



# January 2014 Events

Thursday, Jan. 9 / 6:00pm

**Ishmael Beah**

*Radiance of Tomorrow:*  
A Novel

@ Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

\$5 Tickets

Bestselling author of *A Long Way Gone* Ishmael Beah reads from his latest novel *Radiance of Tomorrow*, which centers around two boys returning to their hometown in Sierra Leone after a brutal civil war.

*Radiance of Tomorrow* is Harvard Book Store's Signed First Edition Club pick for January. Each month Harvard Book Store offers Signed First Edition Club (SFEC) members a signed first printing of a newly published book, selected for both its literary merit and potential collectibility. Get more info and sign up for a personal or gift membership at [harvard.com/signedfirst](http://harvard.com/signedfirst), or speak with a bookseller in the store.

Monday, Jan. 13 / 7:00pm

**Nick Turse**

*Kill Anything That Moves:*  
*The Real American War in Vietnam*

@ Harvard Book Store

"A powerful case...With his urgent but highly readable style, Turse delves into the secret history of U.S.-led atrocities. He has brought to his book an impressive trove of new research—archives explored and eyewitnesses interviewed in the United States and Vietnam."  
—*Washington Post*

Tuesday, Jan. 14 / 7:00pm

**Jay Cantor**

*Forgiving the Angel:*  
*Four Stories for Franz Kafka*

@ Harvard Book Store

Tufts's University professor Jay Cantor reads from his latest book, *Forgiving the Angel*—a heartbreaking collection of stories based on a circle of real people who are held together by love of their friend Franz Kafka.

Wed., Jan. 15 / 7:00pm

**Bill Aulet**

*Disciplined Entrepreneurship:*  
*24 Steps to a Successful Startup*

@ Harvard Book Store

Bill Aulet, managing director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, discusses his how-to guide for building a successful startup and takes entrepreneurs through the most essential steps in constructing an innovative and dynamic product.

Wed., Jan. 15 / 7:30pm

**The Philosophy Café**

Topic:  
Can Human Beings Be Labeled Evil?

@ Harvard Book Store | Lower Level

The Philosophy Café at Harvard Book Store is a monthly gathering meant for the informal, relaxed, philosophical discussion of topics of mutual interest to participants. No particular expertise is required to participate, only a desire to explore philosophy and its real-world applications.

Thursday, Jan. 16 / 7:00pm

**Christopher Kennedy Lawford**

*What Addicts Know:*  
*Ten Lessons from Recovery to Benefit Everyone*

@ Harvard Book Store

*New York Times* bestselling author Christopher Kennedy Lawford revisits the subject of addiction in his latest book, *What Addicts Know*, this time framing the discussion in an entirely new way—the lessons addiction and recovery offer to those of us who haven't battled addiction.

Friday, Jan. 17 / 7:00pm

**Yascha Mounk**

*Stranger in My Own Country:*  
*A Jewish Family in Modern Germany*

@ Harvard Book Store

*Stranger in My Own Country* traces the contours of Jewish life in a country still struggling with the legacy of the Third Reich and portrays those who, inevitably, continue to live in its shadow. Marshaling an extraordinary range of material into a lively narrative, Mounk surveys his countrymen's responses to "the Jewish question."

Tuesday, Jan. 21 / 7:00pm

**James Scott**

*The Kept:*  
A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

James Scott reads from his debut novel, *The Kept*, in which a mother and her young son embark on a quest to avenge a terrible and violent tragedy that has shattered their secluded family.

"*The Kept* starts out as a straightforward revenge narrative, then slowly deepens into something much more mysterious and compelling. James Scott has written a riveting and memorable debut novel." —Tom Perrotta, author of *The Leftovers*

Wed., Jan. 22 / 7:00pm

**Richard Powers**

*Orfeo:*  
A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

National Book Award-winning author, Richard Powers, discusses his latest novel, *Orfeo*. Orfeo tells the story of a composer attempting to find music in surprising patterns. When his work arouses the suspicions of Homeland Security, he finds himself a fugitive on the run.

Please note: This event will not include a book signing.

Thursday, Jan. 23 / 6:00pm

**Gary Shteyngart**

*Little Failure:*  
A Memoir

@ Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Tickets on sale Jan. 2

Tickets are \$28 and include one admission and one copy of *Little Failure*

Bestselling author of *Super Sad True Love Story* Gary Shteyngart discusses his memoir, *Little Failure*. Shteyngart shares his American immigrant experience, moving back and forth through time and memory with self-deprecating humor, moving insights, and literary bravado. The result is a resonant story of family and belonging that feels epic and intimate and distinctly his own.

Friday, Jan. 24 / 7:00pm

**Rachel Cantor**

*A Highly Unlikely Scenario, or a Neetsa Pizza Employee's Guide to Saving the World:*  
A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

Three-time nominee for the Pushcart Prize Rachel Cantor reads from her novel *A Highly Unlikely Scenario, or a Neetsa Pizza Employee's Guide to Saving the World*—a debut novel wherein medieval Kabbalists, rare book librarians, and Latter-Day Baconians skirmish for control over secret mystical knowledge, and one Neetsa Pizza employee discovers that you can't save the world with pizza coupons.

# January 2014 Events, *continued*

Monday, Jan. 27 / 7:00pm

**Max Tegmark**

*Our Mathematical Universe: My Quest for the Ultimate Nature of Reality*

@ Harvard Book Store

"Tegmark offers a fascinating exploration of multiverse theories, each one offering new ways to explain 'quantum weirdness' and other mysteries that have plagued physicists, culminating in the idea that our physical world is 'a giant mathematical object' shaped by geometry and symmetry. Tegmark's writing is lucid, enthusiastic, and outright entertaining, a thoroughly accessible discussion leavened with anecdotes and the pure joy of a scientist at work."

—Publishers Weekly

Monday, Jan. 27 / 7:00pm

**Harvard Square Book Circle**

discusses Anthony Trollope's *The Way We Live Now*

@ Harvard Book Store | Lower Level

Join our in-store book club for a discussion of Trollope's classic work, *The Way We Live Now*. *The Way We Live Now*, unpopular on its first appearance in 1874-5, is now widely recognized as Trollope's masterpiece. An unorthodox satire with a happy ending, it explores decadence and change in what Frank Kermode calls 'a world increasingly more congenial to the speculator than to the gentleman'.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 / 7:00pm

**Isabel Allende**

*Ripper: A Novel*

@ First Parish Church I  
1446 Mass Ave.

\$5 tickets on sale Jan. 7

*New York Times* bestselling author Isbael Allende reads from her new novel, *Ripper*. Amanda Jackson is a natural born sleuth, and when a string of murders correlate to the mysterious disappearance of her mother, the young detective must solve the most complex mystery she's ever faced before it's too late.

Wed., Jan. 29 / 7:00pm

**Michael Ignatieff**

*Fire and Ashes: Success and Failure in Politics*

@ Harvard Book Store

Michale Ignatieff, Harvard Kennedy School Professor and former politician, shares his knowledge of the successes and failures of the high stakes game of politics in his newest book.

Thursday, Jan. 30 / 7:00pm

**Scott Stossel**

*My Age of Anxiety: Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind*

in conversation with CULLEN MURPHY

@ Harvard Book Store

Scott Stossel, editor of *The Atlantic*, is joined by editor at large for *Vanity Fair*, Cullen Murphey, for a discussion of Stossel's book, *My Age of Anxiety: Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind*. Drawing on his own long-standing battle with anxiety, Stossel presents an astonishing history, at once intimate and authoritative, of the efforts to understand the condition from medical, cultural, philosophical, and experiential perspectives.

Friday, Jan. 31 / 3:00pm

**Richard Grossman**

*Wrong: Nine Economic Policy Disasters and What We Can Learn from Them*

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Richard Grossman, Professor of Economics at Wesleyan University, joins us for a discussion of his latest book. In recent years, the world has been rocked by major economic crises, most notably the devastating collapse of Lehman Brothers, the largest bankruptcy in American history, which triggered the breathtakingly destructive sub-prime disaster. What sparks these vast economic calamities? Why do our economic policy makers fail to protect us from such upheavals? Grossman address these questions and more.

Friday, Jan. 31 / 7:00pm

**Alex Myers**

*Revolutionary*

@ Harvard Book Store

Alex Myers discusses his debut novel, *Revolutionary*. As the first openly transgender student at Harved University, Myers is a bit of a revolutionary himself. The novel follows the story of Myer's ancestor Deborah Samson, who disguises herself as a man and fights in the Revolutionary War.

"In following her true nature—who she is at heart—Deborah creates for herself a duplicitous life fraught with personal risk. This beautifully written account is a reminder that gender identity and the struggle for equal rights has always been with us. Perhaps now, in our time, we can set aside our biases and not simply ask how Deborah Sampson did what she did, but understand why." —Heather Sharfeddin author of *Windless Summer*

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