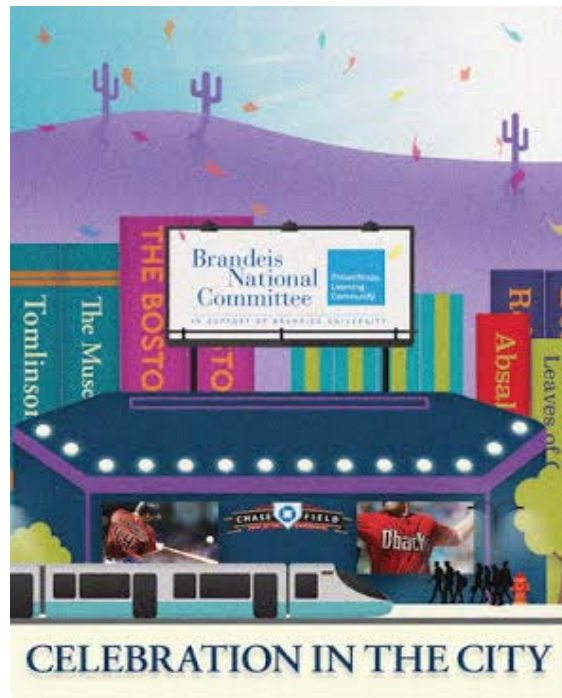




Authors and Moderator

2018 Book and Author Committee:

Beth Messer, Barbara Stern, Joyce Grant

Mystery/Thriller



- The author, Dan Mallory, is VP and Executive Editor of William Morrow.
- To distinguish between his roles as publisher and his role as author, Mallory will release his novel under a pseudonym.
- He has written for numerous publications, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Times Literary Supplement*.
- A native New Yorker, he lived in England for ten years before returning to New York City.
- A “taut and twisty thriller,” the book's set-up recalls one of the Hitchcock’s classic films, *Rear Window*.
- This debut novel has been sold worldwide and will be available in 36 languages. The advance for this mystery was reportedly 7 figures. It is in development by Fox as a major motion picture.

A.J. Finn (AKA Dan Mallory)

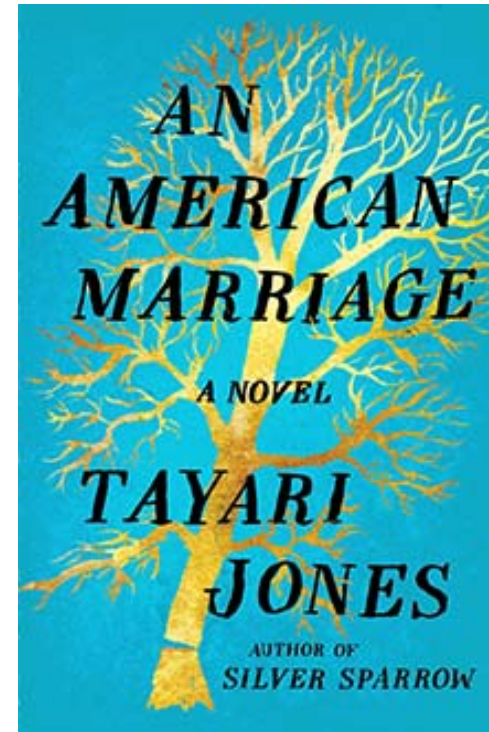


Fiction



- A graduate of Spelman College, University of Iowa, and Arizona State University.
- Her first novel, the *Atlanta Child Murders*, was written as a graduate student at ASU and won the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for debut fiction.
- She was a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award in Fine Arts from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, a United States Artist Fellowship, an NEA Fellowship and a Radcliffe Institute Bunting Fellowship.
- *Booksellers named her 2011 novel, Silver Sparrow, a #1 Indie Next Pick. In 2016 it was added to the NEA's Big Read Library of classics.*
- Currently, an Associate Professor in the MFA program at Rutgers-Newark University, she has taught creative writing at the U of Illinois and George Washington University.
- Author of the novels *Leaving Atlanta*, *The Untelling*, *Silver Sparrow* and her upcoming book: (Algonquin Books, February 2018).

Tayari Jones

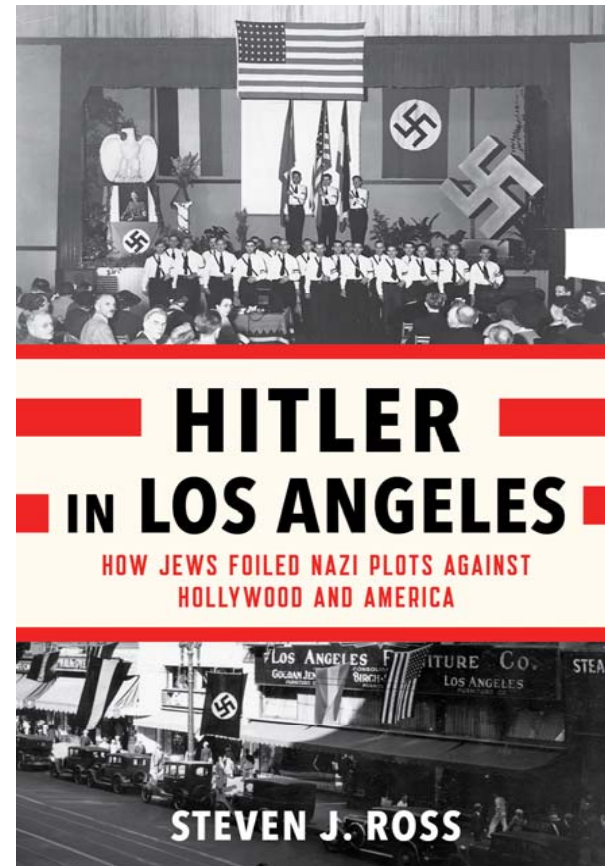


Non-Fiction: History

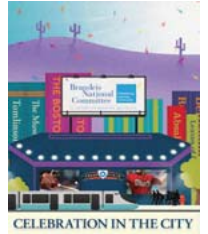


- Professor of History at USC with degrees from Columbia, Oxford, and Princeton Universities.
- *Working-Class Hollywood: Silent Film and the Shaping of Class in America* (1998),
 - named by the *Los Angeles Times* as one of the “Best Books of 1998” and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award in History.
- *Hollywood Left and Right: How Movie Stars Shaped American Politics* (2011),
 - received a Pulitzer Prize nomination and a Film Scholars Award from the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences—the academic equivalent of an “Oscar.”
- He has appeared on *The Today Show*, *ABC Evening News*, *Nightline*, CNN’s *American Morning* and *The Situation Room*, Fox News, NBC News, and programs broadcast on Canadian, British, French, Swiss, German, and Australian television—as well as numerous documentaries about Hollywood.
- He has lectured at universities throughout the United States, England, France, New Zealand, and Australia.
- In addition to his academic day job, he directs the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life.
- His new book is considered “a true-life thriller about an episode [in history] that has been completely ignored.”

Steven Ross

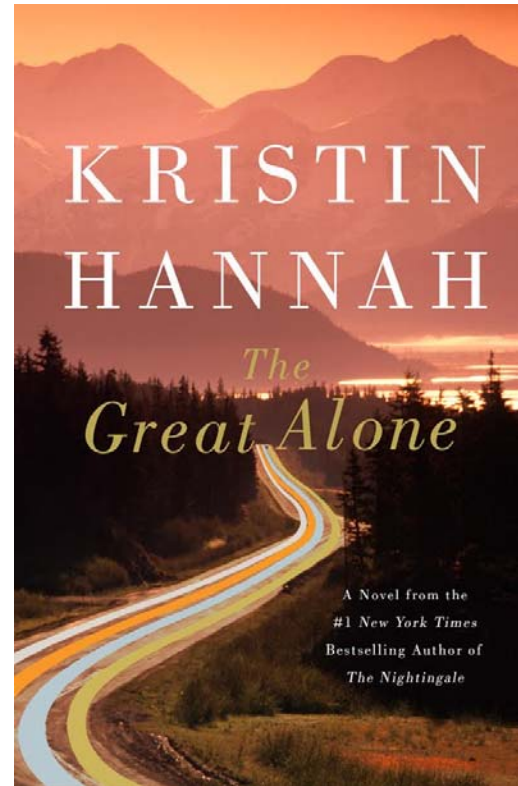


Fiction



- This author is a former-lawyer-turned writer who lives in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii with her husband.
- She began her writing career as a young mother and has never looked back.
- Her novel, *Firefly Lane*, became a runaway bestseller in 2009, a touchstone novel that brought women together.
- *The Nightingale*, her previous novel, was voted a best book of the year by Amazon, Buzzfeed, iTunes, *Library Journal*, *Paste*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Week*.
- *The Nightingale* was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 20 weeks and on the NPR Hardback Fiction Bestseller list for 45 weeks.
- Published in 39 languages, *The Nightingale* is under development by Tri-Star pictures.
- Her new book will have an initial printing of 1,000,000 copies!

Kristin Hannah

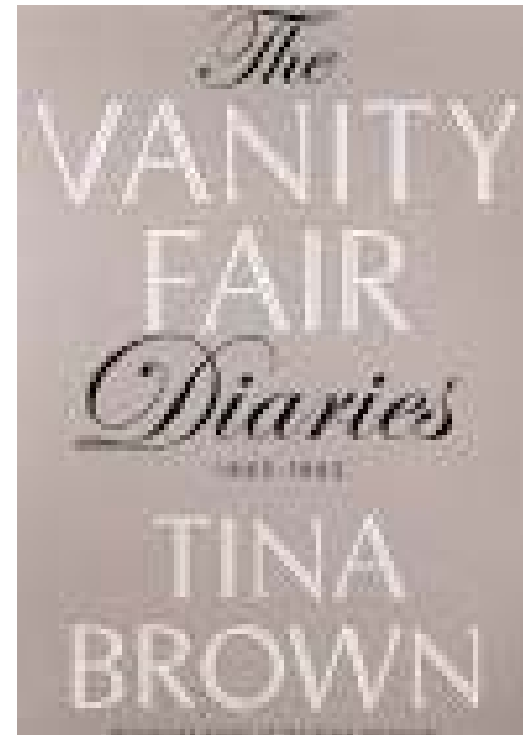


Non Fiction: Memoir



- Born in Maidenhead, England, in 1953. This author graduated from Oxford University.
- Born a British citizen, she became a United States citizenship in 2005 after emigrating in 1984 to edit *Vanity Fair*. She is legally titled **Lady Evans**.
- She is a journalist, magazine editor, columnist, talk-show host and author of *The Diana Chronicles*, the bestselling biography of Diana, Princess of Wales.
- Editor-in-chief of *Tattler* magazine at the age of 25, she rose to prominence in the American media industry as the editor of *Vanity Fair* from 1984 to 1992 and of *The New Yorker* from 1992 to 1998.
- She has been honored with four George Polk Awards, five Overseas Press Club awards, and ten National Magazine Awards.
- She was a television hostess/interviewer of Topic A, a cultural and political television show, for CNBC.
- In October 2008, she co-founded and edited [*The Daily Beast*](#).
- She launched Women in the World Summit to tell the stories of achievers and inspire women in all areas across the globe.
- Latest book is a memoir as the publisher of *Vanity Fair*.

Tina Brown



Moderator



- Joined the CBS 5 News team in August 2010. Weekend news anchor.
- She is a Scottsdale native and an award-winning multimedia journalist.
- 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.
- 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 studied for a semester in Alicante, Spain, and also earned a degree in Spanish at ASU.
- She is proud to serve as a member of United Blood Services' Community Leadership Council, a volunteer advisory board for the UBS of Arizona.

Lindsey Reiser

