

BOOKS & POETRY

Edited by Meghan Kavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BOSTON POETRY SLAM The Cantab Lounge, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$5. 18+. Twelve poets compete in a Team Selection Slam hosted by Tom Slavin.

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Brady Carlson presents *Dead Presidents: An American Adventure into the Strange Deaths and Surprising Afterlives of Our Nation's Leaders*.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Douglas Kennedy shares *The Blue Hour*, his novel about a woman who is accused in her partner's disappearance while traveling.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 700 Boylston St., Boston (617-536-5400) bpl.org. MBTA: Green Line to Copley. 6 pm. Harvard professor and MGH physician Peter Grinspoon discusses *Free Refills: A Doctor Confronts His Addiction*, his memoir about recovering from a prescription-drug addiction.

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Sayed Kashua discusses *Native: Dispatches from an Israeli-Palestinian Life*, an account of his experiences balancing race and culture as an Arab-Israeli.

TRIDENT BOOKSELLERS & CAFE 338 Newbury St., Boston (617-267-8688) tridentbookscafe.com. MBTA: Green Line to Hynes. 7 pm. Relationship expert Wendy Newman signs copies of her memoir and how-to book, *121 First Dates: How to Succeed at Online Dating, Fall in Love, and Live Happily Ever After (Really!)*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. In conversation with Bret Anthony Johnston, Ethan Canin discusses *A Doubter's Almanac*, his novel about how a gifted man's ambition puts pressure on him and his family.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Debbie Clarke Moderow discusses and signs copies of *Fast into the Night: A Woman, Her Dogs, and Their Journey North on the Iditarod Trail*, her memoir about overcoming adversity during the race.

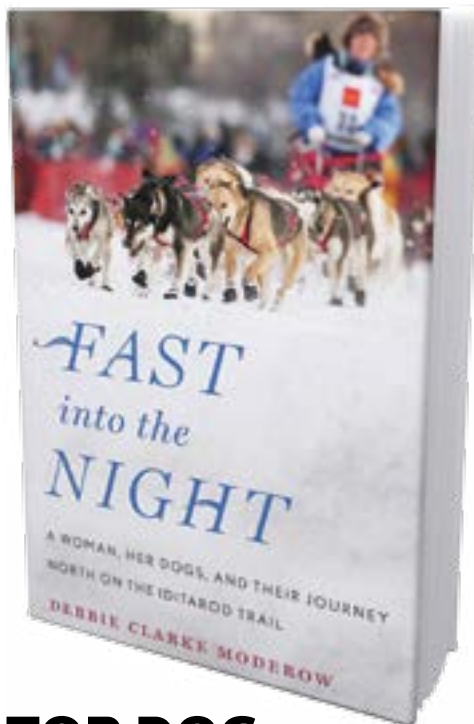
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

HARVARD BOOK STORE Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 6 pm. \$5. Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. discusses *Why the Right Went Wrong: Conservatism—From Goldwater to the Tea Party and Beyond*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BOSTON POETRY SLAM The Cantab Lounge, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$3. 18+. Siaara Freeman performs at this open-mic night.

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Hannah Tennant-Moore reads from *Wreck and Order*, her debut novel about an aimless woman who travels abroad to find solace and peace within herself.



TOP DOG

Some of Debbie Clarke Moderow's biggest life moments occurred in Alaska. She met her husband there, and was later married there. But her greatest Alaskan journey came once she attempted the Iditarod. Her first attempt at the Alaskan dog sled race was a failure, with her huskies faltering after traveling more than 800 miles. Her memoir, *Fast into the Night*, recounts a story of determination and resilience of spirit—both human and canine—as Moderow enters the race for a second year and journeys to the finish line. Race to catch a chat with Moderow on Feb. 22 when she visits the Harvard Book Store. / Marlo Jappen

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. Michelle Adelman and Holly LeCraw share their respective novels, *Piece of Mind*, the story of a young woman with a childhood brain injury who must adapt after her life changes drastically, and *The Half Brother*, the tale of a boy whose feelings of isolation carry over into adulthood.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Dexter Palmer reads from *Version Control*, his novel about a woman dealing with depression while her husband builds a device resembling a time machine.

HARVARD COOP 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-499-2000) harvardcoopbooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Popular Mechanics editor Ryan D'Agostino signs copies of *The Rising: Murder, Heartbreak, and the Power of Human Resilience in an American Town*, which details the story and rehabilitation of William Petit in the years after the murder of his wife and daughters.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. James Geary reads from *Short Flights: 32 Modern Writers Share Aphorisms of Insight, Inspiration and Wit*.

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 3 pm. Harvard visiting scholar Catherine J. Ross discusses *Lessons in Censorship: How Schools and Courts Subvert Students' First Amendment Rights*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. Dawn Tripp shares *Georgia*, her historical fiction about painter Georgia O'Keeffe, her art and relationship with photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

HARVARD BOOK STORE First Parish Church, 1446 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. \$5. In conversation with Here & Now co-host Robin Young, NPR correspondent Diane Rehm discusses *On My Own*, her memoir about moving on after her husband's death.

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. Mona Awad discusses *13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl*, her debut novel about a young girl determined to achieve her ideal body.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Ned Sublette and Constance Sublette present *The American Slave Coast: A History of the Slave-Breeding Industry*, their compilation of accounts that describe life in America before the Emancipation Proclamation.

TRIDENT BOOKSELLERS & CAFE 338 Newbury St., Boston (617-267-8688) tridentbookscafe.com. MBTA: Green Line to Hynes. 7 pm. Jay Keefe reads from *And Drink I Did*, his memoir about his battle with alcoholism and recovery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. A. Igoni Barrett signs copies of *Blackass*, his debut novel about a Nigerian man who wakes up one day with white skin.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Melissa Burch shares *My Journey Through War and Peace: Explorations of a Young Filmmaker, Feminist and Spiritual Seeker*, her memoir about spending time as a journalist during the Cold War.

ADVICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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