Tuesday, October 1 / 6:30pm
Billy Bragg
The Three Dimensions of Freedom in conversation with DASS R. SUNSTEIN @ Cambridge Public Library 449 Broadway
Musician, activist, and bestselling author Billy Bragg shares his latest work: a story of evil and political freedom on the three conditions—Liberty, Equality, and Accountability—which allow freedom to thrive. He’ll be joined by renowned legal scholar Martha Minow, who is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Tuesday, October 1 / 7:00pm
Caroline Kaufman
When the World Didn’t End: Poems @ Harvard Book Store Instagram poet sensation and Harvard sophomore Caroline Kaufman—a @pocketpoison—reads from her new book, which explores the vulnerability and insight that comes from healing.

Tuesday, October 1 / 7:00pm
Jill Lepore
These Truths: A History of the United States in conversation with ROBIN YOUNG $10 Tickets @ WBUR CitySpace 890 Commonwealth Ave., Boston
Harvard Book Store and WBUR welcome the renowned historian and writer to celebrate the paperback launch of her bestselling, critically acclaimed These Truths. She’ll be joined by the voice of NPR’s “Here and Now,” Robin Young.

Wednesday, October 2 / 6:00pm
Richard Russo
Chances Are. . . : A Novel $6 Tickets @ the Brattle Theatre I 40 Brattle St. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo reads from his latest novel, which follows three longtime friends on a weekend reunion on Martha’s Vineyard as they confront the secrets of their presents—and their past.

Wednesday, October 2 / 7:00pm
Jennifer Block
Everything Below The Waist: Why Health Care Needs a Feminist Revolution in conversation with JACLYN FRIEDMAN @ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning independent journalist Jennifer Block discusses the endemic overdiagnosis and overtreatment of American women, drawing from patient stories and new scientific research to argue for a higher, more empowered standard of care. She’ll be joined by writer, performer, and activist Imaniy Friedman.

Thursday, October 3 / 6:00pm
Stephen Chbosky
Imaginary Friend: A Novel $32 Tickets (book included) @ the Brattle Theatre I 40 Brattle St.
The beloved, bestselling author of Perks of Being a Wallflower reads from his anticipated second book—a boundary-breaking horror novel for adults about a single mother and her son searching for a better life, and battling evil, in a small Pennsylvania town.

Thursday, October 3 / 7:00pm
Fanny Howe
Love and : Poems @ Harvard Book Store
Critically acclaimed local poet Fanny Howe presents her latest collection, a lyric, cinematic investigation of love, belief, and unbelief.

Friday, October 4 / 3:00pm
Lisa Duggan
Mean Girl: Aynd Rand and the Culture of Greed in conversation with LAUREN KAMINSKY @ Harvard Book Store
Journalist, activist, and academic Lisa Duggan discusses Rand’s notorious legacy, her radical impact on right-wing politics, and the ways our current cultural moment is shaped by her “philosophy of selfishness.” She’ll be joined by renowned Kaminisky, scholar of gender and the Soviet Union.

Friday, October 4 / 6:00pm
Adam Grant
The Gift inside the Box in conversation with DANIEL GILBERT $20.25 tickets (book included) @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave.
Bestselling author and organizational psychologist Adam Grant shares his new picture book, a fable about generosity and the power of giving, which explores how the act of giving and receiving shapes who we are and the world we create. He’ll be joined by renowned psychologist and Harvard professor Daniel Gilbert.

Monday, October 7 / 7:00pm
Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey
She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Ignited a Movement in conversation with ASHLEY JUDD $29.75 tickets (book included) @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave.
The Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporters who broke the Harvey Weinstein story at the New York Times—unmasking a movement and a long-overdue moment of cultural reckoning—speak about their experience, the consequences of their reporting, and the stories of the brave women who made it all possible by speaking up. They’ll be joined by author, actor, and social justice humanitarian Ashley Judd.

Monday, October 7 / 7:00pm
Jim Wallis
Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus $6 tickets @ Pickman Hall at Long School of Music 27 Garden St.
Esteemed public theologian Jim Wallis offers a primal roadmap for all Christians—frustrated with the deep partisan divide in politics and religion, arguing that the way through the current moment of crisis is a return to the radically transformative teachings of Jesus.

Monday, October 7 / 7:00pm
Annalee Newitz
The Future of Another Timeline: A Novel in conversation with STEPHANIE BURT @ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning journalist, editor, and author Annalee Newitz reads from their latest book, which interweaves the lives, fates, and histories of a teenage girl in the 90s and a time-travel fighter for justice in the future. They’ll be joined by celebrated poet and critic Stephanie Burt.

Wednesday, October 9 / 7:00pm
Fatima Bhutto
New Kings of the World: Dispatches from Bollywood, Dizi, and K-Pop @ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed author Fatima Bhutto dives deep into the figures and phenomena challenging the Western world’s cultural hegemony—profiling one of Bollywood’s biggest stars, going behind the scenes on Turkey’s soap opera, or day, and investigating the roots of K-pop in South Korea.

Wednesday, October 9 / 7:00pm
Robert Kuttner
The Stakes: 2020 and the Survival of American Democracy in conversation with E.J. DIONNE, JR. @ Cambridge Public Library 449 Broadway
Prominent political analyst Robert Kuttner outlines the stakes of America’s next presidential election, in no uncertain terms: the survival of our democracy depends upon progressive victory. He’ll be joined by Georgetown professor and Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne.

Thursday, October 10 / 7:00pm
Martha Minow
When Should Law Forgive? @ Cambridge Public Library 449 Broadway
Renowned legal scholar Martha Minow uses an array of specific cases—from the handling of corporate debt, to the international response to child soldiers, to the abuse of legal tools by Joe Arpaio—to illuminate the complex issues raised by asking who has the right to grieve and receive forgiveness under the law.

Thursday, October 10 / 7:00pm
Naomi Klein
On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal in conversation with JULIET B. SCHOR $8 tickets @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave.
Internationally bestselling, award-winning author and journalist Naomi Klein—one of the foremost indicators for climate justice—presents her call to action for a planet on the brink. She’ll be joined by Juliet B. Schor, Boston College professor and former Guggenheim fellow. This event is co-sponsored by SILO Mass, Cambridge Forum, The Intercept, The Leap, and Sunrise.

Thursday, October 10 / 7:00pm
Stephen Kinzer
Poisoner in Chief: Sidney Gottlieb and the CIA Search for Mind Control @ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning foreign correspondent and Boston University professor Stephen Kinzer discusses his groundbreaking research into the secretive operations of Sidney Gottlieb, head of the CIA’s MK-ULTRA mind control project.

Friday, October 11 / 3:00pm
Nancy L. Rosenblum and Russell Muirhead
A Lot of People Are Saying: The New Consiparism and the Assault on Democracy Friday Forum: Ethics in Your World @ Harvard Book Store
Authors and professors Nancy L. Rosenblum and Russell Muirhead examine how the Trump-era strain of conspiracy theory differs from conspiracy theories of the past and threatens the foundations of democracy. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities, the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, and the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation.

Friday, October 11 / 7:00pm
Imani Perry
Breathe: A Letter to My Sons @ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed author, scholar, and Harvard professor Imani Perry draws on the work of Black intellectuals and insights from her own life to encourage her children and their peers to forge their own paths, unafraid—and to challenge a society that all too often devalues the humanity and lives of black youth.

Tuesday, October 15 / 7:00pm
Alex Krieger
City on a Hill: Urban Idealism in America from the Puriitans to the Present @ Harvard Book Store
Leading urban planner and scholar Alex Krieger traces the history of America’s development through the different utopian dreams that historically shaped the cities, suburbs, and more remote fringes we inhabit. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Tuesday, October 15 / 7:00pm
Andrew McAfee
More from Less: The Surprising Story of How We Learned to Prosper Using Fewer Resources—and What Happens Next $6 tickets @ First Church Cambridge 11 Garden St.
Andrew McAfee, bestselling author and a principal researcher for MIT, shares his controversial proposal for combating our ecological problems not through radical changes, but by expanding the reach of sophisticated technological economies throughout the world.
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Wednesday, October 16 / 7:00pm
Daniel Leader and Lauren Chatman Living Bread: Tradition and Innovation in Artisan Bread Making in conversation with JACK BISHOP Good Taste Conversations on Food and Writing @ Harvard Book Store Pioneering artisan bread baker Daniel Leader and cookbook author Lauren Chatman explore the current landscape of artisan baking, sharing new techniques, and enticing tastes on classic recipes. They’ll be joined by Jack Bishop, chef creative officer of America’s Test Kitchen.

Wednesday, October 16 / 7:00pm
Leigh Bardugo Ninth House: A Novel $29.75 tickets (signing line pass, book included) @ Cambridge Public Library 449 Broadway Beloved, bestselling fantasy writer Leigh Bardugo reads from her new adult novel: the story of Galaxy “Ark” Stern, the survivor of a traumatic childhood and an unsolved multiple homicide, who’s offered the chance to change through a full scholarship to Yale—with one occult, deadly catch.

Please note: This talk is free and open to the public. Those joining the signing line must have purchased a copy of Ninth House from Harvard Book Store. Purchasing a book-included signing line pass in advance ensures a spot in the signing line after the talk.

Thursday, October 17 / 7:00pm
Gail Collins No Stepping Us Now: The Adventures of Older Women in American History $6 tickets @ the Brattle Theatre 140 Brattle St. Esteemed New York Times columnist Gail Collins presents her lively social history of American women and aging, examining how attitudes have shifted from those of America’s founding to the present day. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Thursday, October 17 / 7:00pm
Pico Iyer A Beginner’s Guide to Japan: Observations and Provocations and Autumn Light: Seasons of Fire and Farewells $8 tickets @ Harvard Book Store Acclaimed author and travel writer Pico Iyer shares his latest observations on the culture of his adopted homeland. This even co-sponsored by the Japan Society of Boston.

Thursday, October 17 / 7:30pm
John Grisham and Dorsa Keim Goodwin The Guardians: A Novel and Leadership: In Turbulent Times $18 tickets @ Back Bay Events Center 160 Berkeley St., Boston Harvard Book Store is thrilled to welcome bestselling authors John Grisham and Dorsa Keim Goodwin for a discussion of their latest books—Grisham with his newest legal thriller, The Guardians, and historian Goodwin with the new-to-paperback Leadership: In Turbulent Times.

Friday, October 18 / 7:00pm
Chris Ware and Lynda Barry Rusty Brown and Making Comics $6 tickets @ the Brattle Theatre 140 Brattle St. Beloved, iconic cartoonists Chris Ware and Lynda Barry present their new books: Ware’s new graphic novel, a colloquy of lives intersecting over the course of a single weekend in the Midwest, and Barry’s compilation of her comic-making exercises and creative curriculum.

Friday, October 18 / 7:00pm
Adrienne Brodeur Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me in conversation with JOANNA RAKOFF @ Harvard Book Store Adrienne Brodeur—a acclaimed editor, author, and co-founder of Zoetrope: All-Story—reads from her new memoir about the affair that would come to shape the course of her mother’s life, and her own. She’ll be joined by award-winning author Joanna Rakoff.

Friday, October 18 / 7:30pm
Bill Bryson The Body: A Guide for Occupants $32 tickets (book included) @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave. With his trademark humor and curiosity, the bestselling author of A Short History of Nearly Everything takes readers on a tour of a destination very close to home: the human body.

Monday, October 21 / 7:00pm
Jeanette Winterston Frankissstein: A Love Story $8 tickets @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave. Jeanette Winterston, author of the beloved Changes Are Not the Only Fruit, reads from her latest novel, a riff on Mary Shelley’s classic horror tale that spans from Lake Geneva in 1816 to Brexit Britain.

Monday, October 21 / 7:00pm
Roy Scranton I Heart Oklahoma!: A Novel in conversation with DAVID LEVINE @ Harvard Book Store Acclaimed writer and Notre Dame English professor Roy Scranton shares his new novel, a “provocative, gender-bending, spellshifting musical romp through the brain-eating nightmare of contemporary America.” He’ll be joined by award-winning performance and visual artist David Levine.

Tuesday, October 22 / 7:00pm
Elizabeth Earley Like Wings, Your Hands: A Novel with performances by ZENADA PETERSON and COLE RODRIGUEZ @ Harvard Book Store Award-winning author and editor Elizabeth Earley presents her new novel, a philoshophical exploration of interdependence, disability, and growth. Her reading will feature opening performances by acclaimed Boston-based poets and activists Zenada Peterson and Cole Rodriguez.

Wednesday, October 23 / 6:00pm
Sean Carroll Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum physics and the Emergence of Spacetime Science Book Talks @ Harvard Science Center 1 Oxford St. Theoretical physicist and celebrated science writer Sean Carroll makes a compelling case for the Mary Worlds society of contemporary spacetime, grounding the mind-blowing concept of multiple universes for multiple quantum event outcomes in his uniquely lucid prose.

Wednesday, October 23 / 7:00pm
Jami Attenberg All This Could Be Yours: A Novel in conversation with LAURA VAN DEN BERG @ Harvard Book Store Bestselling author Jami Attenberg reads from her anticipated new novel about the familial fallout of a toxically powerful patriarch’s passing. She’ll be joined by acclaimed local writer Laura Van den Berg.

Thursday, October 24 / 7:00pm
Elizabeth Chiles Shelburne Holding On To Nothing: A Novel New Voices in Fiction @ Harvard Book Store Elizabeth Chiles Shelburne discusses her new novel, the story of two young, unintentional parents trying to keep their family afloat in rural Tennessee. This event is co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

Thursday, October 24 / 7:30pm
Ranor Farrow Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and A Conspiracy to Protect Predators $38 tickets (book included) @ Back Bay Events Center 160 Berkeley St., Boston Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Ranor Farrow presents his highly anticipated new book, the untold story of intimidation and intimidation tactics used by men in power—at the center of the investigations that sparked the MeToo Movement— to threaten journalists and silence their victims.

Friday, October 25 / 7:00pm
Seriha Pickhy Fogbound Bastards of the Eastern Front: Soviet Armies behind the Soviet Lines and the Collapse of the Grand Alliance Friday Forum @ Harvard Book Store Award-winning Eastern Europe historian and Harvard professor Seriha Pickhy—the author of Chernobyl—details how animosity began to build between the US and the Soviet Union during World War II.

Monday, October 28 / 7:00pm
The Harvard Square Book Circle discusses Shirley Jackson’s The Haunting of Hill House @ Harvard Book Store Our in-store book club discusses Shirley Jackson’s iconic first novel, hailed as "a perfect work of unnerving terror.”

Tuesday, October 29 / 7:00pm
Aza Raza The First Cell: And the Human Costs of Cancer to the Last in conversation with DR. PETER D. KRAMER @ Harvard Book Store Oncologist and author Aza Raza provides a passionate critique of how both the medical and scientific communities have ignored, drawn on her knowledge as a medical and professional personal experience with witnessing her husband’s battle with cancer. She’ll be joined by Dr. Peter D. Kramer, psychiatrist, writer, and Brown Medical School professor.

Wednesday, October 30 / 6:00pm
S. James Gates Proving Einstein Right: The Daring Expeditions That Changed How We Look at the Universe Science Book Talks @ Harvard Science Center, Hall C 1 Oxford St. Renowned theoretical physicist S. James Gates tells the story of the scientists who out a thin-faced Albert Einstein’s theory of gravity by the test traveling the world over the span of a decade, attempting to photograph starlight during a total solar eclipse.

Wednesday, October 30 / 7:30pm
Suzanne Rice Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For in conversation with HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. $8 tickets @ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave. Suzanne Rice—National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and US Ambassador to the United Nations—shares new stories from her acclaimed account of some of the most complex crises in the United States over three decades, She’ll be joined by renowned scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Wednesday, October 30 / 7:30pm
Laura van den Berg and Claire Messud Eat Joy: Stories & Comfort Food from 31 Celebrated Writers in conversation with NATALIE E. GARRETT Good Taste Conversations on Food and Writing @ Harvard Book Store Celebrated local authors and contributors Laura van den Berg and Claire Messud discuss Eat Joy: A collection of intimate essays by some of America’s foremost literary writers that explores how comfort food can sustain us through dark times. They’ll be joined by Natalie Eve Garrett, editor of Eat Joy.

Thursday, October 31 / 7:00pm
Christopher McDougall Running with the Donkey: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero @ Harvard Book Store The bestselling author of Born to Run presents the heartwarming story of teaching Sherman—a donkey in need of emotional and physical rehabilitation—how to run a bane race.

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