



September 2017 Events

Tuesday, Sept. 5 / 6:00pm

Claire Messud

The Burning Girl:
A Novel

in conversation with
CHRISTOPHER LYDON

\$5 Tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St.

Local bestselling author Claire Messud discusses her latest novel, a coming-of-age story set in small-town Massachusetts that crafts a complex portrait of female adolescence. She will be joined by Radio Open Source's Christopher Lydon. This event is co-sponsored by WBUR.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 / 7:00pm

Odd Arne Westad

The Cold War:
A World History

@ Harvard Book Store

Bancroft Prize-winning scholar and Harvard professor Odd Arne Westad reads from his latest book, *The Cold War*, a new global history of the war and its ongoing impact around the world.

Wed., Sept. 6 / 6:00pm

**Daniel Goleman and
Richard J. Davidson**

Altered Traits:
*Science Reveals How Meditation
Changes Your Mind, Brain, and
Body*

\$5 Tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St.

New York Times-bestselling authors Daniel Goleman and Richard J. Davidson discuss their book *Altered Traits*, which reveals new research on the impact of meditation on our lives, and how to practice meditation for the maximum possible benefit.

Wed., Sept. 6 / 7:00pm

Alex Gilvarry

Eastman Was Here:
A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

Hornblower Award-winning author Alex Gilvarry presents his second novel, *Eastman Was Here*, which follows a washed-up writer in an errant quest to pick up the pieces of his life, set in Saigon and the literary scene of NYC.

Thursday, Sept. 7 / 7:00pm

Vanessa Grigoriadis

Blurred Lines:
*Rethinking Sex, Power, and
Consent on Campus*

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning journalist Vanessa Grigoriadis presents her debut book, *Blurred Lines*, an extensively researched investigation into the sexual assault controversies happening on American college campuses.

Friday, Sept. 8 / 6:30pm

Salman Rushdie

The Golden House:
A Novel

in conversation with
HOMI K. BHABHA

\$29.75 Tickets (book included)

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Salman Rushdie—internationally renowned and award-winning author of *Midnight's Children* and *The Satanic Verses*—discusses his latest novel, *The Golden House*, a story of the American zeitgeist straight out of today's headlines that is set against the panorama of American culture and politics from the inauguration of Obama to post-election Trump. He will be joined by Homi K. Bhabha, a prominent figure in contemporary post-colonial studies. This event is co-sponsored by The Mahindra Humanities Center.

Friday, Sept. 8 / 7:00pm

Yuri Slezkine

The House of Government:
A Saga of the Russian Revolution

in conversation with
TERRY MARTIN

@ Harvard Book Store

UC Berkeley's Yuri Slezkine discusses his latest book, *The House of Government*, the true story of an enormous apartment building where Communist true believers lived before their destruction. He will be joined by Harvard Russian Studies professor Terry Martin.

Monday, Sept. 11 / 7:00pm

Robin Sloan

Sourdough:
A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

The bestselling author of *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* presents his latest novel, *Sourdough*, the story of a software engineer who receives a bakery secret that leads to a legal dispute and a secret market that fuses food with technology.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 / 6:30pm

Gretchen Rubin

The Four Tendencies:
*The Indispensable Personality
Profiles That Reveal How to
Make Your Life Better (and Other
People's Lives Better, Too)*

in conversation with
MELISSA HARTWIG

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT

@ the Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St.

Bestselling author of *The Happiness Project* Gretchen Rubin discusses her latest book, *The Four Tendencies*, an analysis of personality that will transform what you do at home, at work, and in life. Rubin will be joined by Melissa Hartwig, co-author of the bestselling *Whole30* and co-creator of the Whole30 program.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 / 8:00pm

Karl Ove Knausgaard

Autumn

in conversation with JAMES WOOD
with an intro by WILLIAM PIERCE

\$28.00 Tickets (book included)

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Karl Ove Knausgaard—award-winning author of the *My Struggle* series—discusses *Autumn*, the first in a new autobiographical quartet based on the four seasons. He will be joined by *New Yorker* book critic James Wood, and introduced by William Pierce, author of *Reality Hunger: On Karl Ove Knausgaard's My Struggle*.

Wed., Sept. 13 / 6:00pm

Ken Follett

A Column of Fire

\$35.75 Tickets (book included)

@ the Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St.

The international bestselling author of *Pillars of the Earth* and *World Without End* discusses the newest book in the Kingsbridge series, *A Column of Fire*, where royalty and commoners clash as power in England shifts precariously between Catholics and Protestants.

Wed., Sept. 13 / 7:00pm

Deborah Campbell

*A Disappearance in Damascus: A
Story of Friendship and Survival
in the Shadow of War*

in conversation with ANN JONES

@ Harvard Book Store

Renowned journalist Deborah Campbell discusses her latest book, *A Disappearance in Damascus*, the account of her undercover travels to Damascus to report on the exodus of Iraqis into Syria following the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

September 2017 Events, *continued*

Thursday, Sept. 14 / 7:00pm

Eileen Myles

Afterglow (a dog memoir)

@ Harvard Book Store

Celebrated writer Eileen Myles discusses their memoir *Afterglow*, a portrait of their beloved pit bull who became central to their life and work.

Friday, Sept. 15 / 3:00pm

Henry Louis Gates Jr.

The Portable Nineteenth-Century African American Women Writers

in conversation with
EVELYN BROOKS HIGGINBOTHAM

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

The award-winning filmmaker, professor, and historian discusses a comprehensive anthology of voices offering the expressions of African American women in print before, during, and after the Civil War. Gates will be joined by African American History professor Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham. This event is co-sponsored by The Hutchins Center for African & African American Research.

Friday, Sept. 15 / 7:00pm

Nathan Englander

Dinner at the Center of the Earth: A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

The award-winning author presents his latest novel, a story of the complex relationship between a secret prisoner and his guard in the insolubly and charged Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Monday, Sept. 18 / 7:00pm

Stephen Greenblatt

The Rise and Fall of Adam & Eve

\$5 Tickets

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author discusses his latest book, which uncovers the theological, artistic, and cultural investments over centuries that made Adam and Eve so resonant in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 / 7:00pm

Kristin Cashore

Jane, Unlimited

@ Harvard Book Store

The bestselling author of *Graceling* presents *Jane, Unlimited*, the story of an orphan whose narrative restarts five times in five different genres.

Thursday, Sept. 21 / 7:00pm

Max Gladstone

The Ruin of Angels: A Novel of the Craft Sequence

@ Harvard Book Store

Hugo Award finalist Max Gladstone presents the latest book in his cyberpunk fantasy *Craft Sequence* series, *The Ruin of Angels*.

Friday, Sept. 22 / 3:00pm

Dennis C. Rasmussen

The Infidel and the Professor: David Hume, Adam Smith, and the Friendship That Shaped Modern Thought

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Tufts University's Dennis C. Rasmussen discusses his latest book, *The Infidel and the Professor*, the true story of the friendship between two Enlightenment thinkers and how it influenced their world-changing ideas.

Friday, Sept. 22 / 7:00pm

Tali Sharot

The Influential Mind: What the Brain Reveals About Our Power to Change Others

in conversation with
CASS SUNSTEIN

@ Harvard Book Store

Prominent neuroscientist Tali Sharot discusses her latest book, *The Influential Mind*, a research-based inquiry into the power of influence and the critical role of emotion therein. She will be joined by legal scholar Cass Sunstein.

Monday, Sept. 25 / 7:00pm

Orhan Pamuk

The Red-Haired Woman: A Novel

in conversation with MARIA TATAR

\$28.00 Tickets (book included)

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Nobel Prize-winning author Orhan Pamuk presents his latest novel. He will be joined in conversation by Harvard University's Maria Tatar, an expert in folklore and mythology.

The Red-Haired Woman is about the bond and struggle between a master well digger and his young apprentice. Asking questions of ethics and of the role of art in our lives, it is both a realist text investigating a murder which took place thirty years ago near Istanbul, and a fictional inquiry into the literary foundations of civilizations.

Monday, Sept. 25 / 7:00pm

The Harvard Square Book Circle
discusses *Ghachar Ghochar*

@ Harvard Book Store

The Harvard Square Book Circle, our in-store book club, discusses Vivek Shanbhag's acclaimed new novel, translated by Srinath Perur.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 / 7:00pm

Andrea Pitzer

One Long Night: A Global History of Concentration Camps

@ Harvard Book Store

The renowned writer and founder of Nieman Storyboard presents her latest book, the story of mass civilian detention from the 1890s to present. This event is co-sponsored by The Nieman Foundation for Journalism.

Wed., Sept. 27 / 7:00pm

Art Garfunkel

What Is It All but Luminous: Notes from an Underground Man

in conversation with
JARED BOWEN

\$28.75 Tickets (book included)

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Folk rock legend Art Garfunkel discusses his memoir about his life before, during, and after Simon & Garfunkel. He will be joined by WGBH *Open Studio's* Jared Bowen.

Wed., Sept. 27 / 7:00pm

Sigrid Rausing

Mayhem: A Memoir

in conversation with GISH JEN

@ Harvard Book Store

The publisher and editor of *Granta* presents her memoir of the impact of addiction on her family and her attempt to understand addiction's complexities. She will be joined by award-winning author Gish Jen.

Thursday, Sept. 28 / 7:00pm

Daniel Mendelsohn

An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic

@ Harvard Book Store

The award-winning author and critic discusses his latest memoir about a father and son's journey as the father enrolls in his son's undergraduate *Odyssey* seminar, where the two debate on how to interpret Homer's classic masterpiece.

Thursday, Sept. 28 / 7:30pm

Patti Smith

Devotion (Why I Write)

\$30.00 Tickets (book included)

@ Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St, Boston MA

Renowned singer-songwriter, poet, and visual artist Patti Smith presents her latest book, *Devotion*, a detailed account of her own creative process, inspirations, and unexpected connections while exploring the nature of creative invention.

Friday, Sept. 29 / 3:00pm

Kathryn Sikkink

Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Harvard University's Kathryn Sikkink discusses her latest book on the successes of the human rights movement and the strategies that have led to humanitarian gains since the middle of the twentieth century.

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