



October 2018 Events

Monday, October 1 / 7:00pm

Sarah Smarsh

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth

@ Harvard Book Store

Journalist, essayist, and speaker Sarah Smarsh discusses her turbulent upbringing on a Kansas farm and the impact of cyclical poverty on individuals, families, and communities.

Tuesday, October 2 / 6:00pm

Steven Johnson

Farsighted: How We Make the Decisions That Matter the Most

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Bestselling author Steven Johnson, host of *How We Got to Now*, discusses how we can effectively make important long-term decisions in today's world of distractions and short attention spans.

Tuesday, October 2 / 7:00pm

Alice Hoffman and Lisa Hoffman

Faerie Knitting: 14 Tales of Love and Magic

@ Harvard Book Store

Bestselling author Alice Hoffman and knitwear designer Lisa Hoffman discuss their new book, a collection of fairy tales with original knit patterns inspired by each story.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 / 7:00pm

Nick Bunker

Young Benjamin Franklin: The Birth of Ingenuity

@ Harvard Book Store

Author and historian Nick Bunker discusses Ben Franklin's early life, the challenges Franklin overcame in a harsh colonial world, and the passion for knowledge that inspired his scientific achievements.

Thursday, October 4 / 6:00pm

Andre Dubus III

Gone So Long: A Novel

in conversation with ALEXANDRIA MARZANO-LESNEVICH

moderated by ANTHONY BROOKS

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Award-winning writer Andre Dubus III discusses his much-anticipated latest novel, in which a man living a solitary existence in seaside New England travels to Florida in search of his traumatized, estranged daughter.

Thursday, October 4 / 7:00pm

Joanne B. Freeman

The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War

@ Harvard Book Store

Historian and Yale professor Joanne B. Freeman discusses the lesser-known violence and conflict that marked legislative sessions in the decades before the American Civil War.

Friday, October 5 / 3:00pm

Daniel J. Hopkins

The Increasingly United States: How and Why American Political Behavior Nationalized

Friday Forum @ Harvard Book Store

University of Pennsylvania political science professor Daniel J. Hopkins discusses the trend of American political behavior becoming more nationalized and its implications for local politics.

Friday, October 5 / 7:00pm

James Miller

Can Democracy Work?: A Short History of a Radical Idea, from Ancient Athens to Our World

@ Harvard Book Store

James Miller, acclaimed author of *Examined Lives*, discusses how democracy has become a widely accepted system in spite of conflicting interpretations, war, and corruption.

Monday, October 8 / 7:00pm

Ben Bradlee, Jr.

The Forgotten: How the People of One Pennsylvania County Elected Donald Trump and Changed America

@ Harvard Book Store

Renowned journalist and author Ben Bradlee, Jr. discusses what happened in Luzerne County, which decisively swung Pennsylvania for Donald Trump after voting Democratic for decades.

Tuesday, October 9 / 7:00pm

Carol Fulp

Success Through Diversity: Why the Most Inclusive Companies Will Win

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning businesswoman Carol Fulp discusses how investing in a racially and ethnically diverse workforce will help make businesses more dynamic, powerful, and profitable.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 / 7:00pm

John Freeman

Freeman's: Power

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer and critic John Freeman discusses the latest volume of his literary annual, *Freeman's*, that explores the theme of power and who gets to say what matters in a time of social upheaval—featuring work from Margaret Atwood, Tracy K. Smith, David Mitchell, Elif Shafak, and many more.

Thursday, October 11 / 6:00pm

Steve Kornacki

The Red and the Blue: The 1990s and the Birth of Political Tribalism

in conversation with JON KELLER

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

National political correspondent Steve Kornacki discusses the history of American political tribalism and how both Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich exploited the weakened structure of their respective political parties in the 1990s.

Thursday, October 11 / 7:00pm

David Shroyer-Petrov

Doctor Levitin

in conversation with MAXIM D. SHROYER and ARNA BRONSTEIN

Works in Translation
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer David Shroyer-Petrov discusses *Doctor Levitin*, a modern classic translated now for the first time in English, about the struggle of Soviet Jews and their exodus from the former USSR.

Friday, October 12 / 3:00pm

Cheryl Finley

Committed to Memory: The Art of the Slave Ship Icon

in conversation with HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

Friday Forum @ Harvard Book Store

Art historian and Cornell professor Cheryl Finley discusses how black artists have used an iconic 18th-century engraving of a slave ship to reflect on black resistance and the trauma and legacy of slavery.

Friday, October 12 / 7:00pm

Jason Stanley

How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them

in conversation with ELIZABETH HINTON

@ Harvard Book Store

Philosopher and Yale professor Jason Stanley discusses the fascist politics and authoritarian tactics behind today's ethnic, racial, and religious divides.

Monday, October 15 / 7:00pm

Stephen L. Carter

Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer and Yale law professor Stephen L. Carter discusses the story of his grandmother, Eunice Carter, who devised the strategy that sent mafia chieftain Lucky Luciano to prison.

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Tuesday, October 16 / 7:00^{pm}

Jamie Susskind

Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech

@ Harvard Book Store

Author, speaker, and practicing barrister Jamie Susskind discusses how digital technology can and will transform politics, culture, and society.

Tuesday, October 16 / 7:30^{pm}

Phoebe Robinson

Everything's Trash, But It's Okay

\$36 tickets (book included)

@ Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St., Boston

Comedian, writer, and actress Phoebe Robinson discusses her latest essay collection, which tackles our cultures of gender, race, dating, beauty, and work.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 / 7:00^{pm}

Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore

Sketchtasy

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning writer Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore discusses her latest novel, a Boston-based story of 1990s gay culture when desire and death were intertwined.

Thursday, Oct. 18 / 7:00^{pm}

Jane Sherron de Hart

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life

@ Harvard Book Store

Historian Jane Sherron de Hart discusses her extensively researched biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, written with the cooperation of the Justice herself.

Friday, October 19 / 3:00^{pm}

Stephen M. Walt

The Hell of Good Intentions: America's Foreign Policy Elite and the Decline of U.S. Primacy

Friday Forum @ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed author and Harvard professor Stephen M. Walt discusses the failures of recent American foreign policy and outlines what can be done to fix it.

Friday, October 19 / 7:00^{pm}

Jabari Asim

We Can't Breathe: On Black Lives, White Lies, and the Art of Survival

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed author, poet, and playwright Jabari Asim discusses black survival and persistence through art and community in the face of centuries of racism.

Friday, October 19 / 7:30^{pm}

Busy Philipps

This Will Only Hurt a Little

\$32 tickets (book included)
\$22 tickets (admission only)

@ Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St., Boston

Actress and writer Busy Philipps discusses her debut memoir, detailing her experiences in Hollywood and the challenges of love and motherhood.

Monday, October 22 / 7:00^{pm}

Ramachandra Guha

Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World, 1914–1948

\$8 tickets

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Acclaimed historian Ramachandra Guha discusses the second and concluding volume of his Gandhi biography that began with *Gandhi Before India*.

Monday, October 22 / 7:00^{pm}

Lisa Brennan-Jobs

Small Fry: A Memoir

@ Harvard Book Store

Writer Lisa Brennan-Jobs discusses her debut memoir—an account of the difficult relationship she had with her father, Apple founder Steve Jobs.

Tuesday, October 23 / 7:00^{pm}

Kirstin Allio

Buddhism for Western Children: A Novel

in conversation with
MARGOT LIVESEY

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning author Kirstin Allio discusses her latest novel, the story of a boy escaping religious subjugation, set in Maine and New Mexico in the 70s-80s.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 / 7:00^{pm}

Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

Friday Black: Stories

New Voices in Fiction
@ Harvard Book Store

Short story writer Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah discusses his debut collection, a satirical look at what it is like to be young and black in America.

Thursday, Oct. 25 / 6:00^{pm}

Christopher Kimball

Milk Street: Tuesday Nights

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Renowned chef, publisher, and TV host Christopher Kimball discusses his latest cookbook, which focuses on simple, fast weeknight dinners with over 200 recipes.

Thursday, Oct. 25 / 7:00^{pm}

Crystal Fleming

How to Be Less Stupid About Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the Racial Divide

in conversation with
ROBIN DIANGELO

@ Harvard Book Store

Writer and sociologist Crystal Fleming discusses the misconceptions that have corrupted the way race is represented in the classroom, pop culture, and politics.

Friday, October 26 / 3:00^{pm}

Jeffrey Melnick and Rachel Lee Rubin

Creepy Crawling: Charles Manson and the Many Lives of America's Most Infamous Family

and

Merle Haggard's Okie from Muskogee

Friday Forum @ Harvard Book Store

UMass Boston professors Jeffrey Melnick and Rachel Lee Rubin discuss their new books and 1969 culture and counterculture.

Friday, October 26 / 6:00^{pm}

Eileen Myles

Evolution

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Celebrated poet and writer Eileen Myles discusses their highly anticipated new poetry collection, the first since 2011's *Snowflake/different streets*.

Friday, October 26 / 7:00^{pm}

Dan Lyons

Lab Rats: How Silicon Valley Made Work Miserable for the Rest of Us

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer and public speaker Dan Lyons discusses how the half-baked ideas of Silicon Valley and its "new oligarchs" have changed the way we work and left us poorer and insecure.

Sunday, October 28 / 7:00^{pm}

The Harvard Square Book Circle

discusses Fyodor Dostoevsky's *Notes from Underground*

@ Harvard Book Store

Monday, October 29 / 7:00^{pm}

JPat Brown, B. C. D. Lipton, and Michael Morisy

Writers Under Surveillance: The FBI Files

@ Harvard Book Store

MuckRock editors JPat Brown, B. C. D. Lipton, and Michael Morisy discuss their new book which collects FBI files on writers including Hannah Arendt, James Baldwin, Susan Sontag, and many more.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 / 6:30^{pm}

Wimpy Kid Live: The Meltdown Show

with JEFF KINNEY presenting

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown (Book 13)

\$20 tickets (book included)
+ free companion tickets

@ Old South Church
645 Boylston St., Boston

This one-hour show is packed full of trademark Wimpy Kid humor, trivia, cartooning, zany audience participation opportunities, and snowball fights.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 / 7:00^{pm}

Elliot Ackerman

Waiting for Eden: A Novel

in conversation with
AMY SUTHERLAND

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer Elliot Ackerman discusses his latest novel, in which a veteran enduring life trapped in his own mind tries to find a way to communicate.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 / 7:00^{pm}

Sadie Dupuis

Mouthguard

@ Harvard Book Store

Speedy Ortiz lead singer Sadie Dupuis discusses her debut poetry collection, which she describes as "incantations about illness and loss and the strangeness of bodies."

Tickets for events requiring them are available online at harvard.com/events. Unless otherwise noted, venues are in Cambridge.