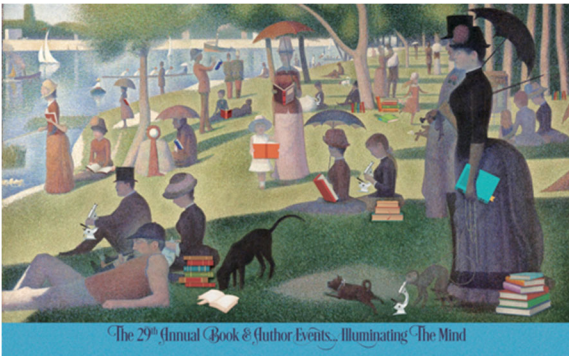


BOOK & AUTHOR 2019 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND USEFUL LINKS



WHEN: Friday, March 1st, 2019

WHERE: The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale 85254

WHAT TIME: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

WHAT ELSE: A dozen boutiques! Book signings by the authors!

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Marie Benedict – *The Only Woman in the Room* <http://www.authormariebenedict.com/>

A magna cum laude graduate of Boston College and a cum laude graduate of Boston University School of Law, Heather Terrell was a litigator at two premier law firms before turning to writing. Her first historical novel, *Chrysalis*, was published in 2007. *Chrysalis* was followed by two more popular historical novels, *The Map Thief* (2009), *Brigid of Kildare* (2010) and a popular young adult series, *The Books of Eva* (2010). Writing under the pseudonym Marie Benedict, she then launched a new series of historical novels about real women whose contributions were overlooked. These included the international bestsellers, *The Other Einstein* (2016), an Indie Next, LibraryReads, and *Library Journal* Editors' Pick; and *Carnegie's Maid* (2018), a LibraryReads Pick and *USA Today* bestseller. Her new book, *The Only Woman in the Room* (January 2019), is the story of actress and inventor, Hedy Lamarr, "a woman who refused to be taken for granted."

Matti Friedman - *Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel* <http://mattifriedman.com/>

International journalist and author, Matti Friedman lived in Toronto before immigrating to Israel. As a reporter and editor for the AP Jerusalem Bureau, his assignments took him to Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon, Moscow, and Washington, DC. He has penned op-ed pieces for the *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Atlantic*. His first book, *The Aleppo Codex* (2014), was translated into seven languages, and won the Sami Rohr Prize, the ALA Sophie Brody Medal, and the Canadian Award for History. His second book, *Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story* (2016), was selected as a *New York Times* Notable Book, and a best book of 2016 by Amazon, *Mother Jones*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Globe and Mail*. His new book, a true-life thriller, *Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel* (March 2019), won the Jewish Book Council's 2018 Natan Book Award.

Ann Hood - *Kitchen Yarns: Notes on Life, Love, and Food* <https://www.annhood.us/>

A Rhode Island native, bestselling author Ann Hood wrote her first novel, *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* (1987), while working as a TWA flight attendant. Since then, she has written fourteen novels, three memoirs, a ten-book series for middle schoolers, and a young adult novel. Among these were the bestsellers, *The Knitting Circle* (2005), *Comfort: A Journey Through Grief* (2008), 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*. Her writing has won two Pushcart Prizes, two Best American Food Writing Awards, Best American Travel Writing and Best Spiritual Writing Awards, and a Boston Public Library Literary Light Award. In addition to writing, she serves as Director of the MFA Creative Writing Program at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Her new book (December 2018) is the memoir, *Kitchen Yarns: Notes on Life, Love, and Food*, “a feast for the body and soul.”

Tim Johnston – *The Current* <http://www.timjohnston.net/>

The 2015 recipient of the Iowa Author Award, Iowa native Tim Johnston is the author of the breakout *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Indie National bestselling literary thriller, *The Descent* (2015); the short story collection, *The Irish Girl*; and the young adult novel, *Never So Green* (2002). Published in 2009, the stories in *Irish Girl* won the O Henry Prize, the New Letters Award for Writers, and the collection won the Katherine Anne Porter Prize in Short Fiction. His stories have appeared in the *New England Review*, *New Letters*, *The Iowa Review*, and *The Missouri Review*, among others. In addition to writing, he was the Jenny McKean Moore Writer-in-Washington Fellow at George Washington University. His highly anticipated thriller, *The Current* (January 2019), is described as “brilliantly plotted, unrelentingly suspenseful, and richly atmospheric.”

Matthew Quirk – *The Night Agent* <http://matthewquirk.com/>

Bestselling international thriller writer Matthew Quirk studied history and literature at Harvard. After graduation, he spent five years at *The Atlantic* reporting on crime, private military contractors, terrorism prosecutions, and international gangs. His debut thriller, *The 500* (2012), was translated into 20 languages, became an international bestseller, was nominated for the Edgar Award and won the International Thriller Writers’ and Strand Critics Awards for best new novel. *The 500* was followed by bestselling thrillers, *The Directive* (2014), *Cold Barrel Zero* (2016), and *Dead Man Switch* (2017). His new book, the political thriller, *The Night Agent* (January 2019), is about a Russian mole in the White House and an FBI agent “who must question everything and trust no one” to stop the threat.

Lindsey Reiser – Moderator https://www.azfamily.com/site/personnel/lindsey-reiser/article_2b35b9da-bdf4-11e8-a528-e7ed44611c99.html

A Scottsdale native and an award-winning multimedia journalist, Lindsey Reiser joined the CBS 5 News team in 2010. Lindsey returned to the Valley after covering borderland 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. In addition to newscasts, Lindsey also hosts the podcast, “Wiser with Reiser.” Lindsey feels honored to have won several awards, 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 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 the United Blood Services’ Community Leadership Council, a voluntary advisory board for the UBS of Arizona.