June 2019 Events

Monday, June 3 / 7:00pm
John Burnham Schwartz
The Red Daughter: A Novel
in conversation with NOAH FELDMAN
@ Harvard Book Store
Bestselling screenwriter and novelist John Burnham Schwartz discusses his latest work, an imaginative recreation of the life of Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin’s only daughter. He'll be joined by Harvard Law professor Noah Feldman.

Tuesday, June 4 / 7:00pm
Blair Hurley and
Christopher Castellani
The Devoted: A Novel
and
Leading Men: A Novel
New Voices in Fiction
@ Harvard Book Store
Pushcart Prize-winning novelist Blair Hurley and former Guggenheim fellow & novelist Christopher Castellani discuss their respective books—a coming-of-age story about a young woman’s ecstatic and haunting search for spirituality, and a sumptuous work of historical fiction featuring the characters in Tennessee William’s orbit. This event is co-sponsored by Grub Street.

Wednesday, June 5 / 7:00pm
Thomas Wolf
The Nightingale’s Sonata: The Musical Odyssey of Lea Luboshutz
@ Harvard Book Store
Distinguished musician, educator, and author Thomas Wolf discusses his richly woven portrait of violin virtuoso Lea Luboshutz’s life, work, and trek from revolutionary Russia to Europe and America.

Thursday, June 6 / 7:00pm
George Packer
Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century
@ Harvard Book Store
New York Times staff writer George Packer discusses his biography of Richard Holbrooke, a deftly researched and compellingly written account of the public career and private life of the “admired and deified” diplomat.

Thursday, June 6 / 7:30pm
Tan France
Naturally Tan: A Memoir
@ Back Bay Events Center
160 Berkeley St., Boston
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Sign up for the online waitlist at harvard.com/event/tan_france

Friday, June 7 / 7:00pm
Stephanie Burt
Don’t Read Poetry: A Book About How to Read Poems
@ Harvard Book Store
Celebrated poet and critic Stephanie Burt discusses her new book, an accessible introduction to the seemingly daunting task of reading, understanding, and appreciating poetry. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Sunday, June 9 / 4:00pm
David Sedaris
Calypso
$19.75 tickets (book included)
@ Harvard Book Store
We’re thrilled to celebrate the paperback release of Calypso, David Sedaris’s most deeply personal and darkly hilarious book yet, with a reading and signing like no other! Tickets to hear David read in-store are sold out, but anyone can join the signing line—sign up at harvard.com/event/david_sedaris3.

Monday, June 10 / 7:00pm
James Polchin
Indecent Advances: A Hidden History of True Crime and Prejudice Before Stonewall
in conversation with ROBERT W. FIESELER
@ Harvard Book Store
James Polchin, Clinical Professor of Liberal Studies at NYU, discusses his debut book—a hybrid of true crime reportage and cultural history that tells the story of how homosexuals were criminalized in the popular imagination, from the ‘30s through the Stonewall Riots. He’ll be joined by acclaimed author Robert W. Fieseler. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Monday, June 11 / 7:00pm
Robert Macfarlane
Underland: A Deep Time Journey
in conversation with SEBASTIAN SMEE
@ Harvard Book Store
Macfarlane discusses his latest book, an extraordinary journey into our relationship with darkness, burial, and what lies beneath the surface of both place and mind. He’ll be joined by Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic and author Sebastian Smee. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, June 12 / 7:00pm
Adam Ehrlich Sachs
The Organs of Sense: A Novel
in conversation with ANDREW MARTIN
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed writer Adam Ehrlich Sachs discusses his debut novel, a “madcap, ingenious fable” about the polymath Gottfried Leibniz and a prophesying astronomer. He’ll be in conversation by writer and critic Andrew Martin.

Thursday, June 13 / 6:00pm
Janaka Stucky
Ascend Ascend
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 140 Brattle St.
Mystic poet, performer, and publisher Janaka Stucky presents his new book—a document of the ecstatic destruction of self through its union with the divine, in the tradition of Jewish Kabbalot literature—in an immersive, multi-disciplinary performance.

Thursday, June 13 / 7:00pm
David Weinberger
Everyday Chaos: Technology, Complexity, and How We’re Thriving in a New World of Possibility
@ Harvard Book Store
Pioneering Internet thought leader David Weinberger discusses how rapid and complex technological advances are affecting our understanding of the way things happen—and with it, our ability to predict, prepare for, and manage the world around us.

Friday, June 14 / 6:00pm
Raphael Bob-Waksberg
Someone Who Will Love You in All Your Damaged Glory: Stories
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 140 Brattle St.
The creator & executive producer of the beloved Netflix series BoJack Horseman discusses his debut book: an exploration, in his scathingly dark and heartfelt style, of “love in all of its terrible, ridiculous, humiliating glory.”
Friday, June 14 / 7:00pm

Mona Awad
*Bunny: A Novel*
in conversation with MARGOT LIVESEY
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author Mona Awad discusses her latest novel, the story of an outcast student in a prestigious New England MFA program and her descent into the saccharine, sinister, and surreal world of the “Bunnies,” her rich, unbearable twin peers. She’ll be joined by acclaimed author and educator Margot Livesey.

Friday, June 14 / 7:00pm

Jennifer Weiner
*Mrs. Everything: A Novel*
in conversation with MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN
$29.75 tickets (book included)
@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.
#1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner discusses her latest novel, the story of two sisters coming of age in the turbulent 60s and their divergent paths through the counter-culture, the mainstream, and beyond. She’ll be joined by author and advice columnist Meredith Goldstein.

Monday, June 17 / 7:00pm

Ann Beattie
*A Wonderful Stroke of Luck: A Novel*
@ Harvard Book Store
Legendary fiction writer Ann Beattie discusses her latest work: the story of a promising student, his brilliant and perverse teacher, and the lasting impact of their relationship on his vertiginous adult life.

Tuesday, June 18 / 7:00pm

Jenna Bratyon, Eleanor Celeste, and Molly Dillon
*Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope and Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House*
@ Harvard Book Store
Former Obama Administration staffers Jenna Bratyon, Eleanor Celeste, and Molly Dillon discuss their experience working with the president and the importance of creating space for young women to change the world. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, June 19 / 7:00pm

Lewis Hyde
*A Primer for Forgetting: Getting Past the Past*
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed scholar, translator, cultural critic, and writer Lewis Hyde discusses his latest book: a synthesis of literature, myth, autobiography and historical analysis that explores the prospect of viewing forgetfulness as a path to peace and rebirth, rather than something to fear. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Thursday, June 20 / 7:00pm

Jonathan M. Hansen
Young Castro: The Making of a Revolutionary
in conversation with AMBASSADOR JEFFREY DELAURENTIS
@ Harvard Book Store
Senior lecturer at Harvard and author Jonathan M. Hansen discusses his biography of Fidel Castro, “a nuanced and penetrating portrait” of the man and the leader. He’ll be joined by former Chargé d’Affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Jeffrey DeLaurentis.

Friday, June 21 / 7:00pm

Catherine Chung
*The Tenth Muse: A Novel*
in conversation with RITA ZOEY CHIN
@ Harvard Book Store
Critically acclaimed author Catherine Chung discusses her new novel—the story of a mathematician on a quest to conquer the Riemann Hypothesis, and to unravel the mysteries of her own past. She’ll be joined by award-winning writer and educator, Rita Zoey Chin.

Saturday, June 22 / 10am - 8pm

Summer Warehouse Sale: Day One
@ Harvard Book Store Warehouse
14 Park St., Somerville

Sunday, June 23 / 10am - 8pm

Summer Warehouse Sale: Day Two
@ Harvard Book Store Warehouse
14 Park St., Somerville

Thursday, June 27 / 7:00pm

Marcia D. Ross
*Layla and the Lake: A Novel*
@ Harvard Book Store
Local author Marcia D. Ross discusses her debut novel, the story of one woman’s familial tensions, secrets, and infidelities coming to a head on a summer trip to a rural Maine cottage.

Friday, June 28 / 7:00pm

Thomas Abt
*Bleeding Out: The Devastating Consequences of Urban Violence—and a Bold New Plan for Peace in the Streets*
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard senior research fellow Thomas Abt discusses his new book, which combines the latest social science with his firsthand experience as a crime-fighter to advocate for a different model of addressing violence in our cities.

Saturday, June 29 / 10am - 8pm

Summer Warehouse Sale: Day Three
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Sunday, June 30 / 10am - 8pm

Summer Warehouse Sale: Day Four
@ Harvard Book Store Warehouse
14 Park St., Somerville

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