NEWS FROM THE WOMEN’S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION

October is National Reading Group Month
Celebrating the joy of shared reading

NEW YORK - August 23, 2009 - To celebrate the joy of shared reading and encourage more people to get involved in reading groups, the Women’s National Book Association (WNBA) has designated October as National Reading Group Month (NRGM). October 2009 will be the third annual celebration.

Festivities will include events with a host of favorite book club authors. These will take place across the nation in each of the Association’s ten chapter cities: Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Nashville, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Seattle, and the newly formed Charlotte, North Carolina chapter.

WNBA in Nashville will host the National Reading Group Month Signature Event at the Nashville Public Library Downtown on Saturday, October 10 (breakfast, 9:15-11 a.m.; book-signing, 11-11:30 a.m.), featuring best-selling authors Marie Brenner (Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found, Picador), Holly Goddard Jones (Girl Trouble: Stories, Harper Perennial), Perri Klass (The Mercy Rule, Mariner Books), Inman Majors (The Millionaires, W.W. Norton & Co.) and Kathryn Stockett (The Help, Putnam). NPR Nashville All Things Considered host Nina Cardona will emcee the program. This “breakfast with authors” is an official part of The Southern Festival of Books, and is again co-sponsored by the Nashville Public Library joined this year by Davis-Kidd Nashville.

A full listing of National Reading Group Month events to date is listed below. Updates will be posted to WNBA national and local Web sites, including
WNBA is a non-profit educational professional trade organization, promoting books and reading since 1917. The Association draws members from all segments of the book industry and has ten chapters nationwide.

Participants, partners, supporters and sponsors include publishers, librarians, booksellers, book trade organizations, authors and more, including HarperCollins Publishers/HarperPerennial (Official 2009 NRGM Sponsor), the American Library Association/Booklist, and American Booksellers Association/IndieBound.

Those publishers, companies or individuals interested in becoming sponsors of National Reading Group Month should contact Jill Tardiff, National Reading Group Month Chair at (201) 656-7220, jtardiff-wnbanational@att.net.

Further information is available at:

EVENTS
For more information about individual events, contact the event coordinators listed.

NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH SIGNATURE EVENT
NASHVILLE
www.wnbanashville.org
WNBA-Nashville with event co-sponsor Nashville Public Library Downtown and Davis-Kidd in conjunction with the Southern Festival of Books (Sat., Oct. 10; breakfast, 9:15-11 a.m.; book-signing, 11-11:30 a.m.): Nina Cardona (NPR-Nashville host/reporter), with Marie Brenner (Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found, Picador); Holly Goddard Jones (Girl Trouble: Stories, HarperPerennial); Perri Klass (The Mercy Rule, Mariner Books); Inman Majors (The Millionaires, W.W. Norton & Co.); Kathryn Stockett (The Help, Putnam). Contact: Lee Fairbend, lfairbend@comcast.net.

CHAPTER EVENTS
NEW YORK CITY
www.wnba-nyc.org
WNBA-NYC at the Mint Theater (Wed., Oct. 21; 6-9 p.m.): Rosalind Reisner (Read On...Life Stories and Jewish American Literature, Libraries Unlimited) and Miriam Tuliao (New York Public Library, Assistant Director, Central Collection Development), with Zoe Heller (The Believers, Harper); C.M. Mayo (The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire, Unbridled Books); Julie Metz (Perfection: A Memoir of Betrayal and Renewal, Hyperion/Voice); Roxana Robinson (Cost, Picador); Eva Hoffman (Appassionata, Other Press). Contact: Lori O'Dea, LOdea@amscopub.com.
BOSTON
www.wnbaboston.org
WNBA-Boston at Hotel 140 (Thurs., Oct. 22; 6-9 p.m.): Margot Livesey (The House on Fortune Street, HarperPerennial). Contact: Erin Brown, ebrown@harvardbusiness.org, or Katherine Dibble, kdibble@att.net.

CHARLOTTE
charlotte.wnba-books.org
WNBA-Charlotte with program co-sponsor Park Road Books (month-long): “WNBA-Charlotte Picks of the Lists.” Contact: Carin Siegfried, Carin.Siegfried@baker-taylor.com.

DALLAS
(www.wnba-dallas.org)
WNBA-Dallas Contact: Melinda Woolf, melinda.woolf@mac.com.

DETROIT
www.wnba-books.org/detroit
WNBA-Detroit with event co-sponsor Baldwin Public Library-Birmingham (Mon., Oct. 26; 7 p.m.): Laura Kasischke (In a Perfect World, HarperPerennial). Contact: Celia Morse, cmorse@berkley.lib.mi.us.

LOS ANGELES
www.wnba-books.org/la

SAN FRANCISCO
www.wnba-sfchapter.org
WNBA-SF with event co-sponsor Book Passage/Corte Madera (Thurs., Oct. 15; 6:30-8:30 p.m.): Tanya Egan Gibson (How to Buy a Love of Reading, Dutton); Kathi Kamen Goldmark (And My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You, Chronicle); Christopher Gortner (The Last Queen, Ballantine). Contact: Lynn Henriksen, lynn@telltalesouls.com.

WNBA-SF with event co-sponsor BookShop West Portal (Thurs., Oct. 29; 7 p.m.): Joan Gelfand (A Dreamer's Guide to Cities and Streams, San Francisco Bay Press), with Allison Hoover Bartlett (The Man Who Loved Books Too Much, Riverhead); Meg Waite Clayton (The Wednesday Sisters, Ballantine); Charlie
Haas (*The Enthusiast*, Harper Perennial); Mary Mackey (*The Widow’s War*, Berkley). **Contact:** Joan Gelfand, joan@joangelfand.com.

**SEATTLE**

www.wnba-books.org/seattle

WNBA-Seattle with event co-sponsor Third Place Books (Wed., Oct. 21; 6:30-9 p.m.): Nancy Pearl (*Book Lust, More Book Lust* and *Book Crush*, Sasquatch Books), with Jamie Ford (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Ballantine); Diane Hammond (*Hannah’s Dream*, Harper Paperbacks); Jim Lynch (*Border Songs*, Knopf); Stephanie Kallos (*Sing Them Home*, Atlantic Monthly Press); Garth Stein (*The Art of Racing in the Rain*, Harper Paperbacks). **Contact:** Cheryl McKeon, cmckeon@thirdplacebooks.com.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

www.wnba-books.org/wash

WNBA-D.C. with event co-sponsor Politics & Prose Bookstore/Coffeehouse (Tues., Oct. 27; 6:30-9 p.m.): “Washington Reads/P&P Reads,” with Shireen Dodson (*The Mother-Daughter Book Club, Tenth Anniversary Edition*, Harper Paperbacks); Lorine Pergament (WNBA-D.C.), Mark La Framboise (Trade Book Buyer, Politics & Prose) and Carla Cohen (Co-owner, Politics & Prose). **Contact:** NC Weil, ncweil@patriot.net.

**LIBRARY & OTHER EVENTS**

**NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

www.njla.org

NRGM partner NJLA/NRGM Task Force and New Jersey State Library presents “Readers, Writers & Reading Groups: A Day of Reading Group Workshops,” at the College of New Jersey–Ewing (Sat., Oct. 3; 9:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.): Keynote speaker, Margo Hammond (*Between the Covers: The Book Babes’ Guide to a Woman’s Reading Pleasure*, Da Capo Press); Masha Hamilton (*31 Hours*, Unbridled Books and *The Camel Bookmobile*, Harper Perennial); others (TBA). **Contact:** April Judge, bookdirector@yahoo.com.

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