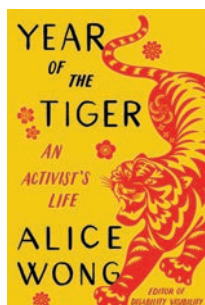
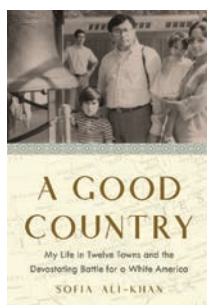
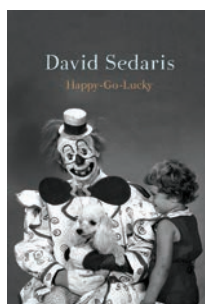
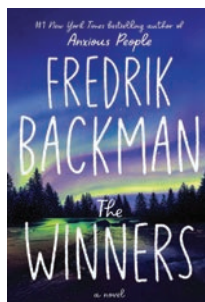
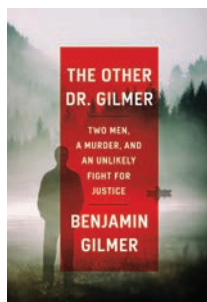




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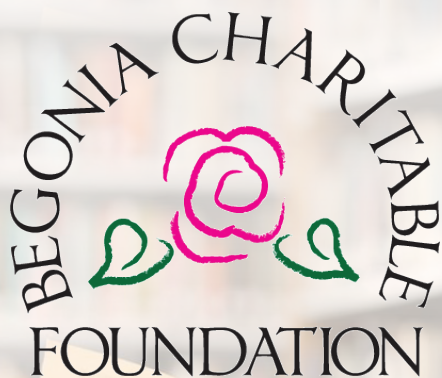


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An enthusiastic welcome to our fall season of 2022. Last summer, I returned to the role of executive director and am thrilled to be back. The NWS “small-but-mighty” team couldn’t be more amazing, and they’ve made my return nearly effortless. Thanks to you Cindy, Karl, Colleen, Jared, Jacque, and Ari for all you do. Go NWS!

As you know, we returned to in-person events and are also broadcasting our events virtually (except for the David Sedaris event at his request). So, the news is you can still catch the NWS Show on air, and it’s going to look even better this coming year. We are committed to making it easier for the virtual audience to talk with the author on stage. My thinking is this: if we could conduct an interview with a nonprofit leader sitting in Ukraine—like we did at the City Opera House—we should do it again! By the way, that event—held in partnership with the International Affairs Forum—garnered more than \$125,000 in gifts directly to Ukrainian nonprofits! Isn’t that fabulous?!

Our new season is hugely varied, beginning with Dr. Benjamin Gilmer. His story, *The Other Dr. Gilmer*, expands on one of the most popular podcasts ever aired on This American Life. Gilmer is

a big-hearted doctor who takes a job at a rural clinic outside of Asheville, North Carolina. He soon learns that his predecessor, Dr. Vince Gilmer, a beloved doctor for decades, commits murder, seemingly out of the blue. Ben wonders if a medical malady was at the root of his dramatic behavior change, beginning a quest for justice. April Baer, the hugely popular host of Michigan Radio’s *Stateside*, will guest host.

Next up is Fredrik Backman, who has sold 5 million books, including *A Man Called Ove* and *Anxious People* (both made into movies). His new book, *The Winner*, is the third in the Beartown trilogy. It’s about a small town obsessed with hockey, but you don’t have to know anything about pucks or penalties to enjoy this engrossing story. His voice is unique, humane, and filled with sudden suspense. Fredrik is flying in from Sweden for his North American tour, and his book publicist bent over backwards to include us. NWS co-founder and #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Doug Stanton is guest hosting this one at Lars Hockstad.

Karl Klockars, our marketing director, was able to sign up Margo Price, a country singer whom he admires a lot. She wrote a memoir, *Maybe We’ll Make It*, about

the trials that she suffered on her way up to stardom. It's a glimpse of just how challenging it is to be a creative in our society, no matter if you write, draw, paint or sing. We've booked this event at the State Theatre. Guest host is Karl, our resident country music expert.

This is going to be a night to remember. Check out Margo's music! In case you're curious, we opted for these two new venues as the City Opera House had already booked these dates.

Next is David Sedaris. Need I say more? His event was sold out within days of going on sale to the public. (NWS Friends got first dibs.) David visited us once before and the audience was rolling in the aisles with laughter, disbelief, and delight. This encore visit promises the same.

For November, we're pleased to introduce debut author Sofia Ali-Khan, who wrote ***A Good Country***. Sofia's parents emigrated from Pakistan to America, believing it would be a good country. Sofia chose a career in social justice, helping vulnerable communities. Having lived in 12 cities around the country, Sofia felt deeply American. But then came 9/11 and the 2016 election, when vitriolic attacks on Islam and Muslims intensified. In this book, she explores if the American dream had ever been a reality for families like her own. Poet, educator, and dancer Ari Mokdad, our new education director, whose parents emigrated to America, will be guest host. Welcome, Ari!

Our last event with author Alice Wong is guaranteed to open your mind. She is a disability rights activist, and has a lot to say. I opened her book, ***Year***

of the Tiger, and immediately loved Alice's engaging voice and humor. Due to a medical emergency, she asked author Stephanie Foo to speak in her stead. Our guest host will be Susan Odgers, who writes a column for the *Traverse City Record Eagle* and is board president of the amazing Traverse Area District Library, a longtime Battle of the Books partner.

I haven't talked a lot about our literacy programs, but they are going great guns. Thanks to grants and donations, we've been able to make them free. More than 300 students engaged in Battle of the Books (thank you to program coordinator Marcy Lindberg and our incredible volunteers). And, of course, we continue to award four annual scholarships to students in partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

Like a story, NWS is built on relationships. With you, first of all. With authors, with editors and publishers across the US. With Horizon Books!

THANK YOU to all of you who donate and make all of this possible and to our incredible board. It's a truly humbling experience to see such interest in the kind of life-changing experiences that can be a night, a class, or an event with NWS.

Warm regards,

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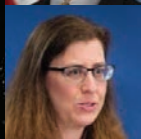
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In addition to the draw of regular speakers, we're thrilled when the Battle of The Books every March brings up to 400 middle schoolers (and their loved ones) to downtown. Not only does NWS

support downtown year-round, but it also adds a wonderful layer of culture to our downtown environment. Our locals and visitors value more than just good places to shop and eat - they also come downtown to be entertained, enriched and educated. We look forward to working with NWS for years to come!



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The National Writers Series of Traverse City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to holding great conversations with today's best authors and building the reading and writing skills of youth.

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Since founding the National Writers Series in 2010, we've spread our wings to support young readers and writers in all kinds of ways. We hope that someday one of our young storytellers will return to the Opera House to talk about their newest bestselling book and how their love of writing began right here in Traverse City.

Each year, the National Writers Series helps hundreds of students hone their writing and reading skills. We believe exceptional writing skills create a path forward to an amazing future.

FRONT STREET WRITERS

Since 2012, Front Street Writers has been a home for passionate student writers. These FREE classes and workshops draw students from a five-county area—students who, in many cases, have no creative writing class in their home district. Aspiring writers in grades 7-12 can find monthly virtual Writing Workshops and special Author Masterclasses from visiting NWS authors, while high schoolers are eligible to apply for a spot in the semester-long Creative Writing Intensive.

Students also publish their work in the annual *NWS Literary Journal* and recite their work at author events. Upcoming FSW programs can be found at NationalWritersSeries.org.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES

In addition to our Front Street Writers classes, we offer one- or two-day workshops, including fan fiction, college essay writing, poetry, playwriting, and more.

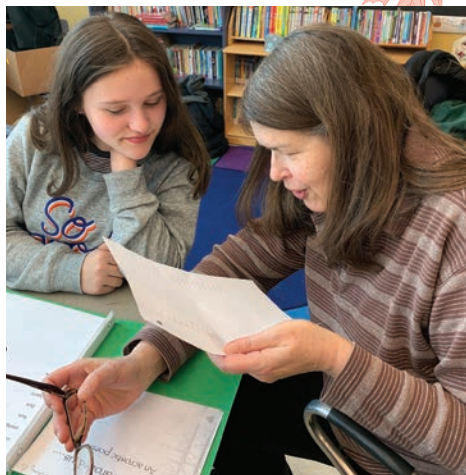


Check out our Raising Writers section on our website.

ELEMENTARY POETRY WORKSHOPS

Each year, we host poetry workshops at Traverse Heights and Blair Elementary schools. We believe it's important for children to learn how to creatively use their voices to express their feelings, and we're so grateful to the Oleson Foundation for their support of this initiative!

NWS founder Doug Stanton attended Traverse Heights Elementary where he got his first start in writing. He created and wrote for the *Traverse Heights Traveler*, a school newspaper that was copied on a mimeograph machine. In that spirit, NWS began poetry workshops several years ago at Traverse Heights



Volunteer Meredith McComb helps fifth-grader Lindsey Campeau create one of her first poems.

and Blair Elementary to give children an opportunity to express themselves. Their writing is collected in a "Poetry Book" that's given to each child.

2022 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

We have awarded \$60,000 in college scholarships—now up to four each year—to 42 seniors and juniors who are passionate about writing. Scholarship applications are available through the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.



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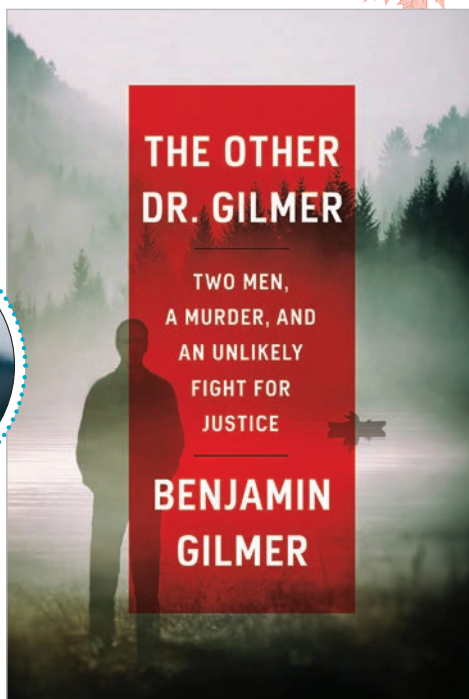
Dr. Gilmer and Mr. Hyde A mesmerizing true story

Based on one of the most popular *This American Life* stories of all time, ***The Other Dr. Gilmer*** is a powerful true story about a shocking crime and a mysterious illness that will forever change your notions of how we punish and how we heal. Soon to become a feature film, the book is equal parts true crime, medical mystery, heartbreaking saga of intergenerational abuse and a look at how a disease ravaged a family.



Fresh out of medical residency, Dr. Benjamin Gilmer joined a rural North Carolina clinic only to find that its previous doctor shared his last name. Dr. Vince Gilmer was loved and respected by the community—right up until he strangled his ailing father and then returned to the clinic for a regular week of work. Vince's eventual arrest for murder shocked his patients.

How could their beloved doctor be capable of such violence? The deeper Benjamin looked into Vince's case, the more he became obsessed with



discovering what had pushed a good man toward darkness.

Fans of true-crime podcasts, medical mysteries, and compelling personal narratives will all want to be on hand when Dr. Gilmer takes the stage at the City Opera House on September 21st!

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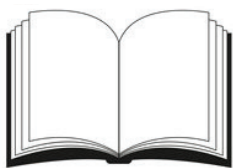
Guest Host APRIL BAER is the host of Michigan Radio's *Stateside* talk show. Prior to her arrival in Michigan, April was the host of the weekly show *State of Wonder* on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) for six years. Before that, she was the Morning Edition host and a reporter at OPB, covering beats including government and legal affairs, changing demographics and the arts.

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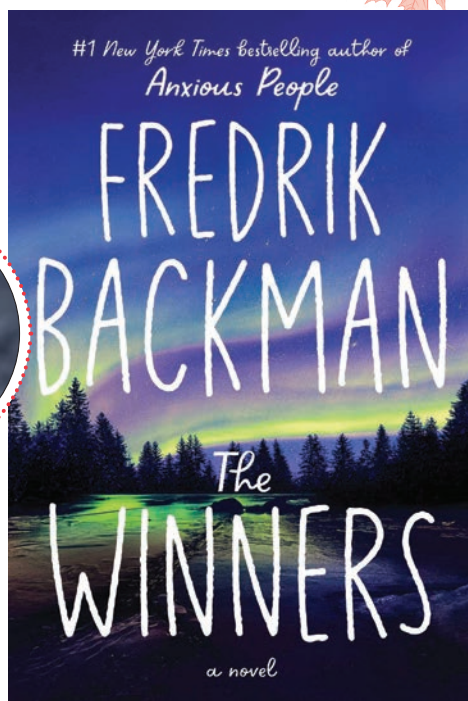
From the celebrated author of the international bestseller *A Man Called Ove* comes the long-awaited conclusion to the beloved *New York Times* bestselling *Beartown* series. These books (which inspired an HBO series of the same name) follow the small hockey town's residents as they grapple with change, pain, hope, and redemption.



Two years have passed since the events that no one wants to think about. Everyone has tried to move on, but there's something about this place that prevents it. The residents continue to grapple with life's big questions: What is a family? What is a community? And what, if anything, are we willing to sacrifice in order to protect them?

What are the residents of Beartown willing to sacrifice for their home? Everything.

Fredrik Backman is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell*



You She's Sorry, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Beartown*, *Us Against You*, and *Anxious People*, as well as two novellas and one work of nonfiction. His books are published in more than forty countries. He lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife and two children.

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Guest host DOUG STANTON is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and co-founder of the National Writers Series. Stanton is the author of *In Harm's Way*, *Horse Soldiers*, and *The Odyssey of Echo Company*. His writing has appeared in *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, *TIME*, the *Washington Post*, and other national publications where he has been a contributing editor. Stanton attended Interlochen Arts Academy, Hampshire College, and received an MFA from the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. He lives in Traverse City with his wife, Anne. They have three children.



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Musician Margo Price has spent over a decade fighting her way to the top of the country and Americana music worlds. She's performed for hundreds of thousands of fans, she's the first (and only) woman to be elected to the board of Farm Aid alongside artists like Willie Nelson and Neil Young, and now she's ready to tell her story in her new memoir ***Maybe We'll Make It***.



Join us on October 20th, when Price joins the National Writers Series to discuss her book from the stage of the historic State Theater in downtown Traverse City. Get your tickets now and be part of this special intimate evening where she'll talk about her story of loss, motherhood, and the search for artistic freedom in the midst of the agony experienced by so many aspiring musicians.

From bad gigs and long tours to rejection and sexual harassment to too much drinking and not enough money to live on, this book tells the real story of what it takes to make it in Nashville. If you've ever found inspiration in the



stories of artists like Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn, you'll want to be here when Margo takes the stage to share hers.

Margo Price is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter. She has released three LPs, earned a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist, performed on Saturday Night Live, and is the first female musician to sit on the board of Farm Aid.

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Guest host KARL KLOCKARS is the National Writers Series Marketing Director, Farm Aid attendee, resident country music/Americana fan and fellow author. Karl will lead our discussion with Margo. In addition to his work for the NWS, Karl is also a writer with a wide array of work in publications including the *Northern Express* and *Traverse Ticker*, as well as *Chicago* magazine, *Vinepair*, *Time Out Chicago*, *Thrillist* and *PCMag.com*.

A FRONT STREET WRITERS SUCCESS STORY

Jessie Williams fondly remembers her experience as a Front Street Writers student in 2017-18, when NWS partnered with the Career-Tech Center. In this partnership, NWS hired writing fellow Sam Collier, a playwright, to assist full-instructor Teresa Scollon in the classroom. NWS now offers Front Street Writers independently, while the Career-Tech Center created the North Ed Writers Studio, a professional writing class.



“I’ll forever be grateful for the FSW program, where I learned the writing skills necessary for my undergraduate, graduate and law school programs at the University of Michigan. As a student, journalist, and a public relations professional, I use a practical writing skill set from the FSW program every day – writing press releases, editing my own and others’ work, and giving feedback to those I work and study with.

Additionally, our ability to talk to NWS authors in the classroom was incomparable. I was able to meet some of my literary idols, including Adriana Trigiani and Nikki Giovanni, and to receive writing advice from them. These incredible experiences reflect NWS’s generosity and commitment to Traverse City youth.

I now write for the Grand Traverse Scene department of the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*, an opportunity coordinated by my Career-Tech instructor Teresa Scollon. I share stories about people who do amazing things, thanks to the foundation of FSW.”

~ Jessie Williams

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He'll be reading selections from his newest book, *Happy-Go-Lucky*, his first collection of personal essays since his award-winning book *Calypso*. As the book opens, he is learning to shoot guns with his sister, buying gummy worms to feed to ants, and telling his nonagenarian father wheelchair jokes.

But then the pandemic hits, and like so many others, he's stuck in lockdown. To cope, he walks for miles through a nearly deserted city, smelling only his own breath.

As the world gradually settles into a new reality, Sedaris too finds himself changed. Newly orphaned, he considers what it means, in his seventh decade, no longer to be someone's son. And back on the road, he discovers a battle-scarred America: people weary, storefronts empty or festooned with Help Wanted signs, walls painted with graffiti reflecting the contradictory messages of our time.

In *Happy-Go-Lucky*, Sedaris once again captures what is most unexpected, hilarious, and poignant about these recent upheavals, personal and public, and expresses both the misanthropy and desire

David Sedaris *Happy-Go-Lucky*



for connection that drive us all.

David Sedaris is the bestselling author of the books *Calypso*, *Theft By Finding*, *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Holidays on Ice*, *Naked*, and *Barrel Fever*. He is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker* and BBC Radio 4.

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FRONT STREET WRITERS VISIT TUSEN TAKK

On a cloudless day in mid-August, high school students took a field trip to Tusen Takk, an artist retreat near Leland, where an artist-in-residence, for a month, works in solitude on his or her chosen project.

Students sat outside, listening to writer and artist-in-residence Marianne Shaneen of New York, (bottom right). She told them she's shaping her sprawling 500-page manuscript, *Homing*, with the help of an editor. Narrating her career, she said that readers need many "funny, quirky voices" like her own to help people see a world that might otherwise remain hidden to them. "That's why we're here," she said.

Madeline "Maddy" Rowney, top left, a Traverse City Central High School senior, listens to Marianne's talk. She recently took an NWS poetry class taught by intern Miracle Thornton of Bennington College.

Kristen May, top right, is also a Traverse City Central junior. She began, at an early age, taking nearly every class and writing program that NWS offered. Her work has been published frequently in the *NWS Literary Journal*.

Artists-in-residence at Tusen Takk are invited to take advantage of the



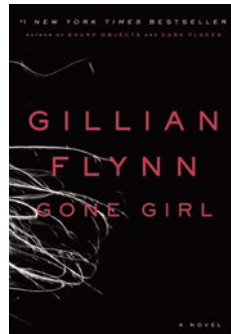
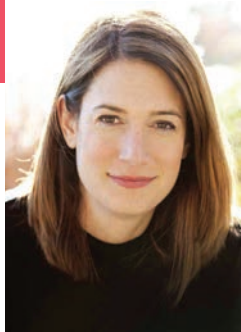
relevant "tools" in various studios, including a printing press, a cathedral art studio, a woodworking studio and a photo darkroom.

Founded by Geoffrey and Patricia Peckham, this exquisitely designed retreat is an expression of their thankfulness to God (Tusen Takk means a "thousand thanks.")

KUDOS TO NWS!

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~ Gillian Flynn, author of *Gone Girl*



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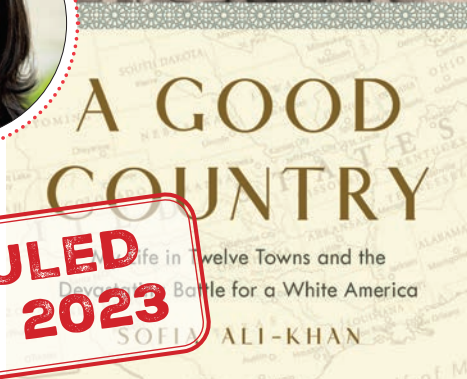
The American Dream... is it a reality for everyone?

Take a ride with us on a literary road trip through twelve American towns as a leading advocate for social justice excavates the history of forced migration in the places she's called home.

Equal parts memoir, history, and current events, **A Good Country** presents a vital portrait of our nation, its people, and the pathway to a better future.

Sofia Ali-Khan's parents migrated from Pakistan to America, believing it would be a good country for their children. In American folk history and a devotion to the rule of law, Ali-Khan pursued a career in social justice, serving some of America's most vulnerable communities. By the time she had children of her own—having lived, worked, and worshipped in twelve different towns across the nation—Ali-Khan felt deeply American, maybe even a little extra American for having seen so much of the country.

But in the wake of 9/11, and on the cusp of the 2016 election, Ali-Khan's dream of a good life felt under constant threat. As the attacks on Islam and Muslims intensified, she wondered if the American dream had



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ever applied to families like her own.

Sofia Ali-Khan is a writer and an accomplished public-interest attorney. She was a founding board member and activist with the Philadelphia chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). An American, born and raised in the United States, Ali-Khan now lives in Ontario, Canada, with her family.

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Guest host ARI MOKDAD is a Detroit-born choreographer, creative writer, and passionate educator. She received a Master of Arts in English from Wayne State University in 2017 and three Bachelor of Arts from Grand Valley State University in dance, English, and writing in 2014. Ari will receive a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and participate in the Centrum Artist Residency in 2022. She lives with her husband in

Traverse City on the ancestral and unceded land of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomie people, The People of the Three Fires.

PETE SOUZA

Behind the Scenes at the White House

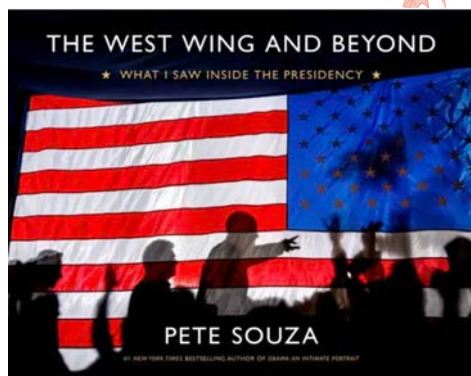
Go behind the scenes of the West Wing—and into the Oval Office, the Situation Room, aboard Air Force One, and beyond—in intimate detail with #1 bestselling author and presidential photographer Pete Souza.



In *The West Wing and Beyond*, Souza brings the inner sanctum of the American Presidency to life and goes behind the scenes to share never-before-seen photographs and stories of life in the White House and traveling with the President across the country and around the world.

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Pete Souza is a best-selling author, speaker and freelance photographer based in Madison, Wisconsin. He is also Professor Emeritus of Visual Communication at Ohio University. For all eight years of the Obama administration, Souza was the Chief Official White House Photographer and the Director of the White House photo office.

His book, *Obama: An Intimate Portrait*, was published by Little, Brown & Company in 2017, and debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. It is one of the best-selling photography books of all time.

Tickets are available through the City Opera House site but the event will take place at the Traverse City West Senior High School auditorium (5376 N Long Lake Rd.).

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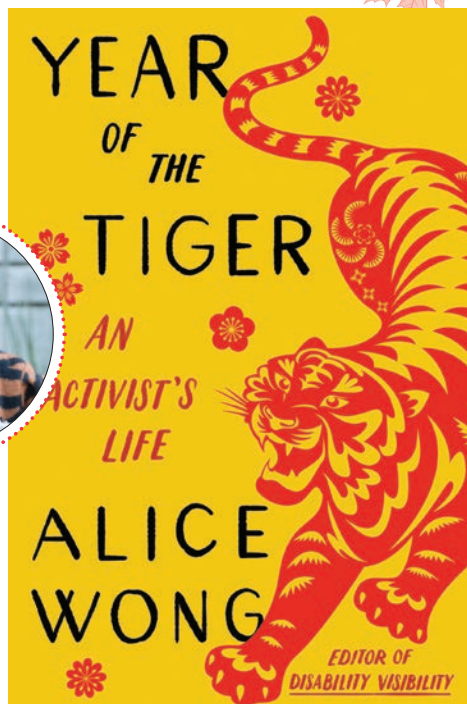
Our original intention was to host acclaimed writer and disability activist Alice Wong to discuss her new memoir. Unfortunately, due to a health emergency, she cannot participate in virtual interviews. So author and podcaster Stephanie Foo will be speaking on Alice's behalf to celebrate the incisive wit, joy, rage, and "big cat energy" embodied by her new book, *Year of the Tiger*.



In Chinese culture, the tiger is deeply revered for its confidence, passion, ambition, and ferocity. That same fighting spirit resides in Alice Wong. Her groundbreaking memoir offers a glimpse into an activist's journey to finding and cultivating community and the continued fight for disability justice.

As a self-described disabled oracle, Alice traces her origins, tells her story, and creates a space for disabled people to be in conversation with one another and the world. Filled with incisive wit, joy, and rage, Wong's *Year of the Tiger* will galvanize readers.

Alice Wong is a disabled activist, writer, editor, media maker, and consultant. Alice is the founder and director of the Disability Visibility Project, an online community



dedicated to creating, sharing, and amplifying disability media and culture.

Currently, Alice is the editor of *Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century*, an anthology of essays by disabled people, and *Disability Visibility: 17 First-Person Stories for Today*, an adapted version for young adults. *Year of the Tiger: An Activist's Life* will be available on September 6, 2022, from Vintage Books.

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Guest Host SUSAN ODGERS is past chair of the Keweenaw Storytelling Center in Calumet, and since 1989, she's taught psychology at Northwestern MI College. Susan is on the boards of the TC Human Rights Commission, MI Writers, Traverse Area District Library, and others. A recipient of the Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year award, Susan was recognized as one of the 2021 Influential Women of Northern Michigan.



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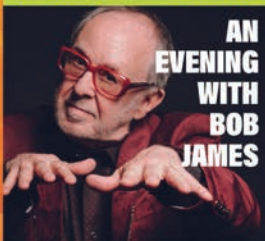
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Anna Quindlen is a novelist and journalist whose work has appeared

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author of
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on fiction, nonfiction, and self-help bestseller lists. She is the author of many novels, her memoir *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*, was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. Her book *A Short Guide to a Happy Life* has sold more than a million copies. While a columnist at *The New York Times* she won the Pulitzer Prize and published two collections, *Living Out Loud* and *Thinking Out Loud*. Her *Newsweek* columns were collected in *Loud and Clear*.

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2012

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Jodi Picoult
Geraldine Brooks
Michael Sandel
Anna Quindlen
Natalie Bakopoulos
Janet Evanovich
Lee Child

Maggie Stiefvater
Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Benjamin Busch
Michael Connelly

2013

Chip Johannessen
Buzz Bissinger
Blaine Harden
Gillian Flynn
Nathaniel Philbrick
Jason Matthews
Colum McCann
Temple Grandin
Mitch Albom
Benjamin Percy
Michael Paterniti
Jamie Ford
David Finkel
Nikki Giovanni
Sara Paretsky

2014

Kelly Corrigan
George Packer
Steve Luxenberg
Anchee Min
Emily Giffin
Daniel James Brown
Karin Slaughter
Greg Holmes/
Katherine Roth
Diana Gabaldon
A.J. Baime/
Bryce Hoffman
Nancy Horan
Sophie Kinsella
Rita Mae Brown
Brian Castner/
Brian Turner

2015

Tess Gerritsen
Garth Stein
Debbie Macomber
Jeff Shaara

Harlan Coben
Hampton Sides
Mardi Link
Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Ben Sidran
Bonnie Jo Campbell
Paula McLain
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2016

James Rollins
James Tobin
Tui Sutherland
Laurie R. King
Brian Castner
David Ebershoff
Lucy Kalanithi
Jim & Lynn Kouf
Paola Gianturco
David Maraniss
Margaret Atwood
Ann Patchett
Jodi Picoult
Kyle Mills
Daniel Bergner

2017

John Donvan
Beth Macy
Gordon Korman
Greg Iles
Eric Fair
Elizabeth Strout
Andrea Petersen
Mary Roach
Julia Glass
W. Bruce Cameron
Sarah Shoemaker
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2020

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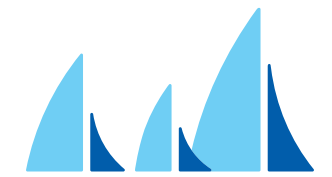
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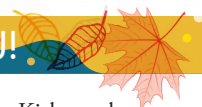
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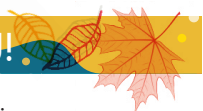
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