

# BOOK & AUTHOR 2018 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND USEFUL LINKS

WHEN: Monday, March 12th, 2018

WHERE: Sheraton Grand Phoenix, 340 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Phoenix 85004

**WHAT TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

WHAT ELSE: More than a dozen boutiques! Book signings by the

authors!

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHORS**

## Tina Brown <a href="http://www.tinabrownmedia.com/">http://www.tinabrownmedia.com/</a>

Tina Brown is an award-winning journalist, editor, author and currently founder and CEO of Tina Brown Live Media. Prior to this, Brown launched and edited the award-winning digital news site *The Daily Beast* with Barry Diller's IAC media and internet company in October of 2008. Between 1979 and 2001, she was editor-in-chief of *Tatler*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker* and *Talk* magazines—and later *Newsweek* in 2011. She also authored the 2007 best-selling biography of the Princess of Wales, *The Diana Chronicles*. In 2000, she was awarded the honor of Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth for her services to journalism. She is married to editor, publisher and historian Sir Harold Evans and lives in New York City. Tina's latest book, a memoir, is *The Vanity Fair Diaries: 1983-1992*.

## A. J. Finn https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062678416/the-woman-in-the-window

A. J. Finn is the pseudonym of Daniel Mallory, currently a senior publishing executive at William Morrow/ HarperCollins. An Oxford graduate and former book critic, he lives in New York City. His debut novel, *The Woman in the Window*, a psychological thriller reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's work, is being published simultaneously in 36 languages and is currently in development as a major motion picture at Fox.

#### Kristin Hannah <a href="https://kristinhannah.com/">https://kristinhannah.com/</a>

Kristin Hannah is an award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels, including the international blockbuster *The Nightingale*, as well as *Winter Garden*, *Night Road*, and *Firefly Lane*. *The Nightingale* has been published in 43 languages and is currently in movie production at TriStar Pictures with an August 2018 release date. *Home Front* has been optioned by the film production company 1492 Pictures, founded by director Chris Columbus, which produced the Oscar-nominated movie *The Help*. Her newest novel, *The Great Alone*, has also been optioned for film. Firefly Lane became a runaway bestseller in 2009 and is considered a touchstone novel that brought women together. *The Nightingale* was voted a best book of the year by Amazon, Buzzfeed, iTunes, *Library Journal*, *Paste*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Week* in 2015. Additionally, the novel won the coveted Goodreads and People's Choice Awards. The audiobook of *The Nightingale* also won the Audiobook of the Year Award in the fiction category. Kristin is a former-lawyer-turned writer who lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband.

## Tayari Jones <a href="http://www.tayarijones.com/">http://www.tayarijones.com/</a>

Tayari Jones is the author of the novels *Leaving Atlanta*, *The Untelling, Silver Sparrow*, and her newest book, *An American Marriage*. A member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, she has also been a recipient of the Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award in Fine Arts from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the United States Artist Fellowship, the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and the Radcliffe Institute Bunting Fellowship. *Silver Sparrow* was named a #1 Indie Next Pick by booksellers in 2011, and the National Endowment for the Arts added it to its Big Read Library of classics in 2016. Jones is a graduate of Spelman College, University of Iowa and our own Arizona State University. An Associate Professor in the Master of Fine Arts program at Rutgers-Newark University, she is spending the 2017-18 academic year as the Shearing Fellow for Distinguished Writers at the Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas' graduate program in creative writing.

## Steven J. Ross https://pressroom.usc.edu/steven-j-ross/

Steven J. Ross is a Professor of History at University of Southern California. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Philosophy from Oxford University, and a PhD from Princeton University. Professor Ross has written extensively in the areas of working-class history, social history, film history and political history. His last book, *Hollywood Left and Right: How Movie Stars Shaped American Politics*, received a Pulitzer Prize nomination and a Film Scholars Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the

academic equivalent of an "Oscar." Ross' Op-Ed pieces have appeared in newspapers across the United States and his work on movie stars and politics has led to appearances on many national news shows and programs broadcast on international television, as well as numerous documentaries about Hollywood. In addition to his academic day job, Ross directs the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life. His most recent book is *Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America*.

Lindsey Reiser – Moderator <a href="http://www.azfamily.com/story/15895109/lindsey-reiser">http://www.azfamily.com/story/15895109/lindsey-reiser</a>
Lindsey Reiser joined the CBS 5 News team in August 2010. She is a Scottsdale native and an award-winning multimedia journalist. Lindsey returned to the Valley after covering border and immigration issues in El Paso, Texas. While in El Paso she investigated public corruption, uncovered poor business practices, and routinely reported on the violence across the border. Lindsey feels honored to have several awards under her belt, including a Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award, Hearst Journalist Award, and several National Broadcast Education Association Awards. She is a graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, and currently serves as a mentor to journalism students. She studied for a semester in Alicante, Spain and also earned a degree in Spanish at ASU. Lindsey is proud to serve as a member of

United Blood Services' Community Leadership Council, a volunteer advisory board for the UBS

of Arizona.