

BOOKS & POETRY

Edited by Meghan Kavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

BOSTON POETRY SLAM *The Cantab Lounge*, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$3. 18+.

Rose M. Smith performs at this open-mic night.

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. Brendan Jones presents *The Alaskan Laundry*, his novel about a young woman who moves to a remote Alaskan island to work in commercial fishing after the death of her mother.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Johanna Fernández shares *Writing on the Wall: Selected Prison Writings of Mumia Abu-Jamal*, a collection of the activist's previously unpublished essays, written during his time on Death Row.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. Jennifer Tseng presents *Mayumi and the Sea of Happiness*, her novel about a middle-aged wife and mother who develops feelings for a 17-year-old. Chaitali Sen shares *The Pathless Sky*, her novel about lovers torn apart by government rule.

HARVARD COOP 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-499-2000) harvardcoopbooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 2:30 pm. Gayle Tzemach Lemmon shares *Ashley's War: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Ops Battlefield*, her look at a pioneering unit that gathered intelligence in Afghanistan.

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. Robert Lopez discusses *Good People*, his collection of first-person stories about misguided people. Samuel Ligon presents *Wonderland*, his collection of stories exploring love and loss.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

HARVARD COOP 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-499-2000) harvardcoopbooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Blair Kamin presents *The Gates of Harvard Yard*, a look at the history of the 25 iconic gates.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

PAPERCUTS J.P. 5 Green St., Boston (617-522-3404) papercutsjp.com. MBTA: Orange Line to Green St. Noon. Nathalia Holt signs copies of *Rise of the Rocket Girls*, which tells the story of female mathematicians in the 1940s who proved integral to the U.S. space program.

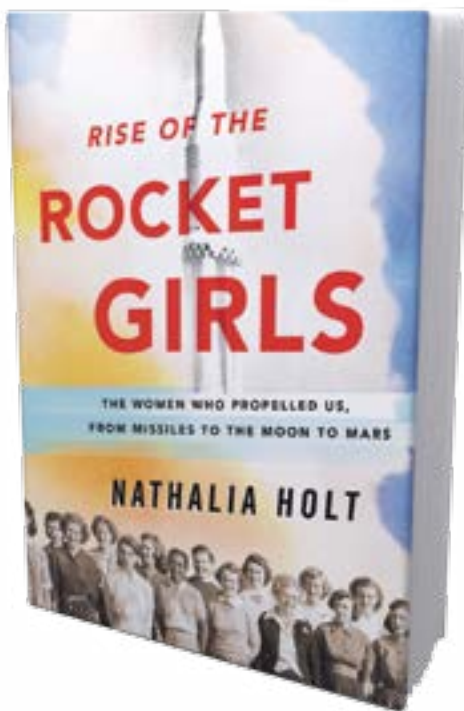
TUESDAY, MAY 3

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. Actress Diane Guerrero reads from *In the Country We Love: My Family Divided*, her memoir about her life after her parents were deported when she was 14.

HARVARD BOOK STORE Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 6 pm. \$5. TED Talk curator Chris Anderson discusses his new book, *TED Talks: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking*.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Adam Ehrlich Sachs presents *Inherited Disorders*, his collection of stories examining the complexities of father-son relationships.

WELLESLEY BOOKS 82 Central St., Wellesley (781-431-1160) wellesleybooks.com. MBTA: Commuter Rail to Wellesley. 7 pm. Mary Waters-Sayer presents *The Blue*



ROCKET POWER

History will long remember the first man to walk on the moon, but what about the women who helped get him there? Boston author Nathalia Holt shares untold stories of the brains behind space exploration in *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars*, her look at a team of female mathematicians in the 1940s and '50s. Using pencil and paper, these women calculated velocities, helped launch the first American satellite and designed rockets for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Get ready for takeoff when Holt visits Papercuts J.P. for National Independent Bookstore Day on April 30. / Marlo Jappen

Bath, her debut novel about a married woman who reconnects with a former lover when she discovers she has long been the subject of his paintings.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

BOSTON POETRY SLAM *The Cantab Lounge*, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$5. 18+. Poets compete in a speed slam qualifier series for the Individual World Poetry Slam.

HARVARD BOOK STORE Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 6 pm. \$5. In conversation with

Harvard professor Amy Cuddy, psychologist Angela Duckworth discusses *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, in which she argues that success is more about persistence than talent.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Elizabeth Crane discusses *The History of Great Things*, her novel about the relationship between an aspiring writer and her famous opera-singing mother.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Journalist Matti Friedman discusses *Pumpkinflowers: An Israeli Soldier's Story*, his account of his experiences at a remote military outpost during an unnamed war in the late 1990s.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Boston. wnba.boston.org. MBTA: Green Line to Copley. 7 pm. The debut of Author's Night features readings from members and networking with fellow authors.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. David Means reads from *Hystopia*, his novel set in a reimagined 1960s where JFK creates a federal agency dedicated to maintaining the sanity of the nation during the Vietnam War.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. Simon Van Booy reads from *Father's Day*, his novel about a young orphan taken in by an uncle with a criminal past.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

I AM BOOKS 189 North St., Boston (857-263-7665) iambooksboston.com. MBTA: Green or Orange Line to Haymarket. 5 pm. Andrea Molesini signs copies of *Not All Bastards Are from Vienna*, his debut novel about a family whose villa is seized by enemy troops.

MONDAY, MAY 9

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 700 Boylston St., Boston (617-536-5400) bpl.org. MBTA: Green Line to Copley. 6 pm. In conversation with Boston Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges, Paul Lewis discusses *The Citizen Poets of Boston: A Collection of Forgotten Poems, 1789-1820*.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. Joshua Kendall discusses his book *First Dads: Parenting and Politics from George Washington to Barack Obama*.

HARVARD BOOK STORE Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 6:30 pm. Lucy Kalanithi discusses *When Breath Becomes Air*, the memoir of her late husband, Paul Kalanithi, a neurosurgeon who sought to answer the question of what makes life worth living while facing a terminal cancer diagnosis.

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