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NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION



**October is National Reading Group Month
Celebrating the joy of shared reading**

NEW YORK - August 23, 2009 - To celebrate the joy of shared reading and encourage more people to get involved in reading groups, the Women's National Book Association (WNBA) has designated October as National Reading Group Month (NRGM). October 2009 will be the third annual celebration.

Festivities will include events with a host of favorite book club authors. These will take place across the nation in each of the Association's ten chapter cities: Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Nashville, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Seattle, and the newly formed Charlotte, North Carolina chapter.

WNBA in Nashville will host the **National Reading Group Month Signature Event** at the Nashville Public Library Downtown on Saturday, October 10 (breakfast, 9:15-11 a.m.; book-signing, 11-11:30 a.m.), featuring best-selling authors Marie Brenner (*Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found*, Picador), Holly Goddard Jones (*Girl Trouble: Stories*, Harper Perennial), Perri Klass (*The Mercy Rule*, Mariner Books), Inman Majors (*The Millionaires*, W.W. Norton & Co.) and Kathryn Stockett (*The Help*, Putnam). NPR Nashville *All Things Considered* host Nina Cardona will emcee the program. This "breakfast with authors" is an official part of The Southern Festival of Books, and is again co-sponsored by the Nashville Public Library joined this year by Davis-Kidd Nashville.

A full listing of National Reading Group Month events to date is listed below. Updates will be posted to WNBA national and local Web sites, including

NationalReadingGroupMonth.org, www.wnba-books.org, Facebook, and Twitter (WNBA_NRGM) in the upcoming weeks.

WNBA is a non-profit educational professional trade organization, promoting books and reading since 1917. The Association draws members from all segments of the book industry and has ten chapters nationwide.

Participants, partners, supporters and sponsors include publishers, librarians, booksellers, book trade organizations, authors and more, including HarperCollins Publishers/HarperPerennial (Official 2009 NRGM Sponsor), the American Library Association/Booklist, and American Booksellers Association/IndieBound.

Those publishers, companies or individuals interested in becoming sponsors of National Reading Group Month should contact Jill Tardiff, National Reading Group Month Chair at (201) 656-7220, jtardiff-wnbanational@att.net.

Further information is available at:

www.NationalReadingGroupMonth.org, www.wnba-books.org

EVENTS

For more information about individual events, contact the event coordinators listed.

NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH SIGNATURE EVENT NASHVILLE

www.wnbanashville.org

WNBA-Nashville with event co-sponsor Nashville Public Library Downtown and Davis-Kidd in conjunction with the Southern Festival of Books (Sat., Oct. 10; breakfast, 9:15-11 a.m.; book-signing, 11-11:30 a.m.): Nina Cardona (NPR-Nashville host/reporter), with Marie Brenner (*Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found*, Picador); Holly Goddard Jones (*Girl Trouble: Stories*, HarperPerennial); Perri Klass (*The Mercy Rule*, Mariner Books); Inman Majors (*The Millionaires*, W.W. Norton & Co.); Kathryn Stockett (*The Help*, Putnam). Contact: Lee Fairbend, lfairbend@comcast.net.

CHAPTER EVENTS NEW YORK CITY

www.wnba-nyc.org

WNBA-NYC at the Mint Theater (Wed., Oct. 21; 6-9 p.m.): Rosalind Reisner (*Read On...Life Stories* and *Jewish American Literature*, Libraries Unlimited) and Miriam Tuliao (New York Public Library, Assistant Director, Central Collection Development), with Zoe Heller (*The Believers*, Harper); C.M. Mayo (*The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire*, Unbridled Books); Julie Metz (*Perfection: A Memoir of Betrayal and Renewal*, Hyperion/Voice); Roxana Robinson (*Cost*, Picador); Eva Hoffman (*Appassionata*, Other Press). Contact: Lori O'Dea, LO'dea@amscopub.com.

BOSTON

www.wnbaboston.org

WNBA-Boston at Hotel 140 (Thurs., Oct. 22; 6-9 p.m.): Margot Livesey (*The House on Fortune Street*, HarperPerennial). **Contact:** Erin Brown, ebrown@harvardbusiness.org, or Katherine Dibble, kdibble@att.net.

CHARLOTTE

charlotte.wnba-books.org

WNBA-Charlotte with program co-sponsor Park Road Books (month-long): "WNBA-Charlotte Picks of the Lists." **Contact:** Carin Siegfried, Carin.Siegfried@baker-taylor.com.

DALLAS

(www.wnba-dallas.org)

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DETROIT

www.wnba-books.org/detroit

WNBA-Detroit with event co-sponsor Baldwin Public Library-Birmingham (Mon., Oct. 26; 7 p.m.): Laura Kasischke (*In a Perfect World*, HarperPerennial). **Contact:** Celia Morse, cmorse@berkley.lib.mi.us.

LOS ANGELES

www.wnba-books.org/la

WNBA-LA at the West Hollywood Book Fair (Sun., Oct. 4; panel, 11-11:55 a.m., book-signing, noon-1 p.m.): Kelly Sullivan-Walden (*I Had the Strangest Dream*, Grand Central) and Paul Ryan (*The Art of Comedy*, Back Stage Books), with Diana Birchall (*Mrs. Darcy's Dilemma: A Sequel to Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice*, Sourcebooks); Dori Carter (*We Are Rich*, Other Press); Syrie James (*The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* and *The Secret Diaries of Charlotte Brontë*, HarperCollins/Avon). **Contact:** Kelly Sullivan-Walden, kellygg@mac.com.

SAN FRANCISCO

www.wnba-sfchapter.org

WNBA-SF with event co-sponsor Book Passage/Corte Madera (Thurs., Oct. 15; 6:30-8:30 p.m.): Tanya Egan Gibson (*How to Buy a Love of Reading*, Dutton); Kathi Kamen Goldmark (*And My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You*, Chronicle); Christopher Gortner (*The Last Queen*, Ballantine). **Contact:** Lynn Henriksen, lynn@telltalesouls.com.

WNBA-SF with event co-sponsor BookShop West Portal (Thurs., Oct. 29; 7 p.m.): Joan Gelfand (*A Dreamer's Guide to Cities and Streams*, San Francisco Bay Press), with Allison Hoover Bartlett (*The Man Who Loved Books Too Much*, Riverhead); Meg Waite Clayton (*The Wednesday Sisters*, Ballantine); Charlie

Haas (*The Enthusiast*, Harper Perennial); Mary Mackey (*The Widow's War*, Berkley). Contact: Joan Gelfand, joan@joangelfand.com.

SEATTLE

www.wnba-books.org/seattle

WNBA-Seattle with event co-sponsor Third Place Books (Wed., Oct. 21; 6:30-9 p.m.): Nancy Pearl (*Book Lust, More Book Lust* and *Book Crush*, Sasquatch Books), with Jamie Ford (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Ballantine); Diane Hammond (*Hannah's Dream*, Harper Paperbacks); Jim Lynch (*Border Songs*, Knopf); Stephanie Kallos (*Sing Them Home*, Atlantic Monthly Press); Garth Stein (*The Art of Racing in the Rain*, Harper Paperbacks). Contact: Cheryl McKeon, cmckeon@thirdplacebooks.com.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

www.wnba-books.org/wash

WNBA-D.C. with event co-sponsor Politics & Prose Bookstore/Coffeehouse (Tues., Oct. 27; 6:30-9 p.m.): "Washington Reads/P&P Reads," with Shireen Dodson (*The Mother-Daughter Book Club, Tenth Anniversary Edition*, Harper Paperbacks); Lorine Pergament (WNBA-D.C.), Mark La Framboise (Trade Book Buyer, Politics & Prose) and Carla Cohen (Co-owner, Politics & Prose). Contact: NC Weil, ncweil@patriot.net.

LIBRARY & OTHER EVENTS

NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

www.njla.org

NRGM partner NJLA/NRGM Task Force and New Jersey State Library presents "Readers, Writers & Reading Groups: A Day of Reading Group Workshops," at the College of New Jersey-Ewing (Sat., Oct. 3; 9:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.): Keynote speaker, Margo Hammond (*Between the Covers: The Book Babes' Guide to a Woman's Reading Pleasure*, Da Capo Press); Masha Hamilton (*31 Hours*, Unbridled Books and *The Camel Bookmobile*, HarperPerennial); others (TBA). Contact: April Judge, bookdirector@yahoo.com.

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