bowl. Tilton finishes the book with "Before the Sun," the story of a youth growing up in Manteca between the years of the Kennedy assassinations. He hopes to convey to his readers a nostalgic flavor of the area that he remembers fondly and feels is rapidly changing since he moved away over thirty years ago. Readers who have called the Central Valley home for many years may recognize the landscapes, themes, and even characters that appear in the book, while locals of all backgrounds are sure to appreciate Buzbee's and Tilton's portrait of the lives that this area has and continues to

enrich. —*Lauren LaBelle*



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