May 2019 Events

Wednesday, May 1 / 7:00pm
Crystal King and Kris Waldherr
The Chef's Secret: A Novel
and
The Lost History of Dreams: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store

Writer & culinary enthusiast Crystal King and author, illustrator, & designer Kris Waldherr discuss their respective new novels—a tale of betrayal, murder, and sumptuous feasts set in Renaissance Italy, and a sweeping, atmospheric gothic mystery about love and loss.

Thursday, May 2 / 7:00pm
Robin Wolfe Scheffler
A Contagious Cause: The American Hunt for Cancer Viruses and the Rise of Molecular Medicine
@ Harvard Book Store

Author and historian Robin Wolfe Scheffler discusses the century-long hunt for a human cancer virus in America, the merging of scientific disciplines that went into the effort, and the fierce conflicts it sparked.

Friday, May 3 / 3:00pm
Elizabeth A. Herbin-Triant
Threatening Property: Race, Class, and Campaigns to Legislate Jim Crow Neighborhoods
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store

UMass Lowell history professor Elizabeth A. Herbin-Triant discusses early twentieth-century campaigns for residential segregation laws in North Carolina and how the version of white residential segregation laws in North Carolina and how the version of white supremacy supported by middle-class white people differed from that supported by the elite. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Friday, May 3 / 7:00pm
George Abraham, Marwa Helal, Brandon Melendez & Margaret Rhee
The specimen’s apology
Invasive species
The Gold That Frames the Mirror and
Love, Robot
with an introduction by ANDRÉ M. CARRINGTON
@ Harvard Book Store

Local poets George Abraham, Marwa Helal, Brandon Melendez & Margaret Rhee discuss their respective poetry collections. They’ll be introduced by scholar and Radcliffe Fellow andré m. carrington.

Sunday, May 5 / 7:00pm
Susan Ware
Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote
@ Harvard Book Store

Celebrated feminist historian Susan Ware discusses the diverse story behind the oft white-washed history of women’s suffrage, exploring the lives of nineteen activists whose contributions to the cause have been long overlooked. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Monday, May 6 / 7:00pm
H.M. Naqvi
The Selected Works of Abdullah the Cossack
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed novelist H.M. Naqvi, author of Home Boy, discusses his latest novel about one gloriously unaccomplished man, his impending death, and his bustling, shape-shifting city.

Tuesday, May 7 / 6:00pm
Celeste Ng
Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel
in conversation with LAUREN GROFF
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT
There will not be a standby line.

Tuesday, May 7 / 7:00pm
Peter Hessler
The Buried: An Archaeology of the Egyptian Revolution
in conversation with MATTHEW BELL
@ Harvard Book Store

New Yorker staff writer Peter Hessler—acclaimed author of River Town and Oracle Bones—discusses his latest book, an astonishing portrait of Egypt and its people in the midst of the Arab Spring. He’ll be joined by Matthew Bell, correspondent for The World at WGBH Boston.

Wednesday, May 8 / 6:00pm
Venki Ramakrishnan
Gene Machine: The Race to Decipher the Secrets of the Ribosome
Science Book Talks
@ Harvard Science Center, Hall C 1 Oxford St.

Nobel Prize–winning biologist and president of the Royal Society, Venki Ramakrishnan, discusses his latest book—an insider’s account of the race to map the structure of the ribosome.

Monday, May 13 / 7:00pm
Rachel Louise Snyder
No Visible Bruises: What We Don’t Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us
in conversation with SUZANNE DUBUS
@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning journalist Rachel Louise Snyder discusses the global epidemic of domestic violence and how we can begin to truly address its root causes and consequences. She’ll be joined by Suzanne Dubus, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.
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Tuesday, May 14 / 7:00pm
Tracy Strauss
I Just Haven’t Met You Yet: Finding Empowerment in Dating, Love, and Life
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author and writing instructor Tracy Strauss discusses how readers can change their troubled self-images along with their (love) lives.

Wednesday, May 15 / 6:00pm
Rick Atkinson
The British are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775—1777
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed, best-selling writer Karen Russell, author of Swamplandia and Vampires in the Lemon Grove, discusses her new collection: “a feast of invention and a funhouse of surprising wisdom.” —Louise Erdrich

Thursday, May 16 / 6:00pm
Moby
Then It Fell Apart
in conversation with GEOFF EDGERS
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Singer-songwriter, DJ, & author Moby discusses his second memoir, a personal story, and the myriad flaws & imperfections in his life.

Thursday, May 16 / 7:00pm
Max Porter
Lanny: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning novelist Max Porter—author of Grief is the Thing with Feathers—discusses his latest book, a tapestry of fabulism and domestic drama in a small English village.

Friday, May 17 / 6:00pm
Adam Gopnik
A Thousand Small Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Award-winning author, critic, & lecturer Adam Gopnik—a啤酒 and author of Paris in the Moon and Strangers at the Gate—performs a one-man show based on his latest book: a tour of the great and sometimes improbable people & places of liberalism’s history. This event is cosponsored by Mass Humanities.

Friday, May 17 / 7:00pm
David E. Sanger
The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age
@ Harvard Book Store
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and New York Times national security correspondent David E. Sanger discusses the startling inside story of how the rise of cyberweapons has transformed geopolitics as radically as the invention of the atomic bomb.

Monday, May 20 / 7:00pm
John Waters
Mr. Know-It-All: The Tarnished Wisdom of a Filth Elder
$28.75 tickets (book included)
@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.
Iconic filmmaker, actor, visual artist, & author John Waters discusses his new memoir—sharing, in his inimitable style, a wealth of lessons on everything from home décor to cheating death. This event is co-sponsored by Cambridge Forum.

Monday, May 20 / 7:00pm
Victor Grossman
A Socialist Defector: From Harvard to Karl-Marx-Allee
@ Harvard Book Store
Journalist and Harvard alumnus Victor Grossman discusses the circumstances that landed him in East Germany and his lived experiences under the German Democratic Republic’s brand of socialism.

Tuesday, May 21 / 7:00pm
Mary L. Gray
Ghost Work: How to Stop Silicon Valley from Building a New Global Underclass
in conversation with GIDEON LICHFIELD
@ Harvard Book Store
Anthropologist and Microsoft Senior Researcher Mary L. Gray discusses the invisible human labor, or “ghost work,” that propels the growth & spread of high-tech companies. She’ll be joined by Gideon Lichfield, editor-in-chief of MIT Technology Review.

Tuesday, May 28 / 7:00pm
Nick Thorkelson
Herbert Marcuse, Philosopher of Utopia: A Graphic Biography
@ Harvard Book Store
Cartoonist, author, & illustrator Nick Thorkelson discusses his graphic biography of Herbert Marcuse, the “unlikely pop star” of 20th century philosophy whose advocacy for a more humane, sustainable world is all the more relevant today. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, May 29 / 7:00pm
Julie Orringer
The Flight Portfolio: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning writer Julie Orringer—author of The Invisable Bridge and How to Breathe Underwater—discusses her masterful retelling of Varian Fry’s efforts to rescue imperiled artists & writers in occupied France, 1940.

Friday, May 31 / 7:00pm
Daniel José Older and Malka Older
Freedom Fire and State Tectonics
@ Harvard Book Store
Siblings Daniel José Older—award-winning author of Shadowshaper—and Malka Older—bestselling author of Infomocracy—discuss their respective new books, offering different takes on sci-fi for YA & adult audiences.

Tickets for events requiring them are available at harvard.com/events. All venues are in Cambridge.