

BRANDEIS PHOENIX CHAPTER 30th ANNIVERSARY BOOK & AUTHOR EVENTS
AUTHOR UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2020

THE REVIEWS KEEP COMING IN . . . !

 Brad Taylor's thriller, *Hunter Killer*, published January 7th, is already #8 on the *NYT* bestseller list of combined print and e-books, #9 on *USA Today's* bestseller list, and is #1 bestseller in political thrillers on Amazon.

<https://therealbookspy.com/2019/12/09/featured-review-hunter-killer-by-brad-taylor/>

 Gabriel Bump's debut novel, *Everywhere You Don't Belong*, published February 4th, tells the story of Claude, a young black man born on the South Side of Chicago and raised by his grandmother. As tensions between the police and his neighborhood intensify, he avoids getting involved, hoping that once he leaves the city for college, he can carve out a new identity. See

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/04/books/review/gabriel-bump-everywhere-you-dont-belong.html>

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-1-61620-879-0>

<https://www.fantasticfiction.com/b/gabriel-bump/everywhere-you-dont-belong.htm>

https://www.amazon.com/Everywhere-Dont-Belong-Gabriel-Bump/dp/1616208791/ref=sr_1_1?crid=U3CR88JM5P8G&keywords=everywhere+you+don%27t+belong&qid=1579799064&prefix=everywhere+you+%2Caps%2C200&sr=8-1

 Crissy Van Meter's just-published book, *Creatures*, is **already #11** on the LA Times Bestseller List!

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/09/794681353/creatures-examines-the-heartbreak-of-being-human>

 Tim Mason's book, *The Darwin Affair*, was published in June 2019 and received a number of great reviews:

"London in 1860 is the principal setting of Tim Mason's *The Darwin Affair*, which evokes the pleasures of such period authors as Wilkie Collins, Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens. [A] memorable page-turner. Intellectually stimulating and viscerally exciting, *The Darwin Affair* is breathtaking from start to stop."

--The Wall Street Journal

"An audacious historical thriller . . . The intelligent plot features prominent figures of the time, including Karl Marx . . . and Charles Darwin, whose heretical theory of evolution has unsettled some very powerful men. Wry prose and vivid period detail help make Mason's speculations feel plausible."

--Publishers Weekly, starred review

"Mason's Dickensian London, layered with gritty, horror-tinged period details and the imaginative interweaving of Typhoid Mary and the underworld's grave-robbing industry, provides a rare time-traveling experience for historical-mystery readers. The novel shares the edgy appeal of Caleb Carr's *The Alienist* and Louis Bayard's *Mr. Timothy*."

--Booklist, starred review

"With many grisly murders and many shocking surprises along the way, the book rockets toward a last dark twist. Careful research, a driving plot, wry wit, and compelling characters make this a most entertaining read."

--Kirkus Reviews

"Set in Victorian era London, Tim Mason's *The Darwin Affair* is a fantastic and original historical thriller. In fact, this is one of the best thrillers I've read in years."

--The Missourian

"*The Darwin Affair* by Tim Mason . . . set in Victorian England of the 1860s . . . grabs the reader and tosses him or her into the middle of an assassination attempt of the Royals--Queen Victoria and Prince Albert . . . [T]he plot unfolds in an exciting dash to save Prince Albert, and bring Decimus Cobb . . . easily the most frightening antagonist since Hannibal Lecter . . . to justice."

--New York Journal of Books

"This clever, yeasty detective yarn is like a runaway hansom cab that pauses just long enough to take on passengers ranging from Darwin to Dickens before hurtling onward. It's a grand ride, a serious education and a delightful addiction."

--Louis Bayard, author of *Courting Mr. Lincoln*

"An engaging historic mystery."

--BBC.com

 Jamie Bernstein's memoir, *Famous Father Girl*, was published last summer and continues to gain critical acclaim:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/deceptivecadence/2018/08/25/638625561/life-with-leonard-bernstein>

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/06/25/leonard-bernstein-through-his-daughters-eyes>

<https://www.nyjournalofbooks.com/book-review/famous-father>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/09/books/review/jamie-bernstein-famous-father-girl.html>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/daughters-loving-but-unsettling-portrait-of-leonard-bernstein/2018/06/28/2232fec8-5941-11e8-8836-a4a123c359ab_story.html