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## Washington Area Literary Calendar: May 18-23

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### 18 MONDAY

*Noon.* James Bartholomew, a columnist for the Daily Telegraph, discusses his book *The Welfare State We're In* along with Wendell Primus, a senior policy advisor to the Speaker of the House on budget and health issues, and Michael Tanner, a senior Cato Institute fellow in health and welfare studies, at the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Call 202-789-5229 or e-mail [events@cato.org](mailto:events@cato.org) to RSVP.

*7 P.M.* Colm Tóibín reads from and signs his new novel, *Brooklyn*, at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202-364-1919.

*7:30 P.M.* Irish poet Eamon Grennan, author of the collections *Matter of Fact* and *Still Life with Waterfall*, presents the annual *Folger Poetry Board Reading* at the Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE. A reception and book signing follow. Tickets are \$12; call 202-544-7077 or visit <http://www.folger.edu/poetry> to RSVP

### 19 TUESDAY

*10:30 A.M.* Children's author Amy Krouse Rosenthal reads from and discusses her new picture book, *Duck! Rabbit!* (illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld; ages 9-12) at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919. She will also read at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Arlington, Va., 703-241-8281. Rosenthal is also the author of *Little Pea*, *Little Hoot* and *Little Oink* (also new this year).

*Noon.* W. Ralph Eubanks discusses and signs his new memoir, *The House at the End of the Road: The Story of Three Generations of an Interracial Family in the American South*, as part of the "Books & Beyond" series at the Library of Congress, James Madison Bldg., Mumford Room, 101 Independence Ave. SE. Call 202-707-5221 for details.

*Noon.* Historian Charles Bracelen Flood discusses and signs *1864: Lincoln at the Gates of History* at the National Archives, William G. McGowan Theater, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202-357-5000.

*6:30 P.M.* David O. Stewart, an attorney in Washington, D.C., discusses and signs *Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln's Legacy*, at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central Branch, 400 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md., 410-396-9454.

*6:30 P.M.* Steve Luxenberg, a senior editor at The Washington Post, discusses and signs his new memoir, *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret*, at Borders Books-Downtown, 18th & L Sts. NW, 202-466-4999.

6:30 P.M. Mark L. Herman, a vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton, discusses and signs *Wargaming for Leaders: Strategic Decision Making from the Battlefield to the Boardroom* (written with Mark Frost and Robert Kurz) as part of the "Relevant Writers Series" at Reiter's Scientific & Professional Books, 1990 K St. NW (entrance on 20th St.), 202-223-3327.

7 P.M. Gillian Gill presents a lecture, "Victoria and Albert: A New Look at a Legendary Romance," drawn from her new biography of Queen Victoria and her consort, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, *We Two: Victoria and Albert: Rulers, Partners, Rivals*, as part of the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program at the S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW. A book signing follows. Tickets are \$25 for nonmembers; call 202-633-3030 or visit <http://www.smithsonianassociates.org> to RSVP.

7 P.M. Barbara Bradley Hagerty, a religion correspondent for National Public Radio, discusses and signs her new book, *Fingerprints of God: The Search for the Science of Spirituality*, at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919.

7:30 P.M. Rivka Galchen discusses her debut novel, *Atmospheric Disturbances*, in conversation with Ron Charles, Book World's deputy editor, as part of the Nextbook series at the D.C. Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. Tickets are \$9 for the general public, \$6 for JCC members; visit <http://www.washingtondcjcc.org/nextbook> to RSVP. For more details, call 202-777-3251.

7:30 P.M. Local author Libby Cataldi discusses and signs *Stay Close: A Mother's Story of Her Son's Addiction* at Barnes & Noble-Annapolis Harbour Center, 2516 Solomons Rd., Annapolis, Md., 410-573-1115.

## 20 WEDNESDAY

Noon. Andrew C. A. Jampoler discusses and signs *The Last Lincoln Conspirator: John Surratt's Flight from the Gallows* at Barnes & Noble-Metro Center, 555 12th St. NW, 202-347-0176.

3 P.M. Daniel Sperling, a professor of engineering and environmental science and policy, and Deborah Gordon, a senior transportation policy analyst, discuss *Two Billion Cars: Driving Toward Sustainability* at the World Bank, J Building, Auditorium J1-050, 701 18th St. NW. A book signing follows; e-mail [infoshopevents@worldbank.org](mailto:infoshopevents@worldbank.org) to RSVP.

6 P.M. Robert Egger, the founder of the D.C. Central Kitchen, is joined by the organization's CEO, Mike Curtin Jr., for a discussion of *Feeding the Soul of the City*, the new official cookbook of the D.C. Central Kitchen that knits together staff, volunteer and partners' stories with recipes from celebrated chefs in Washington and across the country, at Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW, 202-387-7638.

6:30 P.M. Karna Small Bodman, a former senior director of the White House National Security Council, reads from and signs her new political thriller, *Final Finesse*, at Barnes & Noble-Georgetown, 3040 M St. NW, 202-965-9880.

7 P.M. Lee Child reads from and signs his new Jack Reacher thriller, *Gone Tomorrow*, at Barnes & Noble-Bethesda, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Md., 301-986-1761.

7 P.M. Washington Post columnist David Ignatius reads from and signs *The Increment*, his new novel of espionage, at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919.

7:30 P.M. Reiter's Scientific & Professional Books is hosting a roundtable discussion, "Science Fiction Changes Everything?" with SF writers Catherine Asaro, Greg Bear, Michael Swanwick and eight other masters of the craft, all of whom are part of the Sigma organization, which harnesses the writers' experience in imagining future technology to advise the government of possible methods of future attacks. A book signing follows; call 202-223-9103 for details.

7:30 P.M. *Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni*, author of *The Palace of Illusions* (recently published in paperback), reads from and discusses her new novel for young readers, *Shadow Land*, the third volume in the "Brotherhood of the Conch" fantasy series, at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919. She will also read on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Shirlington Branch Public Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington, Va., 703-228-6545.

## 21 THURSDAY

6:30 P.M. *Elizabeth Edwards*, the wife of former senator and presidential candidate John Edwards, discusses her new memoir, *Resilience: Reflections on the Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities*, at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW. A book signing follows; call 202-662-7523 or e-mail [opus@press.org](mailto:opus@press.org) to RSVP.

6:30 P.M. The Mexican Cultural Institute is sponsoring a lecture, "Latin America: A Hologram," by writer and professor *Jorge Volpi*, who will spotlight the new generation of Latin American authors drawn from his book *Mentiras contagiosas* (winner of the 2009 Mazatlán Prize for Best Book of the Year), at the Inter-American Development Bank, Cultural Center, 1330 New York Ave. NW. A book signing follows. This event is free, but a photo ID is required to enter; for details, call 202-623-3558 or visit <http://www.iadb.org/cultural>.

7 P.M. The Arts Club of Washington (2017 "Eye" St. NW) is hosting a joint reading by the recipients of the 2008 National Award for Arts Writing: *Michael Sragow*, the movie critic for the Baltimore Sun and the author of *Victor Fleming: An American Movie Master*, and *Brenda Wineapple*, a teacher of creative writing and the author of *White Heat: The Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson*. The award, now in its third year, is presented by the Arts Club to recognize work of outstanding nonfiction about the arts. Call 202-331-7282 for details.

7 P.M. Writer and essayist *Phillip Lopate* discusses *Notes On Sontag*, his reflections on the late Susan Sontag, the essayist (*Against Interpretation*, *On Photography*), novelist (*In America*, *The Volcano Lover*) and playwright, at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919.

7:30 P.M. *Alice G. Miller* reads from and discusses *A Thyme for Peace*, a chronicle of her quest for inner peace (with photographs by Roy Sewall), at the Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Ave., Kensington, Md., 301-949-9416.

## 22 FRIDAY

7 P.M. The Writers Center (4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, Md.) is hosting a screening of the documentary "Muse of Fire," a film created by Lawrence Bridges for the National Endowment for the Arts' project *Operation Homecoming* to gather the writings of servicemen and women and their families who have participated in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Besides several documentaries, the Project's work has also been the source of the book *Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families*, edited by *Andrew Carroll* and updated several times. The Writer's Center has been sponsoring its own "Homecoming" workshop and wraps up that series with this screening, which will be introduced by *Jon Peede*, director of literature grants for the NEA. A roundtable discussion follows with Peede, poet *E. Ethelbert Miller*, workshop instructor *James Mathews* and several workshop participants. Call 301-654-8664 or visit <http://www.writer.org> for details.

7 P.M. *Ray Raphael* discusses and signs *Founders: The People Who Brought You a Nation* at Politics and Prose Bookstore, 202-364-1919.

## 23 SATURDAY

10:30 A.M. Children's author *Erica S. Perl* reads from and signs her new picture book, *Chicken Butt!* (illustrated by Henry Cole; ages 4-8), at Barnes & Noble-Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, Va., 703-506-2937.

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