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Randall Munroe
How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for
Common Real-World Problems
in conversation with DR. KATE DARLING
$32-42 tickets (book included)
Science Book Talks
@ Sanders Theatre | 45 Quincy St.
Bestselling author and creator of the
beloved webcomic xkcd Randall Munroe
shares his highly impractical, yet
scientifically sound, advice for everything
from landing a plane to digging a hole.
He'll be joined by Dr. Kate Darling,
leading expert inRobot Ethics
and researcher at the MIT Media Lab.

Wednesday, September 4  /  7:00

Alan Lightman
Three Flames: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
The award-winning writer and theoretical
physicist presents his latest novel, a vivid
detailed comedy of one Cambodian family's
intergenerational struggles against a
repressive society and a cruel patriarch.

Thursday, September 5  /  7:00

Bina Venkataraman
The Optimist’s Telescope: Thinking Ahead in a Reckless Age
in conversation with LISA MULLINS
@ Harvard Book Store
Bina Venkataraman—director of Global
Policy Initiatives at the Broad Institute of
Harvard and MIT—dispels the myth
that human nature is inherently reckless
with lessons learned through long-term planning.
She’ll be joined by Lisa Mullins, voice of WBUR’s All Things Considered.

Friday, September 6  /  3:00
Jean-Christophe Cloutier
Shadow Archives: The Lifecycles of African American Literature
in conversation with JESSE MCCARTHY
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store
UPenn assistant professor of English
Jean-Christophe Cloutier examines the struggle of black special collections
to gain institutional support, and the black novel as a alternative site of
historic preservation. He’ll be joined by
Jesse McCarthy, author and Harvard assistant professor of English and
African American Studies. This event is co-sponsored by the Hutchins Center for
African & African American Research.

Friday, September 6  /  7:00
Jeanne McWilliams Blasberg
The Nine: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Local writer Jeanne McWilliams Blasberg
reads from her new novel, a portrait of an
intense mother-son relationship and the corruption lurking beneath the prestigious
veiner of a New England boarding school.

Sunday, September 8  /  7:00
Nick Serpe, Quinn Slobodian,
Alyssa Battistoni, and Adom Getachew
Dissent Magazine: Summer 2019 Issue
@ Harvard Book Store
Editor Nick Serpe, guest editor Quinn
Slobodian, and contributors Alyssa
Battistoni and Adom Getachew discuss the latest issue—“What is the Nation Good For?”—of the venerable leftist publication.

Monday, September 9  /  7:00
Samantha Power
The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir
$8 tickets
@ First Parish Church
Samantha Power—Harvard professor, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, and
former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations—discusses her new memoir
detailing everything from her time in the
Obama White House to her childhood in
Dublin with honesty, humor, and an
eye towards the ways we can all work to
advance the cause of human dignity.

Monday, September 9  /  7:00
Carlos Andrés Gómez
Hijito: Poems
in conversation with MAFAZ AL-SUWAIDAN
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed poet Carlos Andrés Gómez
reads from his debut collection, winner of the 2018 Broken River Prize. He’ll be joined by Mafaq Al-Suwaidan, writer and
PhD candidate in Religion at Harvard.

Tuesday, September 10  /  7:00
Tatiana Schlossberg
Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don’t Know You Have
@ Harvard Book Store
Journalist and former New York Times
science writer Tatiana Schlossberg explains the unseen consequences of our choices in
four areas—tech and the Internet,
fashion, food, and fuel.

Wednesday, September 11  /  6:00
Amitav Ghosh
Gun Island: A Novel
$6 Tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
The acclaimed, bestselling author of the
Ibis trilogy reads from his new novel, the
latest book, the chronicle of “the worst
aftermath of, a world fractured by 9/11.

Thursday, September 12  /  3:00
Jay Wexler
Our Non-Christian Nation: How Atheists, Satanists, Pagans,
and Others Are Demanding Their Rightful Place in Public Life
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store
Jay Wexler—author, humorist, and
professor at the Boston University School of Law—discusses his travels across
America engaging with champions of
free religious expression from a wide
array of minority faiths.

Friday, September 13  /  7:00
Benjamin Aldes Wurgaft
Meat Planet: Artificial Flesh and the Future of Food
@ Harvard Book Store
Writer and historian Benjamin Aldes
Wurgaft explores the quest to generate
cultured meat” in the lab, whether
it is the panacea it seems, and the
implications it holds for the future of our
food industry, ecology, and population.

Friday, September 13  /  7:00
Salman Rushdie
Quichotte: A Novel
$29.75 tickets (book included)
@ First Parish Church
Internationally renowned author
Salman Rushdie reads from his take on
Cervantes’ Don Quixote, centered around
a salesman with an imaginary son and
an impossible crush on a TV star.
Monday, September 16 / 7:00pm
Elizabeth Ames
The Other’s Gold: A Novel
New Voices in Fiction
@ Harvard Book Store
Debut local author Elizabeth Ames reads from her new novel, which follows four freshman year roommates—each dealing with their own terrible mistake—through college to their days as new parents.

Tuesday, September 17 / 6:00pm
Emma Donoghue
Akin: A Novel
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
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The critically acclaimed, bestselling author of Room presents her latest novel, the story of a retired chemistry professor forging an unexpected bond with his great-nephew on a trip to France.

Tuesday, September 17 / 7:00pm
Kevin Barry
Night Boat to Tangier: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning writer Kevin Barry shares his new novel, about two aging Irish drug smugglers ruminating on their shared past, presents, and futures of two families from different social classes.

Wednesday, September 18 / 7:00pm
Josh Campbell
Crossfire Hurricane: Inside Donald Trump’s War on the FBI
in conversation with JULIETTE KAYEM
$6 tickets
@ First Church Cambridge | 11 Garden St.
The former special assistant to FBI director James Comey shares his gripping behind-the-scenes perspective of the Russia investigation. He’ll be joined by homeland security expert and analyst Juliette Kayem.

Thursday, September 19 / 7:00pm
Eric Foner
The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution
in conversation with HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.
$8 tickets
@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.
Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Eric Foner delivers a compact, insightful overview of the Reconstruction amendments, from their origin in pre-Civil War black activism to their effective nullification in the late 19th century. He’ll be joined by preeminent scholar, literary critic, and filmmaker Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Thursday, September 19 / 7:00pm
Gina Rippon
Gender and our Brains: How New Neuroscience Explodes the Myths of the Male and Female Minds
@ Harvard Book Store
Gina Rippon—Honorary Professor of Cognitive Neuroimaging at England’s Aston University—unpacks the ways in which, rather than being deeply encoded, gendered stereotypes shape and influence our brains from birth.

Friday, September 20 / 7:00pm
Rawi Hage
Beirut Hellfire Society: A Novel
in conversation with TEJU COLE
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author Rawi Hage reads from his latest novel, about the son of an undertaker conscripted into working with an underground anti-religious sect that arranges secret burials for societal outcasts. He’ll be joined by Teju Cole, author and photography critic for the New York Times Magazine.

Monday, September 23 / 7:00pm
Caitlin Zaloom and Anthony Abraham Jack
Indebted: How Families Make College Work at Any Cost and The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students
@ Harvard Book Store
Authors and professors Caitlin Zaloom and Anthony Abraham Jack discuss their investigations into the myriad ways our current higher education system places an undue burden of economic and sociological stress on all but the wealthiest individuals.

Tuesday, September 24 / 6:00pm
Alice Hoffman
The World That We Knew: A Novel
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
The beloved, bestselling local author shares the story of Hirut, an Ethiopian maid who takes a stand against Mussolini’s advancing armies.

Tuesday, September 24 / 7:00pm
Lara Prescott
The Secrets We Kept: A Novel
in conversation with MICHELLE HOOVER
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author Lara Prescott reads from her debut novel, in which two CIA analysts and three women (one a golem) surviving the Nazi regime in Berlin.

Thursday, September 26 / 7:00pm
James Verini
They Will Have to Die Now: Mosul and the Fall of the Caliphate
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning journalist James Verini details his time in Iraq witnessing the Battle of Mosul, “the most significant urban combat since WWII.”

Friday, September 27 / 3:00pm
Katrina Forrester
In the Shadow of Justice: Postwar Liberalism and the Remaking of Political Philosophy
in conversation with BRANDON M. TERRY
Friday Forum: Ethics in Your World
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard professor Katrina Forrester shares the story of how liberal political philosophy was transformed in the second half of the twentieth century under the influence of John Rawls. She’ll be joined by Brandon M. Terry, Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and Social Studies at Harvard. This event is co-sponsored by the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University.

Friday, September 27 / 7:00pm
Maaza Mengiste
The Shadow King: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed author, Fulbright scholar, and professor Maaza Mengiste reads from her latest novel: the story of Hirut, an Ethiopian maid who takes a stand against Mussolini’s advancing armies.

The Harvard Square Book Circle discusses Natalia Ginzburg’s Family Lexicon
@ Harvard Book Store

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