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What if you'd never read the book that changed your life? Who would you be without the stories that have shaped you?

Literacy has always been an act of resistance. Reading and writing are lifelong skills that, once learned, cannot easily be stripped away. Freedom of speech is more than an American ideal. The quest to seek information and ideas is a universal human right. As access to books is increasingly challenged or banned in schools and public libraries throughout the country, gathering together to uplift books is a powerful act.

Thank you to our Festival Committee and Foundation's Board of Directors; our sponsors and donors; our volunteers; and our small but mighty staff. Thank you to our readers, our Festival supporters and champions. And thanks to you, for coming to the Festival, to learn from people with different lives and experiences, but who are all here because they are bound together by a love of literature.

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1:00 - 1:45PM

Samantha Hunt
The Unwritten Book
 Atheneum Great Hall

Award-winning author Samantha Hunt will talk about her most recent, and first non-fiction, book, *The Unwritten Book*, an investigation into our relationships with the dead.

2:00 - 2:45PM

Wyn Cooper
Way Out West
 Atheneum Great Hall

Poet and novelist Wyn Cooper will talk to us about writing a novel as a poet, as we consider both his novel *Way Out West*, described as a “wild ride through a rough landscape imbued with poetry and pain” and his most recent collection of poetry, *Mars Poetica*, an exploration of life lived through comprehending both our exterior and interior worlds in attempt to balance an unbalanced world.

3:00 - 3:45PM

Danielle Trussoni with Tim Weed
The Puzzle Master
 Atheneum Great Hall

Reality and the supernatural collide when an expert puzzle-maker is thrust into an ancient mystery in this suspenseful thriller just published this week, *The Puzzle Master*. Join *New York Times* best-selling author, Danielle Trussoni and Nantucketer Tim Weed, author of *A Field Guide to Murder & Fly Fishing*, as they put all the puzzle pieces together on this thrilling tome of myth and mystery.

4:00 - 4:45PM

Tiya Miles
The Cherokee Rose
 Atheneum Great Hall

National Book Award winner Tiya Miles will talk about her experience spanning the borders of fiction and history in her novel *The Cherokee Rose*.

9:00PM

Authors in Bars
Sponsored by the
Nantucket Hotel & Resort
 Nantucket Hotel & Resort Breeze Bar

Join several of this year's authors in a comfortable after-hours setting, while enjoying your favorite beverage. Admission is free, and there will be a cash bar.

Friday, June 16

9:00 - 9:45AM

Emma Straub with Tim Ehrenberg
This Time Tomorrow
 Methodist Church

Kick off Festival Friday and join Emma Straub and Tim Ehrenberg in a lively conversation about all her insightfully witty books. *This Time Tomorrow*, her latest novel, is a time travel story like no other. On the morning of her 40th Birthday, Alice wakes up in 1996 as her sixteen-year-old self armed with a new perspective on her life. Past events take on new meaning prompting us all to ask, “what would you change from your past if you could?”

10:00 - 10:45AM

Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Take My Hand
 Methodist Church

Join award-winning author and professor of literature, Dolen Perkins-Valdez, as she shares insights from her work chronicling overlooked stories in American history through her novels. Her most recent work, *Take My Hand*, was inspired by true events of racial injustice in 1970's Alabama and was awarded the 2023 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work-Fiction.

Friday and Saturday Lunch Hour

12:45 - 2:00pm Food by Sushi Sean
 Dreamland Lot at the intersection of
 Oak Street & Easy Street

11:00 - 11:45AM

Hernan Diaz
Trust
 Methodist Church

Trust, a novel by Hernan Diaz, has been praised all over the world, and has already been translated into more than twenty languages. Thirty publications, in the USA and foreign magazines, listed *Trust* as a “Best Book of the year 2022.” Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Kirkus Prize, and long-listed for the Booker Prize, *Trust* has been honored with other prizes and fellowships. Mr. Diaz has traveled the globe – independent bookstores, conferences and festivals – and we are excited to welcome him to our 2023 Festival.

Noon - 12:45PM

Sarah Stodola with Mindy Todd
The Last Resort
 Methodist Church

Sarah Stodola is the author of *The Last Resort: A Chronicle of Paradise, Profit, and Peril at the Beach*, a cultural history of the beach resort that examines its growing importance in the world economy, as well as its future in the face of climate change. Join Mindy Todd (WCAI's *The Point*) for a conversation about the history and future of beach resorts.

2:00 - 2:45PM

Sebastian Junger with Michael Schulder
Freedom
 Methodist Church

When Sebastian Junger graduated from college, he set out to find, in his words, “the real me.” Over the past four decades – from his wilderness adventures; to his best-selling book *The Perfect Storm*; to his singularly compelling war reporting from Sarajevo to Afghanistan; to his latest book, *Freedom* – what Junger has learned about himself may help you better understand “the real you.” Hard to believe? Come hear for yourself when he speaks with Michael Schulder of Wavemaker Conversations.

3:00 - 3:45PM

Jessie Greengrass with Mary Bergman
The High House
 Methodist Church

Award-winning author Jessie Greengrass will talk with Mary Bergman (WCAI's *A Cape Cod Notebook*) about her hauntingly beautiful novel, *The High House*, in which four people learn to live together – with each other, and with the water.

4:00 - 4:45PM

Tracy Kidder & Dr. Jim O'Connell
with Rob Cocuzzo
Rough Sleepers
 Methodist Church

Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Tracy Kidder, will be in conversation with Dr. Jim O'Connell of Harvard University and the subject of his most recent book, *Rough Sleepers*. Their conversation, guided by *N Magazine* editor Rob Cocuzzo, promises to be an unforgettable dive into Dr. O'Connell's career serving the homeless of Boston.

4:00 - 5:30PM

Nantucket Young Playwrights
 White Heron Theatre

Prepare to enjoy, appreciate and even laugh at this series of ten-minute plays written by Nantucket teens, under the mentorship of award-winning filmmaker, Jay Craven. Students worked during May to develop and revise their original short plays - which will be performed by professional actors in a staged reading at White Heron Theatre. Each year's program is different - but all feature complex characters, muscular plots - and surprising insights that come fully to life in these compelling slices of Nantucket life. Nantucket Young Playwrights is produced and sponsored by Kingdom County Productions, White Heron Theatre, Nantucket Atheneum and the Nantucket Book Festival, working in association with Nantucket High School.

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6:30 - 7:30PM

Opening Night Celebration:

On Freedom - Reflections by Sebastian Junger, Imani Perry, Jodi Picoult, and Luke Russert
Unitarian Universalist Meeting House

The Nantucket Book Festival welcomes readers from near and far to the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House for our **Opening Celebration**, which extols the transformative power of words to inspire, illuminate, educate, and connect us to each other through our shared humanity. This is our time to formally recognize our island's youth showing inspiration and promise as writers by awarding the **Young Writer Award**, a perennial cornerstone of the Festival. Our four presenting authors will then offer four different takes or visions of what Freedom means to them as wielders of the written word.

7:30 - 10:00PM

Author Dinner

Presented by the White Elephant Hotel
▲ Ticketed Event - \$350
White Elephant Hotel, Brant Point Grill

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner overlooking the harbor while rubbing elbows with your favorite authors. The dinner, presented by The White Elephant Hotel, is the perfect ending to a day filled with inspiring author conversations. As the Festival's major fundraising event, your ticket purchase helps to keep almost all of our programming free and open to everyone.

**▲ Ticketed Event**

For ticket information go to
www.nantucketbookfestival.org.

Festival merchandise will be available in the Atheneum Garden on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, June 17

9:00 - 9:45AM

Stacy Schiff with Nat Philbrick
The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams
Methodist Church

Join Pulitzer Prize winner, Stacy Schiff, in conversation with Nantucket's own Nathaniel Philbrick as they discuss colonial New England and one of most influential and incendiary figures to shape the American colonies' campaign of resistance against England, culminating in the Revolutionary War and independence. Schiff's book, *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, illuminates the long overlooked and thrilling life story of one of our nation's most eminent founding fathers.

10:00 - 10:45AM

Ilyon Woo with Mary Haft
Master Slave Husband Wife
Methodist Church

Ilyon Woo brings to life the remarkably epic journey of an enslaved couple who dared to make real their dream of freedom and escape from the antebellum south. In the spellbinding pages of *Master Slave Husband Wife*, their journey unfolds with drama untold. Join Ilyon Woo and Mary Haft as they explore this inspiring new narrative of the story of slavery in America.

11:00 - 11:45AM

Rising Seas, Writing Stories:
The Literature of Climate Change
Methodist Church

Join Jessie Greengrass (*The High House*), Sarah Stoddola (*The Last Resort*), and Tiya Miles (*All That She Carried, The Cherokee Rose*) in conversation with Mary Bergman (WCAI's *A Cape Cod Notebook*) about the literature—from journalism to fiction—of climate change.

Noon - 12:45PM

Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan with Tim Ehrenberg
Mad Honey
Methodist Church

Mad Honey is a novel that spent over six months on the *New York Times* best-seller list, a *Good Morning America* Book Club pick, and tackles enough subjects for a library of books, from gender identity to beekeeping. Join the co-authors Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan in a powerful conversation with Tim Ehrenberg of Tim Talks Books on themes such as authenticity, identity, and belonging, all found in this transformative piece of fiction.

2:00 - 2:45PM

Kirk Wallace Johnson with Mindy Todd
The Fisherman and the Dragon
Methodist Church

Author and screenwriter, Kirk Wallace Johnson, will be in conversation with Mindy Todd (WCAI's *The Point*) to discuss his most recent book, *The Fishermen and the Dragon: Fear, Greed, and a Fight for Justice on the Gulf Coast*. Join us as we hear about Johnson's investigation into the racial violence between white fishermen and Vietnamese immigrants in 1970's Texas when pollution began to affect the shrimping business and frightened fishermen needed a group to blame.

3:00 - 3:45PM

Imani Perry with Michael Schudler
South to America
Methodist Church

An elevating conversation at the intersection of dreams deferred and hope sustained with Imani Perry, Professor of African American Studies at Princeton. Dreams deferred – over and over – can drain your energy. But Imani Perry motivates us to fill

our tanks. This wide-ranging conversation about the seven books she has written will explore hip hop and theater, race and parenting, and her recent eye-opening journey south of the Mason Dixon Line. Is it the insights she shares, or her spirit, that leaves us uplifted? You'll see. With Michael Schudler of Wavemaker Conversations

4:00 - 4:45PM

Sally Bedell Smith with Mary Haft
George VI and Elizabeth
Methodist Church

Critically acclaimed biographer, Sally Bedell Smith, turns her lens on the foundational marriage and partnership of King George VI and Elizabeth: *The Marriage That Saved the Monarchy*. With rare access granted by Queen Elizabeth, a treasure trove of Royal Archives personal letters and correspondence opened an aperture through which to examine this historic love and life story. As global attention has focused on England's royal family, join us for an illuminating conversation with CNN's Royal Correspondent, Sally Bedell Smith and Mary Haft.

7:00 - 9:00PM

Chicken Box
Poetry and Music at the Box
▲ Ticketed Event - \$25

Join us for an evening of spoken word poetry and dancing at Nantucket's "5 Star Dive Bar", The Chicken Box. Enjoy creative, funny and powerful words by Asheville, North Carolina's "Humans & Poetry" group in-between musical sets by Nantucket's own "Shep Cats," lead by lead singer and author, Steve Sheppard. Food will be available for purchase by the Snick Snack Food Truck.

The Nantucket Book Foundation will have a silent auction on site with tickets to summer galas and other tempting prizes on offer! All proceeds benefit the year-round work of the Nantucket Book Foundation.

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10:00 - 10:45AM

**Nantucket History:
Non-Fiction & Novels
Daughters of Nantucket and
A Thousand Leagues of Blue
Atheneum Great Hall**

Nantucket's history has inspired countless writers. Join Betsy Tyler (*A Thousand Leagues of Blue*) and Julie Gerstenblatt (*The Daughters of Nantucket*) in conversation with Mary Bergman (WCAI's *A Cape Cod Notebook*) about what it's like to write about real people and events from the island's history.

11:00 - 11:45AM

**Holly Ruth Finigan
with Jenny Johnson
Wholeheartedly
Atheneum Great Hall**

Join Nantucket author and meditation leader, Holly Ruth Finigan as she shares the messaging, mission and motivation around her debut spiritual memoir, *Wholeheartedly: the one you want to find is you*. On a special Fathers Day Sunday, where you'll hear books about dads and daughters, Holly brings it back to the mothers and the mothering of Self. She will discuss how she wrote her book, alongside the art of storytelling, letter writing, and why it took her a decade to write this memoir. Guests will leave feeling full of spirit and inspired to tell their own stories. Holly will be interviewed by her dear friend, mother of two, and three-time Emmy Award winning producer and media personality, Jenny Johnson.

9:45-10:45am • FREE!!

Nanpuppets - for young children and families. Bring your toddlers and young children to the Nantucket Book Festival Tent in the Atheneum Garden for a show and read aloud with Lizza and her cast of hand-made puppets! A care-giver must remain with children during the program. Check the schedule at the tent for specifics.

Noon - 12:45PM

**Luke Russert with Rob Cocuzzo
Look For Me There
Atheneum Great Hall**

Navigating both devastating loss and larger questions of personal identity and purpose, Luke Russert embarked on a journey around the world that became his own personal odyssey of discovery. Traversing six continents over three years of travel, *Look For Me There*, finds a universal story within a "larger human family." Join Luke Russert in conversation with *N Magazine's* Rob Cocuzzo.

1:00 - 4:00PM

**Cisco Brewers Send-Off
Cisco Brewery**

Gather at Cisco Brewers on our final day of the Festival for great food, music, and conversation for readers and writers alike. Attendees may choose from delicious options for lunch, plus drinks by Cisco Brewers, Triple 8, and Nantucket Vineyards.

Shuttle available from the Visitors Services on Federal Street. No tickets required; pay for your own food and drinks.

Nantucket Book Festival
presents
Nanpuppets
with Lizza Obremski
Friday, June 16
Atheneum Garden



*See you at
The Box!*

Saturday, June 17 | 7:00 - 9:00pm | \$25

Poetry and Music at the Box
Join us for an evening of spoken word poetry and dancing to the Shep Cats!

Enjoy funny and powerful words by Asheville, North Carolina's "Humans & Poetry" group in-between musical sets by Nantucket's own "Shep Cats" and lead singer Steve Sheppard.

Snick Snack Food Truck • Silent Auction
All proceeds benefit the year-round work of the Nantucket Book Foundation.

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Featured Authors



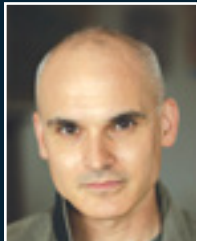
Jennifer Finney Boylan

Professor Jennifer Finney Boylan is the inaugural Anna Quindlen Writer in Residence at Columbia's Barnard College and a faculty member of both the Breadloaf Writers' Conference and the Sirenland Writers' Conference in Positano, Italy. Boylan is the author of eighteen books, including her memoir, *She's Not There: a Life in Two Genders*, which was the first bestselling work by a transgender American. Her most recent book is the novel *Mad Honey*, co-authored with Jodi Picoult.



Wyn Cooper

Wyn Cooper's poems, stories, essays, and reviews have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *Poetry*, *Ploughshares*, and more than 100 other magazines, and his poems have been included in 25 anthologies of contemporary poetry. Cooper is the author of five books of poetry and most recently, his first novel, *Way Out West*, which is available from Concord Free Press. Cooper lives in Vermont and works as an editor for both established and aspiring authors.



Hernan Diaz

Hernan Diaz is the author of two novels. *Trust* is a *New York Times* Bestseller and winner of both the Pulitzer and the Kirkus Prize. *Trust* has been listed as one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times* and other publications and as one of Barack Obama's Favorite Books of 2022. *In the Distance* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award. Diaz holds a PhD from NYU and edits an academic journal at Columbia University.



Holly Ruth Finigan

Holly Ruth Finigan is an author, entrepreneur, and meditation advocate. She studied English/Journalism at the University of New Hampshire and has written blogs and lived around the world for much of her career. Finigan founded her first company, *The Nantucket blackbook*, on Nantucket in 2012 to help businesses utilize advocacy over advertising for successful digital marketing. Her memoir, *Wholeheartedly: The One You Want To Find Is You*, is her first book.



Julie Gerstenblatt

Julie Gerstenblatt holds a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Teachers College, Columbia University and has taught everything from middle school to graduate school. Her essays have appeared in *The Huffington Post*, *Kveller*, *Cognoscenti*, and *Grown & Flown*, among others. A native New Yorker, Julie now lives in coastal Rhode Island with her family and one very smart shichon poo. *Daughters of Nantucket* is her first novel.

Featured Authors

Jessie Greengrass is the author of the award winning short story collection, *An Account of the Decline of the Great Auk*, *According to One Who Saw It*, and two critically acclaimed novels. Her most recent novel, *The High House*, was shortlisted for the 2021 Costa Novel Award. Greengrass studied philosophy in Cambridge and now lives in Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, with her partner and children.

Samantha Hunt is the author of five books, among them short stories, fiction, and, most recently, *The Unwritten Book*, a non-fiction investigation into our relationships with the dead. Hunt is the recipient of numerous awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship. She is mother to three and sister to five. She is a gardener, a beekeeper, a wild swimmer, a singer, a walker and a forest enthusiast in Tivoli, New York.

Kirk Wallace Johnson is an author and screenwriter. He has published three books and his work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *60 Minutes*, and elsewhere. Johnson is a senior fellow at the USC Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy, and he founded the List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies. Johnson's most recent book is *The Fishermen and the Dragon: Fear, Greed, and a Fight for Justice on the Gulf Coast*.

Sebastian Junger is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tribe*, *War*, *A Death in Belmont*, *Fire*, *The Perfect Storm* and *Freedom*, and co director of the documentary film *Restrepo*, which was nominated for an Academy Award. He is also the winner of a Peabody Award and the National Magazine Award for Reporting. He lives in New York City with his family.

Tracy Kidder graduated from Harvard and studied at the University of Iowa. He has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Award and many other literary prizes. The author of *Strength in What Remains*, *My Detachment*, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, *Home Town*, *Old Friends*, *Among Schoolchildren*, *House*, *The Soul of a New Machine*, and *Rough Sleepers*, Kidder lives in Massachusetts and Maine.



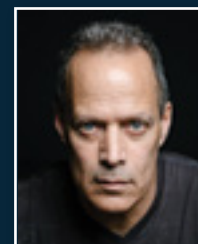
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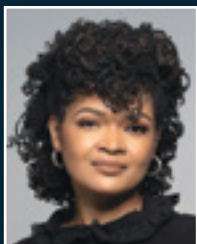
Tiya Miles

Tiya Miles is the author of seven books, including four prize-winning histories about race and slavery. Her latest history is *New York Times* bestseller *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*. Miles's newest book is her debut time-bridge novel, *The Cherokee Rose*, a ghost story set in the plantation South and based on historical events. She is currently the Michael Garvey Professor of History and Radcliffe Alumnae Professor at Harvard University.



Jim O'Connell, MD

Jim O'Connell, MD, serves as the President of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. O'Connell served as the National Program Director of the Homeless Families Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is the editor of "The Health Care of Homeless Persons: A Manual of Communicable Diseases and Common Problems in Shelters and on the Streets." His articles have appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Circulation*, and other medical journals. His first book is *Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor*. *Rough Sleepers*, by Tracy Kidder, tells the story of Dr. O'Connell's commitment to serving Boston's homeless.



Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Dolen Perkins-Valdez is a *New York Times* bestselling author, most recently for her novel *Take My Hand*. Dolen is the current Chair of the Board of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation. On behalf of the foundation, she has visited nearly every public high school in the District of Columbia to talk about the importance of reading and writing. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Literature Department at American University.

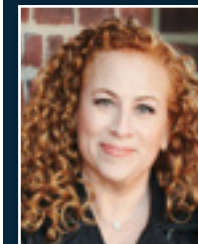


Imani Perry

Imani Perry is the Hughes-Rogers Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University and a faculty associate with Gender and Sexuality Studies and Jazz Studies. She will join the faculty at Harvard University this summer. Perry, a contributing writer for *The Atlantic*, is the author of 7 books, most recently National Book Award winning *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation*.

Featured Authors

Jodi Picoult is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of twenty-eight novels, including *Wish You Were Here*, *The Book of Two Ways*, *A Spark of Light*, *Small Great Things*, *Leaving Time*, and with daughter Samantha van Leer, two young adult novels, *Between the Lines* and *Off the Page*. Her most recent book *Mad Honey* is a collaboration with Jennifer Finney Boylan.



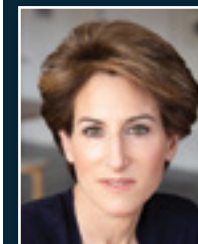
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Luke Russert is an author and an Emmy Award winning journalist who served as an NBC News correspondent from 2008 to 2016. After leaving media, Russert embarked on a three year, six continent travel expedition that took him to nearly seventy countries. Published by Harper Horizon, his first book, *Look For Me There*, is a reflection of his deeply personal internal journey across many diverse external places.



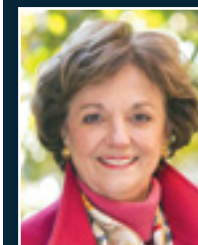
Luke Russert

Stacy Schiff is the author of, among others, *The Witches: Salem, 1692*, *Cleopatra: A Life and Véra (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Hailed as a "tour de force," her most recent book, *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, was named one of *The Wall Street Journal's* Best 10 Books of 2022 and also figured on President Obama's list of Best 10 Books of 2022.



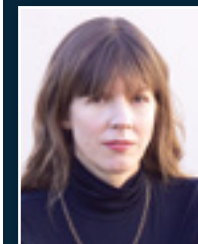
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Sally Bedell Smith is the *New York Times* best-selling author of eight biographies. Her latest, *George VI and Elizabeth: The Marriage That Saved the Monarchy* (Random House 2023), is the definitive biography of the late Queen Elizabeth II's mother and father, based for the first time on special access to their letters and diaries in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle that was granted to the author by the Queen.



Sally Bedell Smith

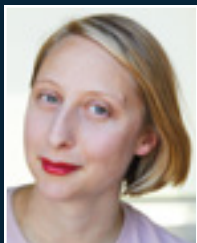
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Sarah Stodola

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Featured Authors



Emma Straub

Emma Straub is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of six books for adults, most recently the novel *This Time Tomorrow*. She is also the author of three picture books, the first of which, *Very Good Hats*, was published in January 2023. Emma and her husband own Books Are Magic, an independent bookstore with two locations in Brooklyn, New York.



Danielle Trussoni

Daniell Trussoni is the *New York Times* and Internationally best-selling author of seven books. She has been the chair jurist of the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and writes the monthly Dark Matters book column for the *New York Times Book Review*. Her novel *The Puzzle Master* has recently won the Selection Prix Bete Noir des Libraries in France. She currently lives in San Miguel de Allende Mexico with her family.



Betsy Tyler

Betsy Tyler was the inaugural Obed Macy Research Chair of the Nantucket Historical Association 2012-16 and editor of *Historic Nantucket*. She is currently an NHA Research Fellow and freelance researcher and writer. Her most recent book is *A Thousand Leagues of Blue*, a beautifully illustrated true story about the drama and destruction befalling the Veeder family in the Nantucket whaling industry.



Ilyon Woo

Ilyon Woo is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Master Slave Husband Wife*, and the *The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times*. Her writing has appeared in *The Boston Globe* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and her research has been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Antiquarian Society, among other institutions.

Many of our author sessions will be available for viewing after the Festival thanks to the generous sponsorship of NCTV-18.

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Interviewers



Mary Bergman is a writer and historian living on Nantucket. She is a frequent contributor to WCAL's *A Cape Cod Notebook*, and her work has appeared in *The Common*, *Provincetown Arts*, and *Stonecoast*. She is Chair of the Nantucket Book Festival.



Robert Cocuzzo is the long time editor of *N Magazine*, the author of *Tracking the Wild Coomba: The Life of Legendary Skier Doug Coombs* and the *Road to San Donato*.



Tim Ehrenberg is the marketing director for Nantucket Book Partners, the creator of Tim Talks Books, and the owner of BRAND NEW - Nantucket, a marketing agency for a variety of local island businesses and nonprofits. He also handles marketing and social media for the Nantucket Book Festival.



Mary Haft is a writer, producer, and founder of Haft Productions. Co-Founder of the Nantucket Book Festival, President of The Nantucket Book Foundation, and Director Emeritus of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation, she is the author of *Nantucket: Portrait of an American Town*.



Michael Schuldner is creator and host of *Wavemaker Conversations: A Podcast for the Insanely Curious*, which features in-depth, entertaining, wisdom-extracting discussions. Michael formerly was a Senior Executive Producer at CNN and a Writer for Peter Jennings at ABC News.



Mindy Todd is host and executive producer of *The Point* on WCAL which examines critical issues for the Cape, Islands and South-coast.



Tim Weed is the author of two books: a short fiction collection, *A Field Guide to Murder & Fly Fishing* and a novel, *Will Poole's Island*. Tim serves on the core faculty of the Newport MFA in Creative Writing and his work has appeared in *Literary Hub*, *The Millions*, *The Morning News*, *The Writer's Chronicle*, *Colorado Review*, *Talking Points Memo*, and elsewhere.



Jenny Johnson is a three-time Emmy Award winning Executive Producer, Entertainment and Lifestyle Television Personality. She serves as a trusted mouthpiece for the hospitality industry alongside Billy Costa as the co-host of New England's premier food program *NESN's Dining Playbook*.

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Local Authors



Robert J. Ainsworth, Jr.

Robert J. Ainsworth, Jr. The idea for Robert J. Ainsworth, Jr.'s stories about a fraud detective sprang from his Accounting students' reactions to fraud anecdotes. He wrote while commuting and has self-published three stories. He worked as a financial executive and lives in a Boston suburb. Robert hopes you enjoy the stories. He had fun writing them.



Linda Arst

Linda Arst is the author of *Tucker At The Ritz*. She is a speech-language Pathologist with a Masters in Education. She created award-winning literacy and math games for young children. When she's not exploring Nantucket Island she is nestled next to a sand dune writing about her dog Tucker.



Jennifer Carlson

Jennifer Carlson, Ph.D., CEM® is a New England emergency management expert, facilitator, speaker, trainer, university faculty member, and author of *Write Your Story: A Self-Start, Write Your Own Biography* and *Exploring the Professionalization of Emergency Management*. She has dedicated her life in service to the emergency management field, deploying on disasters from hurricane Katrina to the Boston Marathon bombings through the American Red Cross and the State of Massachusetts. She has worked as faculty and teaching staff for emergency management courses, workshops and Homeland Security content at MIT for FEMA and at other locations.



Pamela Kelley

Pamela M. Kelley is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of women's fiction, family sagas, and suspense. Readers often describe her books as feel-good reads with people you'd want as friends. She lives in a historic seaside town near Cape Cod.

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Janis Robinson Daly The discovery that Janis Robinson Daly's great-great grandfather was a founder of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania inspired her next career direction: unearthing the stories of women whose lives have remained in the shadows. Her debut novel, *The Unlocked Path*, balances authenticity and rich historical detail with deep emotional connections to create engaging fictional characters.



Janis Robinson Daly

Daphne Palmer Geanacopoulos is a historian, journalist and author. She has published over 40 articles in newspapers and magazines. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Southern Living*, *Virginia Business* and other outlets. She lives in South Yarmouth, MA with her husband, David.



Daphne Palmer Geanacopoulos

Christopher C. Gorham holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Tufts University and Syracuse University College of Law. After practicing law for over a decade, for the last several years he has taught Modern American History at Westford Academy, outside Boston. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Literary Hub*, *Paper Brigade Daily*, and online publications. *The Confidante* is his first book. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Watertown and Chatham, Massachusetts.



Christopher C. Gorham

Merrie Reagan is a former educational tutor, and small business owner who is now a freelance writer living on the South Shore of Massachusetts. She is also a ballroom dance student, church choir member, and karaoke singer.



Merrie Reagan

"Imagine the relief of finding out
that one is not the one one thought one was."
— Hernan Diaz, *Trust*

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Local Authors



Jan Jacobi

Jan Jacobi is a retired middle school teacher and administrator. He and his family reside in St. Louis Missouri, but they are also summer residents of Nantucket in their house in Wauwinet. He has been coming to Nantucket for almost 50 years, and parts of his books were written on Nantucket.



Amy Jenness

Amy Jenness Along with her book on Nantucket history, Amy Jenness has written articles about island people and places for *N Magazine*, *Yesterday's Island*, *Historic Nantucket*, *The Inquirer & Mirror*, and the former *Nantucket Magazine*. She has an MFA in creative writing from Lesley University and a B.A. in journalism from the University of Massachusetts.



Shawnie Kelley

Shawnie Kelley is a travel and food writer, author of *Discover Cape Cod* and *It Happened on Cape Cod*, among other national titles. She owns Wanderlust Tours, specializing in culinary and cultural travel since 2008. She teaches cooking classes, leads culinary tours through Europe and the US and enjoys golfing.



JD Mortmain

JD Mortmain was educated at University of Vermont and Syracuse Law and has had an active practice of law for over 50 years. He is a former JAGC officer and has various trial experiences in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

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Judy Lannon The ocean has always had a magnetizing pull for Judy Lannon, debut author of the award-winning novel *Nine Days*. Born and raised outside of Boston, Judy spent her childhood summers in Harwich Port, a small coastal town on Cape Cod. Today Judy still lives by the ocean, spending her days looking for sea glass and running her dogs on the flats.



Judy Lannon

Stewart Lewis' novels have been translated into five languages. His romantic comedy *Happily Whatever After* was hailed "Charming!" by Elin Hilderbrand, and his mystery *One Stupid Thing*, which takes place on Nantucket, is being made into an independent film. He is also an acclaimed singer-songwriter. More info at www.stewartlewis.com



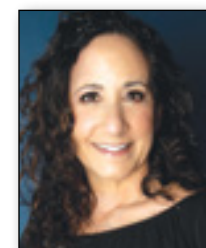
Stewart Lewis

Lew McCreary is the author of two critically-acclaimed novels, *Mount's Mistake* and *The Minus Man*. After graduating from Wesleyan University, he pursued a career in magazine editing and fiction writing.



Lew McCreary

Marcy McCreary is the author of *The Murder of Madison Garcia* and *The Disappearance of Trudy Solomon*, a Killer Nashville Silver Falchion 2022 Finalist in Best Investigative category. Marcy graduated from George Washington University with a B.A. in American literature and political science, and pursued a career in marketing before retiring to write full time.



Marcy McCreary

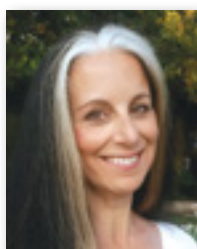
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Bobbi McPeak

Bobbi McPeak As an artist and as a writer, Bobbi McPeak is continually moved by Nantucket's incredible natural beauty. For over 30 years as a summer visitor, it has served as her continuing creative inspiration in the form of childrens' books - *Sweet Dreams: A Nantucket Lullaby*, 1994; *Nantucket Playground*, 2002; *Sailing Nantucket Sound* – Captain Jim's Endeavor, 2012; *Santa Claus Moves to Nantucket*, 2014; and her most recent book – *The Nantucket Book of ABC's*, published in 2022. The island also inspired the 2010 formation of Bobbi's design company, StudioDog Designs, for which she creates island-inspired artwork applicable to various products.



Jill A. Mooradian

Jill A. Mooradian is the creator and master teacher of the Synergenic Way.™ For more than 30 years she has helped people understand pathology and pain from a multidimensional perspective. Jill has assisted thousands of people to transform disturbances in their health and to establish a greater sense of well-being. She is known for her ability to track the evolution of a person's soul and give language to the signs and symptoms of energetic misalignment.



Sarah Oktay

Sarah Oktay Sarah recently served as the Executive Director for the Center for Coastal Studies located in Provincetown Massachusetts. She received her B.S. in Marine Science and a Ph.D. in Chemical Oceanography from Texas A&M University-Galveston. From 2003-2016 she was the Executive Director of the University of Massachusetts-Boston Nantucket Field Station.



Steve Sheppard

Steve Sheppard is a writer, musician, songwriter, and teacher. For eight years, he was editor of the original *Nantucket Magazine*, a respected quarterly dedicated to the history, people, and culture of the island. He has written for the *Boston Globe*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Providence Journal* among other publications. He lives on Nantucket with his wife, Karin.

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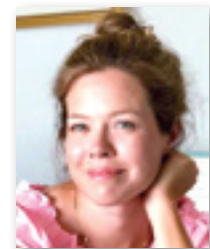
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Jenna Shotmeyer

Jenna Shotmeyer, author of *Are You Drowning? Overcoming in the Midst of Trauma and Loss* is a New-England Based writer, speaker, and artist. She is passionate about using her talents to help others find their identity, worth, purpose, hope, and freedom like she found after a tragic accident and traumatic brain injury in college that changed her life.



Kate Teves

Kate Teves is a writer and self- taught illustrator in South Florida. She has spent many seasons and a few off-seasons working on Nantucket as a landscaper, housecleaner, toyseller, flower stocker, and babysitter. She visits the island frequently to see her parents, sister, brother-in-law, and nephews who all live on Nantucket year-round. Kate is also the author and illustrator of a series of picture books called *The Squirbles*.

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- 3:00 - 3:45pm** **Atheneum Great Hall**
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Tim Weed
- 4:00 - 4:45pm** **Atheneum Great Hall**
Tiya Miles

Friday, June 16

- 9:00 - 9:45am** **Methodist Church**
Emma Straub with
Tim Ehrenberg
- 9:45 - 10:45am** **Atheneum Garden**
Nanpuppets with
Lizza Obremski
- 10:00 - 10:45am** **Methodist Church**
Dolen Perkins-Valdez
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Celebration
- 7:30 - 10:00pm** **White Elephant**
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Sally Bedell Smith with
Mary Haft
- 7:30 - 9:30pm** **Chicken Box**
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Concert

Sunday, June 18

- 10:00 - 10:45pm** **Atheneum Great Hall**
Julie Gerstenblatt and
Betsy Tyler with
Mary Bergman
- 11:00 - 11:45pm** **Atheneum Great Hall**
Holly Ruth Finnigan
with Jenny Johnson
- 12:00–12:45pm** **Atheneum Great Hall**
Luke Russert
with Rob Cocuzzo
- 1:00 - 4:00pm** **Cisco Brewers
Send-off**

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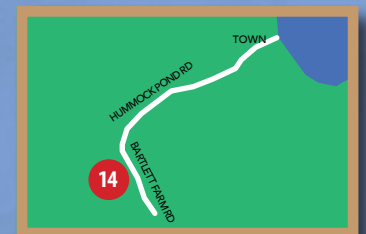
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The **Nantucket Book Foundation** continues its work year-round. We are committed to broadening the world through words for our island children by our expanded reach of programs: the **Nantucket Book Festival Young Writer Award** and our **Nantucket Book Foundation Visiting Authors** program.

The Nantucket Book Festival Young Writer Award

Celebrating the craft of writing and encouraging the development of finding one's voice through the expression of words on a page, we will be announcing the winner of the NBF Young Writer Award, along with the four finalists, at our Opening Celebration. We're aiming for the stars with our outreach to our island's young people. We believe in the power of words to shape and change lives. Our hope is that our students will find a platform of words and a love of reading – to understand that while they may live on an island of boundaries, there is no limit to imagination.

The Nantucket Book Foundation Visiting Authors Program



Jarrett Krosoczka visits with elementary students.

This program was created in close collaboration with Nantucket school teachers and librarians, featuring authors whose work ties into the curriculum. In the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023, we were thrilled to bring two Visiting Authors to our schools – **Jarrett Krosoczka** for our elementary and intermediate school students, and **Kwame Alexander** for our middle and high school students.

These programs were created by Festival Co-Founder Mary Haft in partnership with the dedicated librarians, teachers, and principals at our Nantucket Schools. Funding is provided by generous grants from the Nantucket Golf Club Foundation, the Community Foundation for Nantucket, and Mass Cultural Council, as well as ongoing support from our generous sponsors and donors.



Kwame Alexander meets with a middle school student after his presentation.
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Friday, June 16

9:45am - Nanpuppets with Lizza Obremski

3pm - Humans & Poetry Children's Workshop (ages 8-12)

Saturday, June 17

9am-2pm - Children's and Adult Local Authors

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Lizza Obremski



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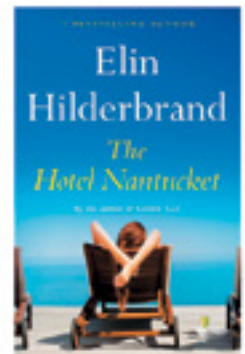
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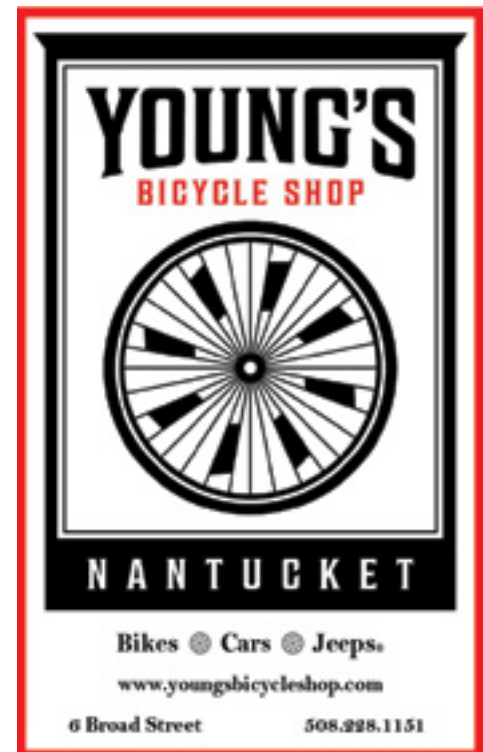
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