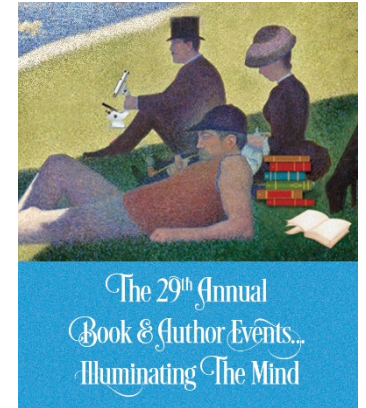


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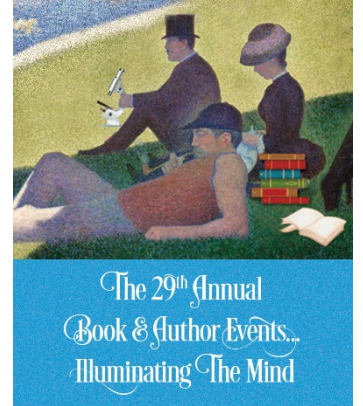


- A Scottsdale native, she is an award-winning multimedia journalist who joined the CBS 5 News team in 2010 as the weekend anchor.
- She returned to the Valley after covering border and immigration issues in El Paso, TX. While in El Paso, she investigated public corruption, uncovered poor business practices, and routinely reported on the violence across the border.
- Host of the podcast “Wiser with Reiser.”
- Awards include a Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award, Hearst Journalist Award and several National Broadcast Education Association Awards.
- A graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, she currently serves as a mentor to journalism students.
- She is proud to serve as a member of United Blood Services’ Community Leadership Council, a volunteer advisory board for UBS of Arizona.

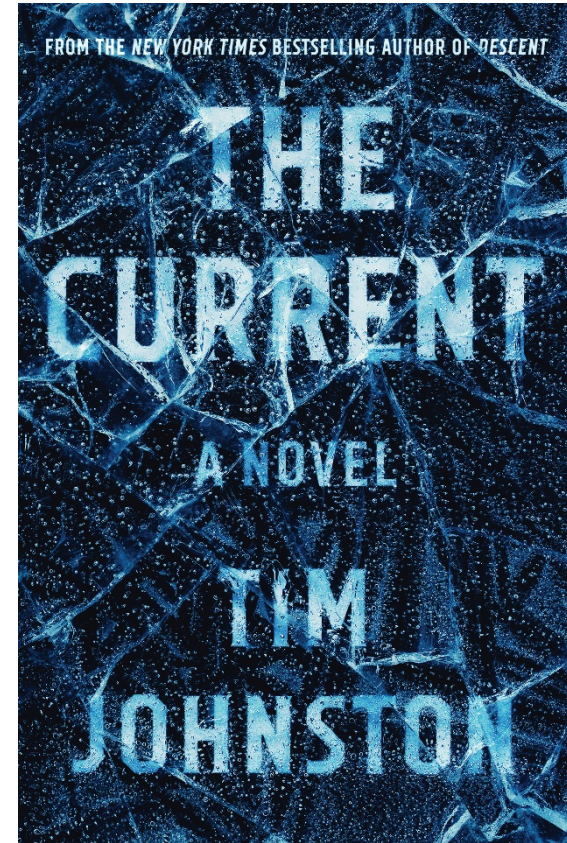
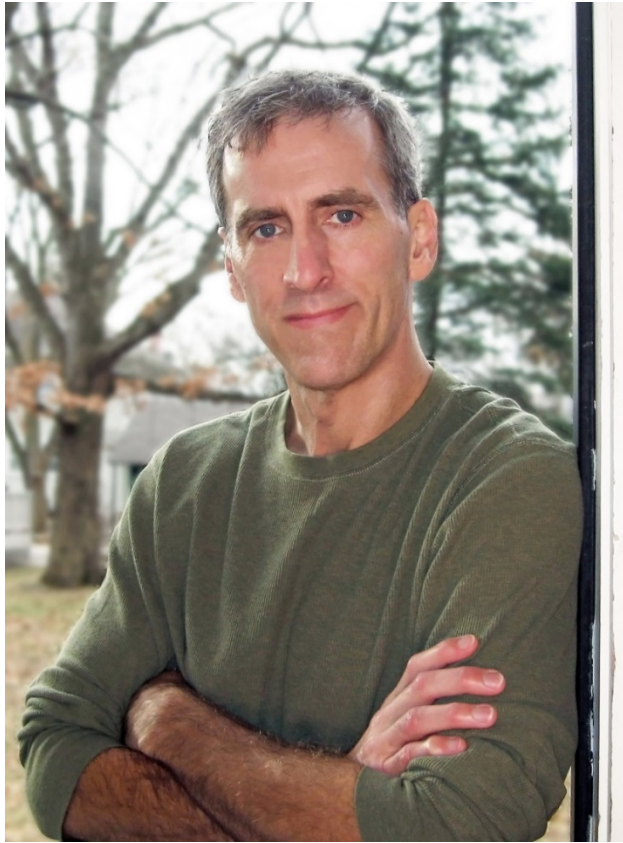


Lindsey Reiser

Literary Thriller

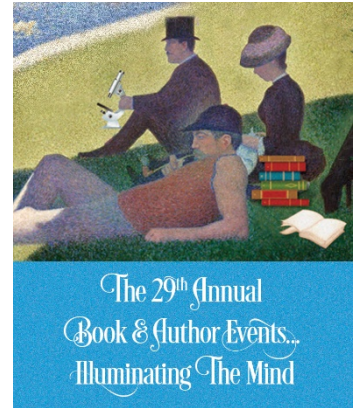


- Winner of the 2015 Iowa Author Award.
- His debut thriller, *The Descent* (2015), was a breakout *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Indie National bestseller.
- Author of the young adult novel *Never So Green* (2002), and *The Irish Girl* (2009).
- Stories in *The Irish Girl* won the O Henry Prize and New Letters Awards for Writers. The entire collection won the Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Short Fiction.
- His stories have appeared in the *New England Review*, *New Letters*, *The Iowa Review*, and *Missouri Review*, among others.
- Previously, the Jenny McKean Moore Writer-in-Washington fellow at George Washington University.
- His highly anticipated new novel (January, 2019) is described as “brilliantly plotted, unrelentingly suspenseful, and richly atmospheric.”

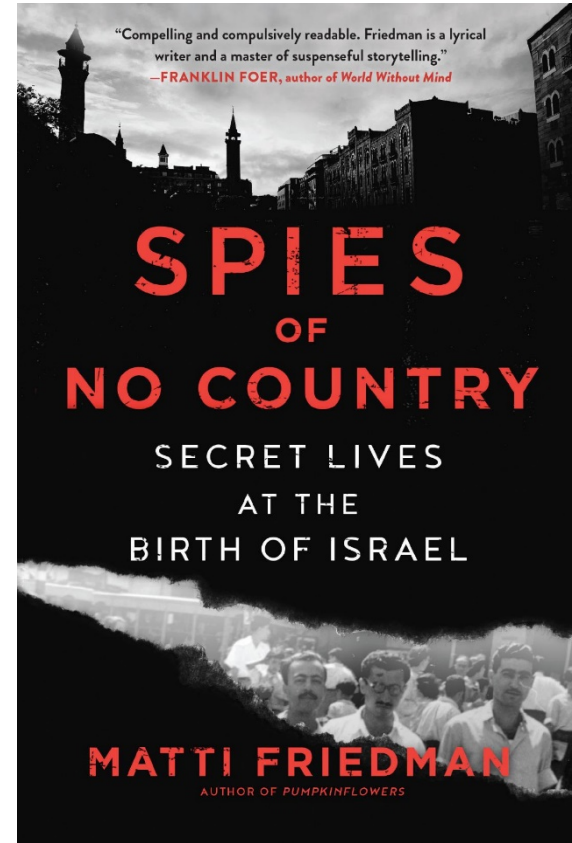


Tim Johnston

Non-Fiction: History

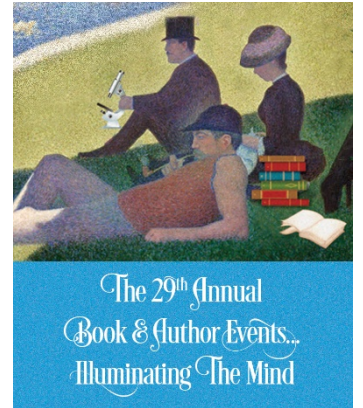


- An internationally known journalist and author. Grew up in Toronto and immigrated to Israel at age 18.
- Reporter and editor for the Jerusalem bureau of the Associated Press. Assignments took him to Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon, Moscow, and Washington, D.C.
- His op-ed pieces have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and *The Atlantic*.
- His first book, *The Aleppo Codex* (2014), was translated into seven languages. Won the Sami Rohr Prize, the ALA Sophie Brody Medal, and the Canadian Award in History.
- *Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story* (2016) was selected as a *New York Times* Notable Book.
- It was also chosen as one of the best books of 2016 by Amazon, *Booklist*, *Mother Jones*, *Foreign Policy*, the *National Post*, and the *Globe and Mail*.
- His new book (March, 2019), a true life thriller about a small group of men who became Israel's first spies, was the winner of the Jewish Book Council's 2018 Natan Book Award.

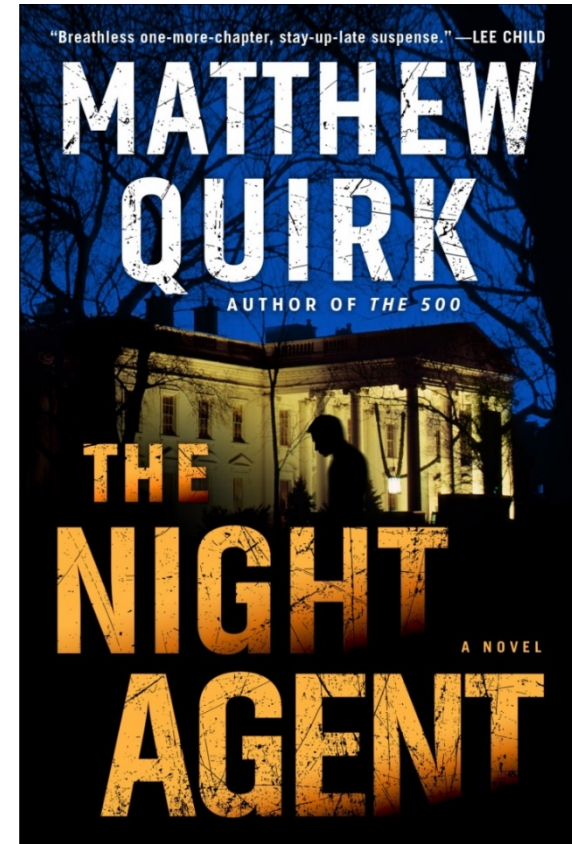


Matti Friedman

Political Thriller

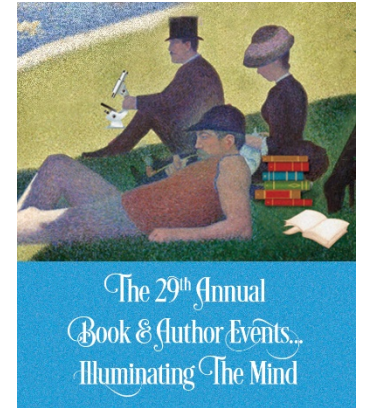


- This international bestselling author studied history and literature at Harvard.
- After graduation, spent five years at *The Atlantic* reporting on crime, private military contractors, terrorism prosecutions, and international gangs.
- His first novel, *The 500* (2012), was translated into 20 languages, became an international bestseller, and was optioned for a movie.
- It was also nominated for the Edgar Award and won the International Thriller Writers' and Strand Critics Awards for best first novel.
- Bestselling thrillers followed, including *The Directive* (2014), *Cold Barrel Zero* (2016), and *Dead Man Switch* (2017).
- "Sophisticated storytelling," "whiplash pacing," "authentic and fully fleshed characters," "meticulous research," and "all-too-real threats" are characteristics of his books.
- His new book (January, 2019) is the story of a Russian mole in the White House and the FBI agent "who must question everything and trust no one" to stop the threat.

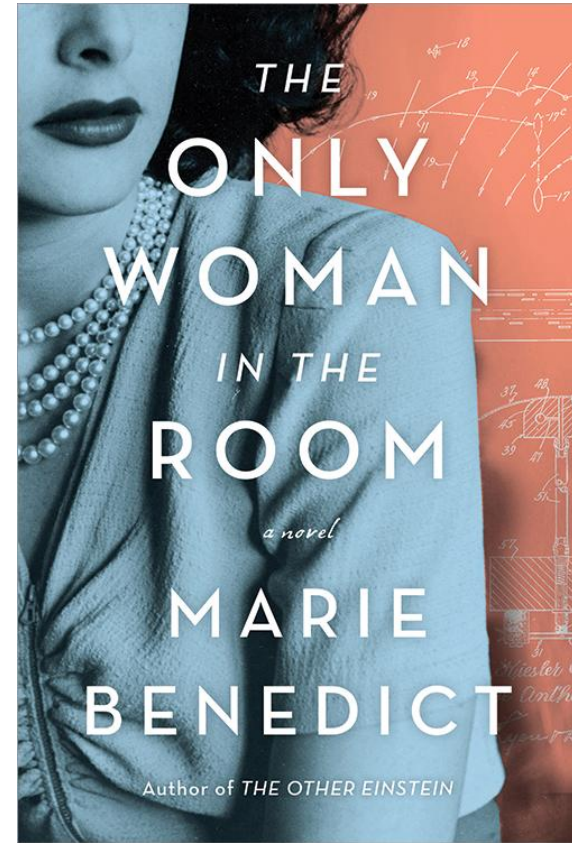


Matthew Quirk

Historical Fiction

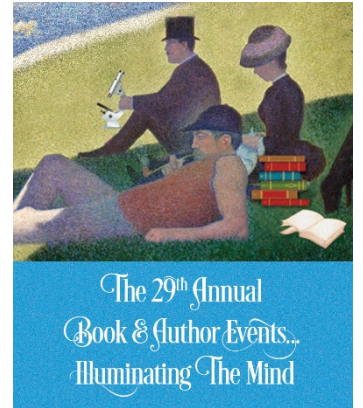


- A magna cum laude graduate of Boston College and cum laude graduate of Boston University School of Law.
- She spent ten years as a litigator for two of the country's top law firms before turning to writing.
- As Heather Terrell, wrote the popular historical novels *Chrysalis* (2007), *The Map Thief* (2009), *Brigid of Kildare* (2010) and the young adult series, the *Books of Eva* (2010).
- Under a pen name, she wrote novels about real women whose contributions had been overlooked.
- These historical novels were international bestsellers, *The Other Einstein* (2016) and *Carnegie's Maid* (2018)--both LibraryReads Picks.
- Her new novel (January, 2019) is the story of actress and inventor Hedy Lamarr--“a woman who refused to be taken for granted.”

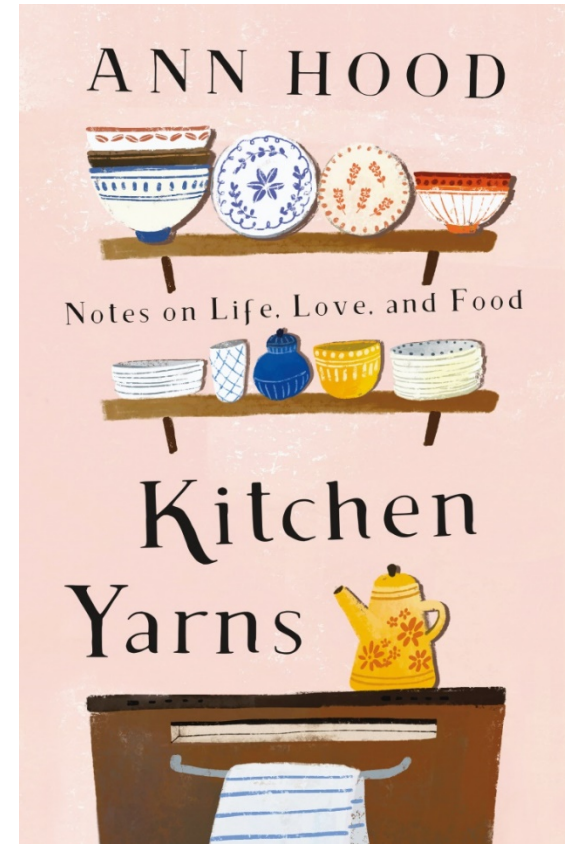


Marie Benedict (Heather Terrell)

Non-Fiction: Memoir



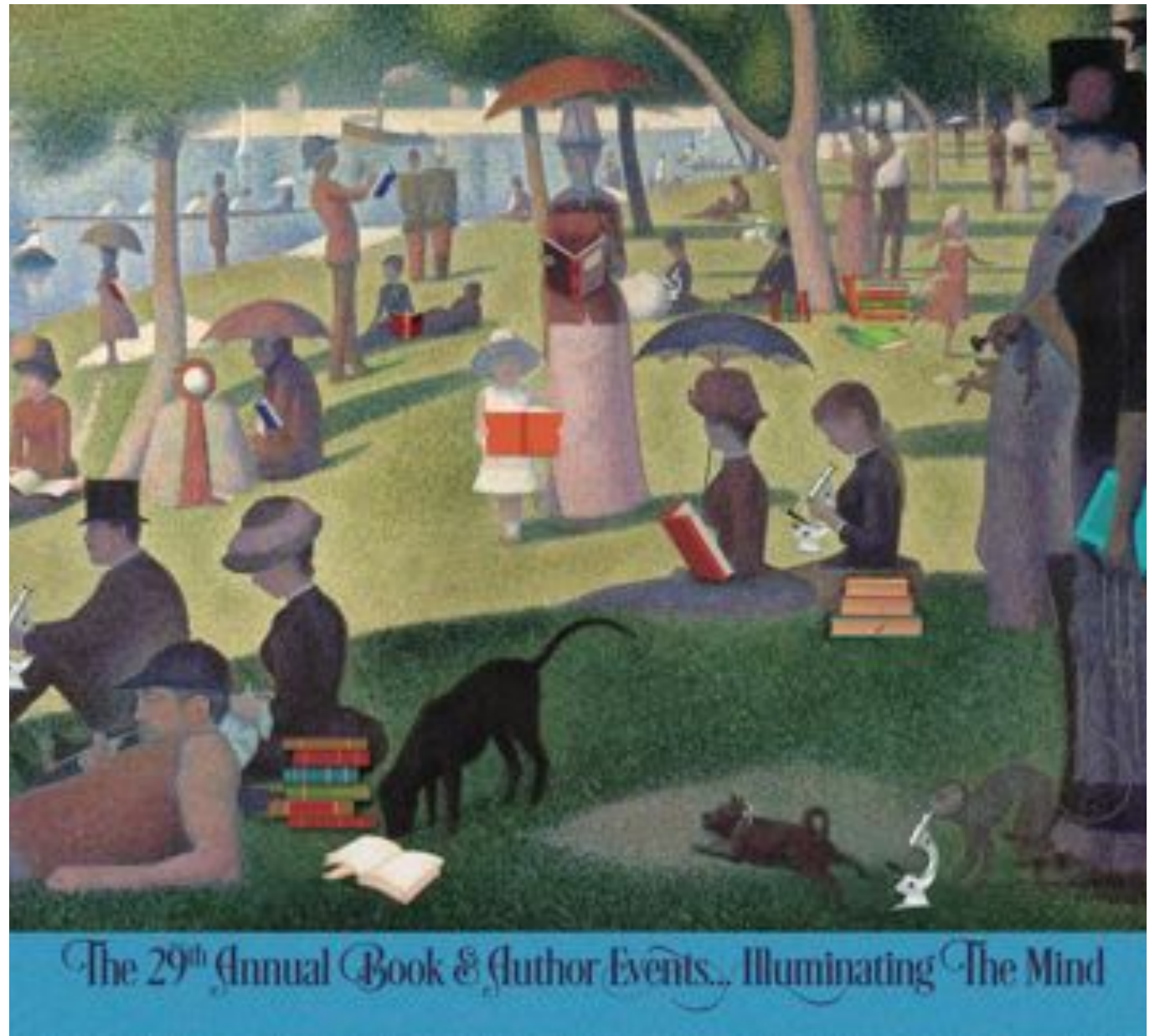
- She wrote her debut novel, the bestseller *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* (1987), while working as a TWA flight attendant.
- Author of fourteen novels, three memoirs, a short story collection, a ten-book series for middle readers, and one young adult novel.
- Some of her bestsellers include *The Knitting Circle* (2005), *Comfort: A Journey Through Grief* (2008), *The Red Thread* (2010), and *The Book that Matters Most* (2016).
- Her essays and short stories have appeared in the *New York Times*, *The Paris Review*, *O, Bon Appetit*, *Tin House* and *The Atlantic Monthly*.
- Winner of two Pushcart Prizes, two Best American Food Writing Awards, Best American Spiritual and Travel Writing Awards, and a Boston Public Library Literary Light Award.
- Director of the MFA Creative Writing Program at Salve Regina University, Newport, RI.
- Her new book, a memoir with recipes (December, 2018), is a “feast for the body and soul.”



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