

# LITQUAKE

SAN FRANCISCO'S LITERARY FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 7-15, 2016**



## FESTIVAL GUIDE

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**LITQUAKE**  
**2016**

Welcome to the 17th annual Litquake festival, showcasing over 900 authors in nine days of literary programming throughout San Francisco, with still more events throughout the East Bay, South Bay, and North Bay.

We're often asked: is Litquake a festival, or is it a Lit Crawl? And do you really host events throughout the year? Indeed, guilty on all three counts. In addition to the October festival and Crawl, Litquake also offers year-round writing classes and author conversations, a podcast heard in over 120 countries, and Lit Crawl affiliates in 13 cities throughout the U.S., Europe, and New Zealand. (Welcome, Boston, Denver, Chicago, Cheltenham, and Wellington!)

This year's festival goes down as one of our largest ever. Despite the booming San Francisco economy, this region remains, for most of us, one of the world's most expensive metropolitan areas. Keeping this in mind, we're proud to say that out of 212 events in our schedule, 181 are completely free.

The author pool for 2016 is among the most eclectic and diverse we've ever assembled. Distinguished visitors to Litquake include Claudia Rankine, Emma Cline, Colin Dickey, Terry McMillan, Phoebe Robinson, Thomas Dolby, Nell Zink, Ron Hansen, Robin Coste Lewis, D. Watkins, and Jane Smiley, to name but a few. Not to mention the hundreds and hundreds of amazing and talented writers who call the Bay Area home.

Among new programming this year: international fiction, a lunchtime lecture on the classics (Cervantes, anyone?), an expanded Barbary Coast Awards show (nine recipients this year!), our first-ever homage to The Bard, a tribute to Hunter S. Thompson, a Silent Reading Party, and a quartet of Pulitzer winners in conversation.

Our slate of programs promise something for everyone, whether your taste runs toward poetry, prose, or punk rock. As always, you can enjoy bestselling writers, or those who have never been published. Even your children can meet authors and receive free books. And on our closing night, you can immerse yourself in literary mayhem as part of the world's largest and most diverse Lit Crawl.

Enormous gratitude to everyone in the Bay Area literary community for your contributions, from our dozens of curating partners and host venues, to our sponsors and donors, and our hard-working Litquake staff, boards, and fleet of volunteers. It has always been a monumental group effort, and would never continue without your generosity.

Please note that all events listed in this guide take place in San Francisco unless otherwise indicated. Purchase links for all events featuring advance tickets can be found online at [litquake.org](http://litquake.org). Free events are first-come, first-served, so arrive early to get a good seat.

Books will be for sale when possible and appropriate, and handicapped access venues are noted. Don't forget to download our free phone app and build your own customized schedule, at <http://litquake2016.sched.org/mobile>.

As always, for the most complete and current version of events, please consult our online calendar at [litquake.org](http://litquake.org).

*Enjoy the festival!*

—Co-founders Jack Boulware and Jane Ganahl

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## Kidquake



Maggie  
Tokuda-Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6  
10AM – 12:15PM

### Early Elementary School Program



Join acclaimed children's book authors, illustrators, poets, and workshop leaders for a morning of readings, discussion, and special workshops designed to help fuel the imagination of kids from kindergarten to 2nd grade. Book sales and signing to follow. With Isabel Campoy, Katrina Goldsaito, Florencia Millito, Gwen Minor, Maggie Tokuda-Hall, Robert Trujillo. Free for school groups, teachers must enroll in advance at [litquake.org/kidquake](http://litquake.org/kidquake).

**Koret Auditorium  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin St.  
FREE &**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7  
10AM – 12:15PM

### Upper Elementary School Program



Join acclaimed children's book authors, illustrators, poets, and workshop leaders for a morning of readings, discussion, and special workshops designed to help fuel the imagination of kids in 3rd through 5th grade. With Alex Gino, Judd Winick, and more. Book sales and signing to follow. Free for school groups, teachers must enroll in advance at [litquake.org/kidquake](http://litquake.org/kidquake).

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Judd Winick

FRIDAY | 7

# Opening Night

8PM – 10:30PM

## Shakespeare @ 400

### Litquake's Opening Night Gala

Co-presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

What better way to kick off 17 years of Litquake, than to celebrate 400 years of the world's most influential poet and dramatist, at the elegant chandeliered Green Room overlooking San Francisco City Hall. This over-the-top launch party includes hosted bar, catered light bites and dessert, a rock & roll Celtic harpist, and SF Shakespeare Festival performing "Shakespeare's Bawdiest Words." Free Shakespeare insults! Dramatic accessories encouraged! Mingle with Litquake authors, friends and supporters, and hear poetry from Gary Soto, author of the new collection *You Kiss by th' Book* (each poem begins with a line from Shakespeare). Enjoy catering from Bi-Rite, craft lagers from Sudwerk Brewery Co., and themed cocktails from Shakespeare Vodka. Plan your Litquake week!

**Green Room  
San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center  
401 Van Ness Ave.  
\$30 advance / \$35 at the door**



# Litquake San Rafael

An All-Day Downtown Festival of Books and Authors

Co-sponsored by the Downtown San Rafael Business Improvement District, Marin Poetry Center, Friends of the San Rafael Library, Jack Hunt Automotive, Bank of Marin, Pint Size Lounge, Book Passage, Falafel Hut, PS Print, and Rebound Bookstore

San Francisco's literary legacy has always held a strong North Bay connection, dating back to the Beats, Jack London, and Mark Twain. Litquake returns to San Rafael and the downtown 4th Street corridor of cafés, restaurants, and shops, featuring Bay Area writers in this day-long series of free readings and open-mic events. All venues are wheelchair-friendly. All ages welcome, unless noted otherwise.

Directions: Take downtown San Rafael off-ramps from Highway 101, then head west. Route begins on 4th Street between F and G Streets. Parking is free all day.

10 AM – 11 AM

## Characters I Have Met On the Road

Grab a free pastry and listen to this kickoff event for the day. Featuring Lisa Alpine, Don George, Dick Jordan, Diane LeBow, and April Orcutt, with stories that focus on the unique people they have met on the road.

**Rebound Bookstore** 1  
1611 4th St.



Don George

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

## Dragon Mist: Children Fantasy Writers



Launch of the fantasy novel *Dragon Mist*, first in a trilogy written and illustrated by members of INK, Book Passage's dynamic book club for 10- to 13-year-olds. This group of dedicated young writers will read from their chapters and sign books.

**Locks and Lollipops** 2  
1563 4th St.

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

## Exploring the Universe: Storytellers' Potpourri

Award-winning, internationally known storytellers Nancy Binzen and Tim Ernetta take us on journeys of fantasy and adventure. Perfect for kids! Pull up a chair or a corner of the carpet and hear stories by tellers who have read at festivals around the world.

**Friends Books** 14  
1016 C St.

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

## Science Fiction: We Are From Earth

Two writers with a broad range of works read stories that reach for the borders of the genre. With Joel Eis and Becky Chambers (*The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet*).

**Blue Moon Comics** 4  
1560 4th St.

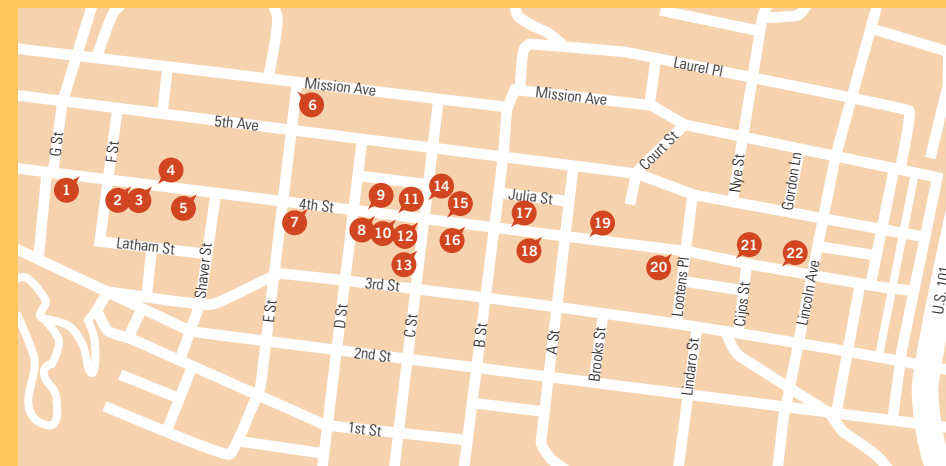
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

## New Work and Picnic

Co-presented by Friends of the San Rafael Public Library

Young writers from two local academic advancement programs, Next Generation Scholars and the 10,000 Degrees program, present new work at this bring-your-own picnic lunch, under the spreading tree on the library lawn.

**San Rafael Public Library** 6  
1100 E St.

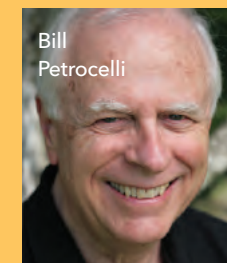


12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

## Publishing for Grownups

This workshop with Book Passage's Bill Petrocelli offers a provocative critique of the New York publishing model and explores alternative models based on shared costs. A rare opportunity to get your questions answered, for writers in all genres.

**Gathering Thyme** 7  
1447 4th St.



Bill Petrocelli

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

## Open Mic: A Feast and Words

Lunchtime open mic, where local poets to sign up and read from their work.

**Lotus Chaat and Spices** 3  
1559 4th St.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

## Pints and Prose

Well-lubricated writers from Peri's Bar in Fairfax hold forth at this lunchtime reading. With Chris Cole, Josh Gibson, Tanya Egan Gibson, Tom Joyce, and John Philipp.

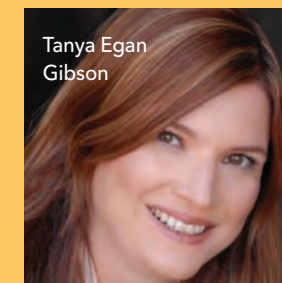
**Mayflower Pub** 5  
1533 4th St.  
21+

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

## Bay Area Sportswriting

Sportswriting at its best, with Joe Konte (*The Rivalry Heard 'Round the World*, *The Dodger-Giants Feud from Coast to Coast*).

**T&B Sports** 8  
1345 4th St.



Tanya Egan Gibson

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

## Inside the Lost Generation: The Letters of Kay Boyle and Ernest Hemingway

A rare window into the Lost Generation of Paris in the 1920s, with Sandra Spanier, the world's acknowledged expert on the unpublished letters of both Ernest Hemingway and Kay Boyle. Co-hosted by actor Ian Swift, the son of Kay Boyle.

**Art Works Downtown** 10  
1337 4th St.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

## Paths to Poetry: Workshop for Emerging Latino Poets

Co-presented by Marin Poetry Center

In this one-hour workshop, emerging young writers (especially Latino writers) get tips and advice from award-winning Salvadoran poet Javier Zamora, author of the forthcoming collection *Unaccompanied* (Copper Canyon Press).

**The Folk Art Gallery** 12  
1321 4th St.



Prartho Sereno

2:00PM – 2:15PM

**Caribbean Pan Drumming**

Poet/musician Louise Yost brings her Caribbean drums to get your attention and introduce the Slam/Jam for teen writers.

**Courthouse Square 19**  
1000 4th St.

2PM – 3PM

**Slam/Jam**

A dozen local teen poets tear it up in this freestyle Slam/Jam poetry show hosted by poet and performance artist Brittany Ween Newell. Come on out and give it up for these new voices!

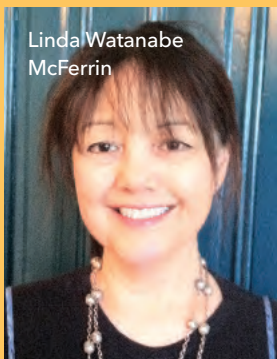
**Courthouse Square 19**  
1000 4th St.

3PM – 4PM

**Borders of Reality: Stories on the Edge**

Works that explore the shadowy border between the real and the spiritual. With Yangsze Choo (*The Ghost Bride*) and Cecile Pineda (*Frieze*; *The Love Queen of the Amazon*).

**Rilsey Street Arts Supply 17**  
1138 4th St.



Linda Watanabe McFerrin

1:45PM – 2:45PM

**Poets Laureate of the North Bay**

All four Laureates come together to share their work. With Prartho Sereno, Iris Dunkle, CB Follett, Joseph Zaccardi.

**Open Secret Bookstore 13**  
923 C St.

1:45PM – 2:45PM

**What Happens Next: A Comic Drawing Workshop**

This hands-on event walks children through downtown San Rafael and ends up with basic drawing workshop taught by cartoonist Cathy Bowman. Kids can create their own frame of the *YIA Walkable Comic Book* and finish the story!

**Blue Moon Comics 4**  
1560 4th St.

1:45PM – 2:45PM

**Writing on the Edge: A Series of Left Coast Writers**

Co-presented by Book Passage Corte Madera

Readings from the best of Left Coast Writers, with Todd Crawshaw, Laurie McAndish King, Linda Watanabe McFerrin, Mary Jean "MJ" Pramik, and Jonathan Taylor.

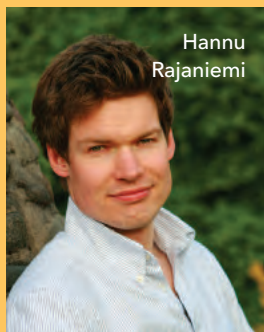
**In Her Shoes 9**  
1344 4th St.

3PM – 4:15PM

**The Final Frontier: New Pioneers in Science Fiction**

Hear where sci-fi has traveled with this mash-up of Finnish author Hannu Rajaniemi (*The Quantum Thief*; *The Causal Angel*) and translator/editor Dorothy Gilbert (*Marie de France: Poetry*).

**Gamescape North 16**  
1225 4th St.



Hannu Rajaniemi

3PM – 4:15PM

**They Walked on the Wild Side**

This unique reading (for adults) features two film stars from the golden age of erotica, Howie Gordon and Serena Czarnecki.

**Pleasures of the Heart 11**  
1310 4th St.

3PM – 4:15PM

**Who Is the Wickedest of Them All?**

Goosebottom Books authors debate—in costume—which of the two rulers discussed in these authors' works is the more dastardly! With Natasha Yim (*The Dragon Empress*) and Janie Havemeyer (*The Black Queen*).

**Yet Wah Restaurant 15**  
1238 4th St.

4:30PM – 5:45PM

**Marin Poetry Center All-Stars**

Co-presented by Marin Poetry Center

A stellar lineup of MPC star writers: Heather Altfeld, Troy Jollimore, Dean Rader, and Brynn Saito. Hosted by Rebecca Foust.

**Gamescape North 16**  
1225 4th St.

4:30PM – 5:45PM

**Reader's Theatre**

The award-winning Golden Thread Productions theatre company presents scenes from the new play *Our Enemies: Lively Scenes of Love and Combat*, by Egyptian-American playwright Yussef El Guindi.

**Falafel Hut 18**  
1115 4th St.



Dean Rader

4:30PM – 5:45PM

**Way Out West: West Marin Review Showcase**

From out of the fog of West Marin County, hear these readings from WMR heavyweights: Lilyana Bone, Frances Lefkowitz, Roy Mash, G. David Miller, Mark Ropers, and Larry Ruth.

**Proof Lab SR 20**  
907 4th St.

6PM – 7:15PM

**Mystery Writers to Die For**

Two *New York Times* best-selling mystery writers, Cara Black and Rhys Bowen, share their work.

**Copperfield's Books 21**  
850 4th St.

6PM – 7:15PM

**Taste of Travel: Travel Writers**

Bay Area writers present stories of travel and food. With Suzie Rodriguez, Jules Older, Judith Horstman, David Greitzer, Carol Canter, Inga Aksamit, and Jacqueline Harmon Butler.

**Pizza Orgasmica 22**  
812 4th St.

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October 11th, City Lights Bookstore @ 7PM  
ONE CITY ONE BOOK CELEBRATION with **Carey Perloff** & special guests

October 12th, Green Apple Books on the Park @ 7:30PM  
A JULIO CORTÁZAR CELEBRATION with **Stephen Kessler** & special guests

October 14th, Doc's Lab @ 8:00PM  
WORD/JAZZ with **Chinaka Hodge, devorah major** & special guests  
Music by Broun Fellinis

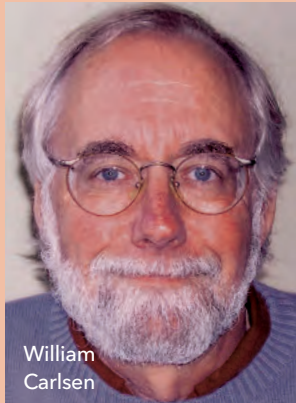


11:30AM – 4:15PM

## Off the Richter Scale: Day 1

Litquake's Richter Scale sessions at Mechanics' Institute Library feature two full days of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry discussions and readings.

**Mechanics' Institute Library**  
57 Post St.  
FREE ♿



William Carlsen

11:30AM – 12:30PM  
**Jungle of Stone: Discovering the Maya with William Carlsen**

Pulitzer Prize finalist William Carlsen discusses his recent book *Jungle of Stone: The True Story of Two Men, Their Extraordinary Journey, and the Discovery of the Lost Civilization of the Maya*. With journalist and documentary filmmaker Mary Jo McConahay (*Maya Roads*).

12:45PM – 1:45PM  
**Anon Was a Woman: A Celebration of Female Poets**

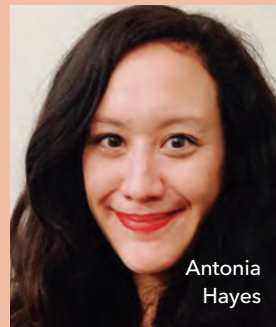
Five award-winning female poets share from their recent collections: Teow Goh, Emilia Phillips, Margaret Ross, Solmaz Sharif, and Tess Taylor.



Solmaz Sharif

2PM – 3PM  
**Debut Fiction: Daring and Inventive First-Time Novelists**

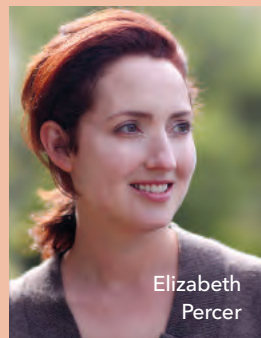
These first-time novelists have collectively already won an Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, and a PEN Robert W. Bingham Prize: Cassandra Dunn, Antonia Hayes, Midge Raymond, Robert Thomas, Shawn Vestal, and Variny Yim.



Antonia Hayes

3:15PM – 4:15PM  
**Each Unhappy Family: Helen Klein Ross and Elizabeth Percer**

Helen Klein Ross (*What Was Mine*) and Elizabeth Percer (*All Stories Are Love Stories*) discuss their recent novels, and the overlapping themes of love, loss, and resilience. Moderated by Anne Germanacos.



Elizabeth Percer



Cara Black

2PM – 3:30PM

**Ghosts, Bones, and Dust: Novels of Life and Death**

Co-presented by the Women's National Book Association: SF Chapter

Celebrate National Reading Group Month with bestselling authors Cara Black, Jessica Chiarella, Patricia V. Davis, Mary Mackey, and Mary Volmer. Moderated by Laurie R. King.

**Books Inc. at Opera Plaza**  
601 Van Ness Ave.  
FREE ♿

3:30PM – 5PM

**Teenquake + SFPL: Lit Swap**



We've got free books. You know you want 'em. Here's how to get 'em. Meet us in The Mix where there will be stacks of books up for grabs—some new, some old, some not even published yet. You scan for one you'd like to keep and in exchange write us a review of a book you loved that we'll share with the world. No spoilers allowed! For ages 12 to 18.

**San Francisco Public Library**  
100 Larkin St.  
FREE

6PM – 7:30PM

**Writers on the Verge: Litquake's Writing Contest Winners**

Join us for readings of poetry, short fiction, nonfiction, and short scenes, from Litquake's second annual writing contest winners for 2016.

**Elbo Room**  
647 Valencia St.  
FREE ♿

7PM – 8:30PM

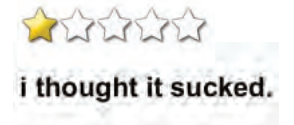
**Chaos Monkeys of Silicon Valley**

*Liar's Poker* meets *The Social Network* in this irreverent exposé of life inside the tech bubble, from industry provocateur Antonio García Martínez, a former Twitter advisor, Facebook product manager, and startup founder/CEO. With Peter Hartlaub (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

**American Bookbinders Museum**  
355 Clementina St.  
\$15 advance / at the door ♿



Antonio García Martínez



7:30PM – 9:30PM

**i thought it sucked: One-Star Reviews of Best-Loved Books**

All-star Bay Area writers, readers, and performers present dramatic readings of one-star reviews that trash the world's most treasured literary masterpieces. Thanks to online communities like Amazon and Yelp, not only is everyone a critic, their snarky, ill-founded comments can now live on forever. Tonight we celebrate these critics by showcasing their most timeless reviews in all their spiteful glory. Relish in these misguided and often perplexing takedowns of acclaimed novels and poetry.

**Elbo Room**  
647 Valencia St.  
\$5–10 sliding scale ♿

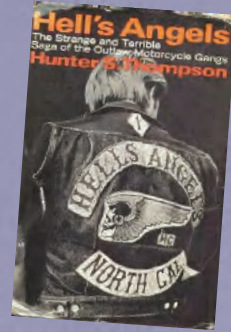
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8PM – 10PM

## GONZO: 50 Years of Hunter S. Thompson

Co-presented by The Beat Museum

Marking 50 years since his first book *Hell's Angels*, Litquake pays tribute to the original Doctor of Gonzo and his contributions to American letters. Special guests: editor Alan Rinzler (*Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail*), Ron Turner (publisher of the upcoming anthology *Who Killed Hunter S. Thompson?* by Warren Hinckle), and Juan F. Thompson (*Stories I Tell Myself: Growing Up with Hunter S. Thompson*). Includes Bay Area premiere screening of *Gonzo @ The Derby*, a new ESPN short film by Michael D. Ratner, featuring Ralph Steadman and Sean Penn. With writers Gary Kamiya and Cintra Wilson, and editor/sexpert Susie Bright, sharing her collection of voicemails from Hunter S. Thompson. Hosted by Litquake's Jack Boulware.



"We are really just a nation of 220 million used car salesmen with all the money we need to buy guns, and no qualms at all about killing anybody else in the world who tries to make us uncomfortable."

—*Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail*

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10AM – 5:30PM

# Eat, Drink, and Be Literary

Litquake's Eat, Drink, and Be Literary celebrates a range of ideas in food and writing. Throughout the day, nationally acclaimed chefs and food writers debate and explore the latest developments in food culture, sustainability, culinary trends, and the fundamental relationship between people and food. Attendees can interact with chefs, food media, culinary organizations, TV hosts, gluten-free experts, sea foragers, artisanal craft distillers, and a seven-time champion at the Grilled Cheese Invitational.

An exhibition hall features food and beverage tastings from the Bay Area's most innovative producers, including Save Me San Francisco Wine Company, Sudwerk Brewing Co., and much more. Book sales and signings ongoing. Special guests include Anya Fernald, Novella Carpenter, Martin Cate, Sophie Egan, Miyoko Schinner, and chef/restaurateur Ryan Scott.

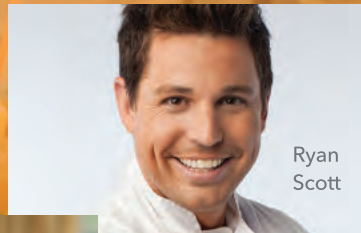
Sponsored in part by: Broadside Wine, ChefsFeed, *Edible Magazine*, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Guittard Chocolate Company, Moleskine, *NOSH*, Peter's Kettle Corn, Runa Tea, Save Me San Francisco Wine Co., Semifreddi's, Shakespeare Vodka, Sudwerk Brewing Co.

Full schedule of events: <https://litquake2016.sched.org/event/7jul>

**The Chapel**  
777 Valencia St.  
\$35 advance / \$40 at the door &



Anya Fernald



Ryan Scott



Miyoko Schinner



Sophie Egan

11AM – 5PM

# Poetry in Parks

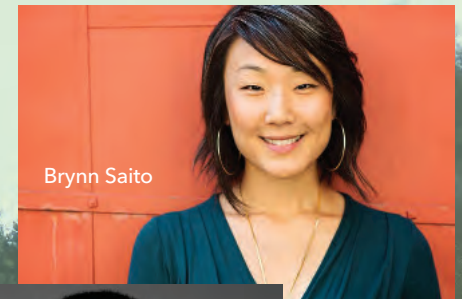
## An All-Day Celebration on Mt. Tamalpais

Co-presented by Quiet Lightning, California State Parks, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy

This all-day installation of Poetry in Parks celebrates Quiet Lightning's 100th show, the centennial of the National Parks, and the connection between the wilderness experience and the inspiration parks provide to everyone.

Featured readers include Dana Gioia, Kay Ryan, Jane Hirshfield, Alejandro Murguía, Kim Stanley Robinson, and Matthew Zapruder, with Barbara Jane Reyes, Tongo Eisen-Martin, Brynn Saito, Arisa White, Charlie Getter, and Andrew Paul Nelson. Also includes a submission-based literary mixtape, youth poetry readings curated by Marin County Poet Laureate Prartho Sereno, and performances by San Francisco's Classical Revolution and postmodern dance pioneer Anna Halprin. With children's activities, local food, and beverage booths. For full lineup, free shuttle service, directions, and more info: [quietlightning.org/tam](http://quietlightning.org/tam).

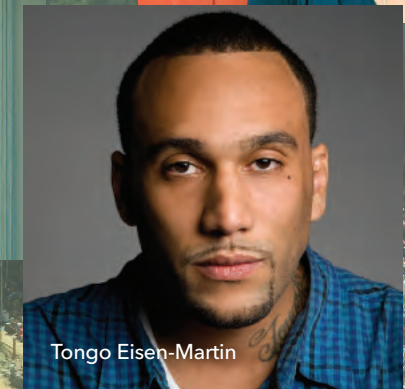
**Cushing Memorial-Mountain Theater**  
Mt. Tamalpais State Park  
Ridgecrest Blvd.  
Mill Valley  
FREE



Brynn Saito



Kay Ryan



Tongo Eisen-Martin



11:30AM – 4:15PM

## Off the Richter Scale: Day 2

Litquake's Richter Scale sessions at Mechanics' Institute Library feature two full days of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry discussions and readings.

**Mechanics' Institute Library**  
57 Post St.  
FREE &



Michelle Cruz  
Gonzales

11:30AM – 12:30PM  
**That Really Happened:  
Four Memoirists  
Share Stories**

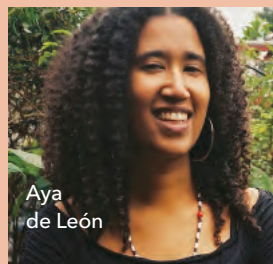
From prison kitchens to punk bands, from the streets of London to the streets of the Tenderloin, Joshua Mohr moderates discussion with Bill Bonham, Michelle Cruz Gonzales, Tracey Helton Mitchell, and J.M. Tyree.



Amy  
Hungerford

12:45PM – 1:45PM  
**Making Literature Now:  
The Art and Business  
of Contemporary Lit**

How does new writing come to count as "literature" today? Amy Hungerford (*Making Literature Now*) moderates this discussion on the art and business of contemporary literary publishing both print and online, with writer/editor Eli Horowitz, poets Juliana Spahr and Chiyuma Elliott, and novelist Emily Barton.

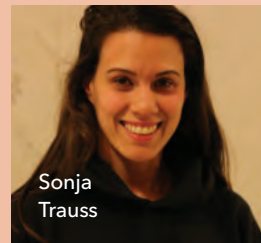


Aya  
de León

2PM – 3PM  
**Equality or Progress:  
Urban Development  
in the Bay Area**

*Co-presented by Oakland Book Festival*

Beneath the arguments over Bay Area gentrification and housing shortages, there lies a deeper, even global, conflict. Is it possible for cities to foster wealth and accommodate growth without bulldozing the past and deepening inequality? Sonja Trauss and others examine what a city that promotes cosmopolitan interests alongside the rights of all its citizens, rich and poor, might look like.



Sonja  
Trauss

3:15PM – 4:15PM  
**Latina Fiction: Politics,  
Social Justice, and  
Sexuality**

These Bay Area Latina novelists from Argentina, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Uruguay engage complex political and sexual landscapes across centuries. With Yalitzta Ferreras, Aya de León, María Poblet, and Carolina de Robertis.

1PM – 2:30PM

**LGBTQ Spotlight:  
Litquake in the Castro**

*Co-presented by Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District*

Outstanding writers from the LGBTQ community present their work outdoors in the heart of the world's gay mecca: Rabih Alameddine, Julie Blair, Roberto F. Santiago, and James Siegel. Wine reception and book sales follows at Dog Eared Books, 489 Castro St.

**Jane Warner Plaza**  
3991 17th St.  
**The Castro**  
FREE



1PM – 4PM  
**Bikes to Books:  
A Two-Wheeled  
Tour of the City**

Join urban mappers and literary enthusiasts Burrito Justice and Nicole Gluckstern for this seven-mile bike tour of city neighborhoods and authors who made San Francisco an international literary hub. Meet at 12:45 pm at Jack London Alley at South Park. Ride ends at 4 pm in North Beach, outside City Lights Books. Bring bikes with gears, snacks, and enthusiasm. Age 16 and older recommended.

**Jack London Alley**  
**South Park**  
FREE



Rabih Alameddine

3PM – 4PM

**Graphically Inclined:  
Books to Look At**

*Co-presented by the Contemporary Jewish Museum*

Publishers continue to expand the concept of what is possible for the book as a physical object of visual beauty. Daniel Harmon, Alan Kaufman, and Andy Warner present their latest releases.

**Contemporary Jewish Museum**  
736 Mission St.  
**Free with museum  
admission (\$15) &**



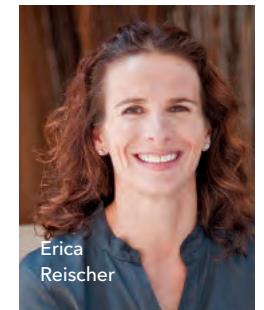
Alan  
Kaufman

3:30PM – 4:30PM

**New Normal:  
The Politics of  
Parenting**

*Co-presented by Write on Mamas*

Today's families are blended, adoptive, and multi-cultural. Can we make America great again by raising our kids to be compassionate and independent?



Erica  
Reischer

With Diane Ehrensaft, Joshua Gamson, Erica Reischer, and Anne K. Ross.

**Creekside Room**  
**Mill Valley Library**  
375 Throckmorton Ave.  
**Mill Valley**  
FREE &



G. P. Skratz

4:30PM – 6:30PM

**Litquake in the Bookstore: Smooth Toad Literary and Musical Revue**

Smooth Toad presents the dusty American folk ragas of surrealist/dada poet G. P. Skratz, romantic fiddler/bard Hal Hughes, and legendary theater artist Bob Ernst.

**Bird & Beckett Books and Records**  
653 Chenery St.  
FREE &

6PM – 7:30PM

**Molotov Editions: The Death of Teddy Ballgame**

Molotov Editions Press presents a table reading of scenes from its new release, the play *The Death of Teddy Ballgame* by Robert Mailer Anderson, bestselling author of the novel *Boonville*. With jazz improvisation and special guests.

**Joe Henderson Lab**  
SFJAZZ Center  
201 Franklin St.  
FREE &

7PM – 8:30PM

**Barely Published**

Litquake's long-running annual series presents readings by up-and-coming local authors, at the Make-Out Room. Hosted by James Warner.

**Make-Out Room**  
3225 22nd St.  
FREE &



Michelle Tea

7PM – 8:30PM

**Riding Out Doomsday: Michelle Tea with Daniel Handler**

Co-presented by RADAR Productions

Award-winning novelist, memoirist, poet, editor, arts organizer, teacher, performer—what has Michelle Tea NOT accomplished? She may have moved to Los Angeles, but tonight she returns to San Francisco to share stories and discuss her latest book, *Black Wave*, with the inimitable Daniel Handler.

**American Bookbinders Museum**  
355 Clementina St.  
\$15 advance/\$20 at the door &

7PM – 9PM

**Arisa White and Robin Coste Lewis in Conversation**

Award-winning poet and teacher Arisa White, author of the new collection *You're the Most Beautiful Thing That Happened*, discusses poetry, race, and the body politic with National Book Award recipient Robin Coste Lewis (*Voyage of the Sable Venus*).

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Arisa White

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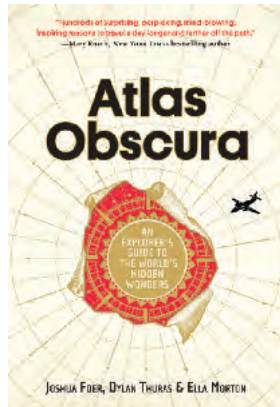
[www.writingpad.com](http://www.writingpad.com) 323-333-2954

5PM – 7:30PM

**Atlas Obscura:  
An Explorer's Guide to the World's  
Hidden Wonders**

San Francisco launch of this utterly unique guide which combines compelling descriptive writing with arresting full-color photographs, maps, and charts to share over 600 of the most unusual, fascinating, and mysterious bucket-list destinations across all eight continents. With editor Ella Morton and special guests.

**Book Club of California**  
312 Sutter St.  
FREE &



Mary Ellen Hannibal

6:30PM – 8PM

**Litquake in  
the Bookstore:  
Mary Ellen Hannibal**

Co-presented by Nature in the City

Award-winning writer Mary Ellen Hannibal (*Citizen Scientist*) combines original reporting, meticulous research, and memoir, and traces today's tech-enabled citizen science movement to its roots: the centuries-long tradition of amateur observation by writers and naturalists.

**The Green Arcade**  
1680 Market St.  
FREE &

7PM – 8:30PM

**Game On: Writing the  
New Narrative**

As technology changes, so does the way people experience narrative storytelling. Gaming journalist Douglass Perry talks to game makers and players about the evolution of games into rich narratives.

**Make-Out Room**  
3225 22nd St.  
\$5–10 sliding scale

7PM – 8:30PM

**The Girls: An Evening  
with Emma Cline**

Co-presented by Jewish Community Center of San Francisco

This stunning first novel by Emma Cline, based in part on the Charles Manson history, paints an indelible portrait of girls, the women they become, and that moment in life when everything can go horribly wrong. In conversation with Ellen Sussman.

**Jewish Community Center  
of San Francisco**  
3200 California St.  
\$28–48 includes book



Emma Cline

7PM – 8:30PM

**Science Fact:  
Better than Fiction**

Fiction doesn't have the market cornered on fantastical tales. How about homemade rockets firing into the stratosphere? Robots that may eventually enslave us? Bathrooms that require neither plumbing nor sewage? These authors discuss: Julian Guthrie (*How to Make a Spaceship*), Jonathon Keats (*You Belong to the Universe*), John Markoff (*Machines of Loving Grace*), and Greg Milner (*Pinpoint: How GPS Is Changing Technology*).

**American Bookbinders Museum**  
355 Clementina St.  
\$10 advance / \$15 at the door &



Julian Guthrie

7PM – 8:30PM

**Woman Warrior:  
Word for Word Does  
Maxine Hong Kingston**

San Francisco's legendary Word for Word Performing Arts Company ("the best friend a short story ever had" —Chad Jones, *San Francisco Examiner*) stages excerpts from *The Woman Warrior* and *China Men*, by Litquake Barbary Coast Award honoree Maxine Hong Kingston. Directed by Eugenie Chan, with audience conversation to follow. Please reserve in advance as seating is limited.

**Z Space**  
450 Florida St.  
\$15 suggested donation &

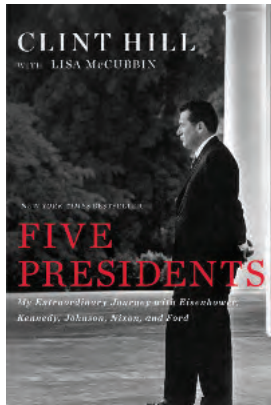


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7PM – 8:30PM

**Five Presidents:  
A Life in the  
Secret Service**

A #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Secret Service agent Clint Hill brings history intimately and vividly to life as he reflects on his 17 years protecting Presidents

Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, and Gerald R. Ford, seeing them through a long, tumultuous era of war, assassination, and scandal. In conversation with co-author Lisa McCubbin.

**San Francisco Center  
for the Book**  
375 Rhode Island St.  
\$10 advance / at the door

7PM – 9PM

**Tenderloinism:  
Tales from the 'Hood**

Gritty tales from the city's most misunderstood neighborhood, with Alan Black, Paula Hendricks, Gary Kamiya, David Henry Sterry, and Carolyn Terry.

**Tenderloin Museum**  
398 Eddy St.  
FREE &

8PM – 10:30PM

**Life During Wartime:  
A Night of Porchlight  
Storytelling**

Litquake's edition of the Bay Area's long-running Porchlight series returns to the festival for a special storytelling night of authors and writers, telling tales on the theme of "Life During Wartime." Hosted by Arline Klatter and Beth Lisick, and music by Marc Capelle. With Jack Boulware, Greg Milner, Laurie Notaro, Bucky Sinister, Eric Spitznagel, D. Watkins, and Pamela Alma Weymouth. Doors open at 7 pm.

**Verdi Club**  
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Beth Lisick  
and Arline Klatter

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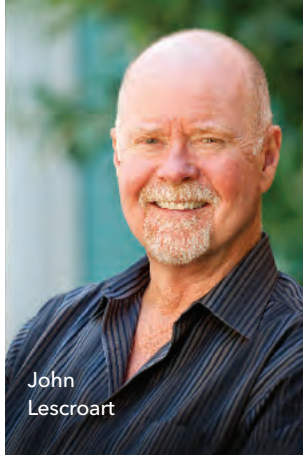
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12PM – 1:30PM

**Suspense in SF:  
A Literary Lunch  
with John Lescroart**

John Lescroart might be an internationally known writer of bestselling thrillers and noir, many based in San Francisco, but he's also funny, ebullient, and has the gift of gab: the perfect combination for Litquake's annual author's luncheon at Delancey Street Restaurant. Ticket price includes excellent food and wine, and John's novel *Fatal*, just out in paperback.

**Delancey Street Restaurant  
600 The Embarcadero  
\$85 &**



John Lescroart

3PM – 4:30PM

**Get Your Book  
Published: First-Time  
Authors Reveal All**

There are so many ways to be published these days. These debut authors share their journeys. Get the inside scoop and learn which path is best for you. With Bill Bonham, Tim Floreen, Carmen Lau, Aya de León, and Anna Pulley.

**Koret Auditorium  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin St.  
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Jennifer Cheng

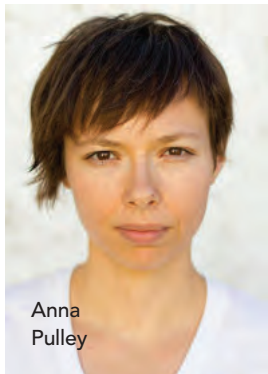
12:30PM – 1:30PM

**Poetic Tuesday**

*Co-presented by Yerba Buena Gardens Festival*

Enjoy line breaks during your lunch break. J. Scott Brownlee, Jennifer S. Cheng, and others share their work in the great outdoors.

**Jessie Square  
736 Mission St.  
FREE &**



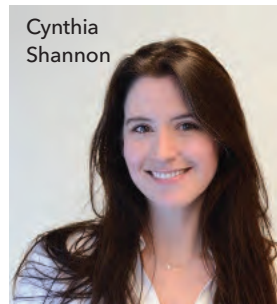
Anna Pulley

5PM – 6PM

**Hot Off the Press:  
Latest from the  
Publishing Pros**

Working on a book? Have dreams of becoming a published author? This panel of book publishing professionals discuss the latest ways to get your work out into the world. With Rolph Blythe, Claudia Boutote, Kimberly Cameron, Calvin Crosby, and Cynthia Shannon. Bring questions.

**Koret Auditorium  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin St.  
FREE &**



Cynthia Shannon

6PM – 7:30PM

**Silent Reading Party:  
Litquake Edition**

*Co-presented by Lemony Snicket and Radio Silence*

Bring a book to read in absolute silence. Cocktails and food will be available. Proceeds from drink sales will benefit an under-resourced San Francisco Public School Library. Sign up to receive emails about upcoming Silent Reading Parties: <http://eepurl.com/bZXqKb>

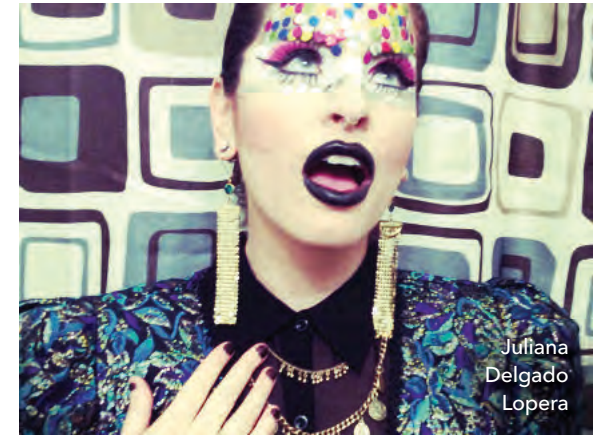
**Hotel Rex  
562 Sutter St.  
FREE &**

6PM – 8PM

**RADAR Queer Reading  
Series at the Library**

RADAR Productions gives voice to innovative queer and outsider writers and artists whose work authentically reflects the LGBTQA community's diverse experiences. This Litquake edition spotlights four incredible artists, hosted by RADAR artistic director Juliana Delgado Lopera, and followed by audience discussion and cookies.

**Latino/Hispanic Room A  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin St.  
FREE &**



Juliana Delgado Lopera

7PM – 8PM

**Litquake in the  
Bookstore:  
Alexandra Horowitz**

Alexandra Horowitz, author of the lively, highly informative *New York Times* bestselling blockbuster *Inside of a Dog*, explains how dogs perceive the world through their most spectacular organ—the nose—and how we humans can put our under-used sense of smell to work in surprising ways.

**Books Inc., Berkeley  
1491 Shattuck Ave.  
Berkeley  
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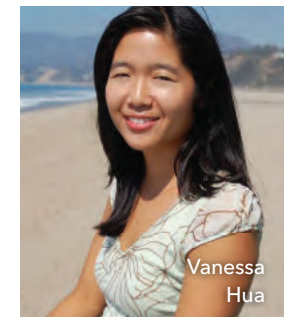
Alexandra Horowitz

7PM – 8:30PM

**Size Counts: Writers  
Talk Short Fiction**

Short story writers read from their works, and discuss the challenges and rewards unique to short-form fiction. With Daphne Gottlieb, Kait Heacock, Vanessa Hua, Martin Pousson, Anne Raef, Sumiko Saulson, and Nick Matamas (moderator).

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for the Book  
375 Rhode Island St.  
\$5–10 sliding scale &**



Vanessa Hua

6PM – 8PM

**Teenquake:  
Haiku-a-thon  
at Moleskine**



Write inspired haikus and compete for prizes, enter a raffle to win the "Moleskine Ultimate Writer Set," nibble on food and refreshments, and hang out with fellow writers and literary lovers in the beautiful downtown Moleskine store. All teens welcome.

**Moleskine  
653 Market St.  
FREE &**



7PM – 8:30PM

**One City One Book: Carey Perloff**

An evening celebrating San Francisco Public Library's 12th Annual One City One Book selection, the memoir *Beautiful Chaos: A Life in the Theater*, by A.C.T. Artistic Director Carey Perloff. The author discusses her personal and professional journey—her life as a woman in a male-dominated profession, as a wife and mother, a playwright, director, producer, arts advocate, and citizen in a city erupting with enormous change. With author Joshua Mohr.

**City Lights Booksellers & Publishers**  
261 Columbus Ave.  
**FREE** &

7PM – 8:30PM

**Ghostland: Colin Dickey at Winchester Mystery House**

San Jose's legendary Winchester Mystery House hosts this one-of-a-kind book launch of *Ghostland*, by Colin Dickey. Fascinated by a house hunt in Los Angeles that revealed derelict foreclosures and "zombie homes," Dickey embarks on a journey across the continental United States to decode and unpack the American history repressed in our most famous haunted places. With author Emer Martin.

**Winchester Mystery House**  
525 South Winchester Blvd.  
San Jose  
**\$15**



Carey Perloff

7PM – 9PM

**Yaa Gyasi at The Octopus**

Co-presented by *THERE Reading Series* and *Museum of the African Diaspora*

Yaa Gyasi discusses and reads from her new book *Homegoing*, a story of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana, and along the way also becomes a truly great American novel.

**The Octopus Literary Salon**  
2101 Webster St. #170  
Oakland  
**FREE** &



Yaa Gyasi

7PM – 9PM

**Prestigious Prose: Pulitzer Conversations**

Co-presented by *California Humanities*

In honor of the centennial of the Pulitzer Prizes, Litquake hosts two conversations with four recipients: Jane Smiley (1992, fiction) with Robert Hass (2008, poetry); and Richard Rhodes (1986, nonfiction) with T.J. Stiles (2010, biography; 2016, history). Topics certain to be covered include: what is the intersection between fiction and poetry?



Jane Smiley

How much research is enough, and is there ever too much? And how did winning the highest literary prize in the U.S. change their lives?

**American Bookbinders Museum**  
355 Clementina St.  
**\$10 advance / \$15 at the door** &

7PM – 9PM

**Mission Bookstores: United We Stand**

A words-and-music celebration of the independent bookseller coalition in the historic Latino Cultural District—Adobe Books, Alley Cat Books, Dog Eared Books, and Modern Times Bookstore—with a mission to preserve and serve the longstanding community and creative interests of the neighborhood. With David Talbot, Alejandro Murguía, Kate Schatz, Miriam Klein Stahl, and more.

**Make-Out Room**  
3225 22nd St.  
**\$5–10 sliding scale** &



Terry McMillan

7PM – 9PM

**I Almost Forgot About You: An Evening with Terry McMillan**

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* and *Waiting To Exhale* returns with *I Almost Forgot About You*, the inspiring story of a woman who shakes things up in her life to find greater meaning. In conversation with novelist Ellen Sussman.

**Swedish American Hall**  
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12PM – 1PM

**Lifelong Learning:  
A Berkeley  
Brown Bag Lunch**

Co-presented by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at U.C. Berkeley

This lunchtime reading in Berkeley's downtown district features faculty and members from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. With Judith Coburn, Dashka Slater, and more.

**Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse  
2020 Addison St.  
Berkeley  
FREE &**



Dashka Slater

12PM – 1:30PM

**Literary Lunch:  
Miguel de Cervantes**

Co-presented by Stanford Humanities

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes, whose *Don Quixote* is considered the world's first modern novel. Litquake's inaugural brown-bag lunch lecture features Stanford professor Roland Greene, speaking on the Renaissance and baroque worlds of Miguel de Cervantes.

**Mechanics' Institute Library  
57 Post St.  
FREE &**



Mark Greif

6:30PM – 7:30PM

**In My Humble Opinion:  
Peter Orner and  
Mark Greif**

Provocative conversation with two masters of the essay form: authors Peter Orner (*Am I Alone Here?: Notes on Living to Read and Reading to Live*), and *n + 1 Magazine* founder Mark Greif (*Against Everything*). Moderated by *San Francisco Chronicle* books editor John McMurtrie. Doors open at 6 pm.

**Mechanics' Institute Library  
57 Post St.  
\$15 advance / at the door  
\$10 for Mechanics' members &**



7PM – 8:30PM

**America the Ingenious:  
Kevin Baker in  
Conversation**

Author Kevin Baker (*America the Ingenious*) explores 76 of the most intriguing, important, and ingenious inventions



Kevin Baker

realized in America, from the Panama Canal, the Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater to the oil rig, the electric sewing machine, and the telephone. In conversation with author and Arc Programs CEO David Ewing Duncan.

**American Bookbinders Museum  
355 Clementina St.  
\$10 advance/\$15 at the door &**

7PM – 8:30PM

**Straight, No Chaser:  
Writers at the Bar**

Hallowed North Beach watering hole Vesuvio Café once again opens its doors to Litquake for an edgy and hilarious evening reading. A rare opportunity to glimpse authors performing new work in their natural habitat. With Charlie Jane Anders, Christian Kiefer, Joshua Mohr, Zahra Noorbakhsh, and D. Watkins.

**Vesuvio Café  
255 Columbus Ave.  
FREE &**



D. Watkins



Kim Addonizio

7PM – 8:30PM

**Poetry World Series:  
Litquake Edition**

Emceed by the devastatingly witty John Roderick! Two teams of award-winning poets (Kim Addonizio, Douglas Kearney, Malachi Black, Julia Levine, Javier Zamora, and Raina Leon) take turns batting at topics pitched to them by the audience. Hilarity guaranteed. Eminently qualified judges score each batter's reading, and the winning team takes the series title. Book sales and signing to follow. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Make-Out Room  
3225 22nd St.  
\$5 advance / \$10 at the door &**

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7PM – 9PM

## Writing Indigenous Experiences

Indigenous, First Nations, Native Americans, or American Indian—whichever words you use, a new wave of literature is bringing their issues to the forefront. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Dina Gilio-Whitaker, Alison Owings, Kim Shuck, Lindsay Bear, and Greg Sarris discuss the unique challenges faced by writers who communicate indigenous realities for a wider audience.

**San Francisco Center for the Book**  
375 Rhode Island St.  
\$10 &

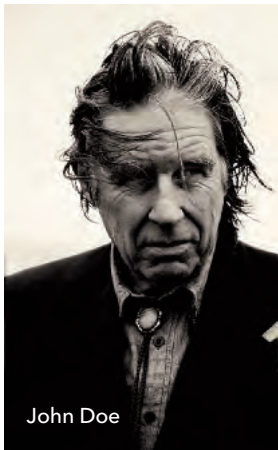
7:30PM – 9:30PM

## Saving Twilight: A Tribute to Julio Cortázar

*Co-presented by City Lights and Center for the Art of Translation*

Argentine novelist, short story writer, and essayist Julio Cortázar (1914–1984) was known as a founder of the Latin American Boom, and influenced an entire generation of Spanish-speaking readers and writers in the Americas and Europe (“The Simón Bolívar of the novel”—Carlos Fuentes). Translator Stephen Kessler and special guests discuss Cortázar’s life and read from his work.

**Green Apple Books on the Park**  
1231 9th Ave.  
FREE &



John Doe

8PM – 10PM

## An Evening with John Doe

*Co-presented by Noise Pop*

Musician, writer, actor, and frontman of the L.A. punk band X, John Doe celebrates release of his book *Under the Big Black Sun*, which explores the nascent Los Angeles punk rock movement from 1977 to 1982. In conversation with Peter Maravelis (City Lights), with book sales and signing to follow.

**Swedish American Hall**  
2174 Market St.  
\$15 advance / at the door



Julio Cortázar

8:30PM – 10PM

## Who’s Laughing Now? A Night of Funny Females

*Co-presented by SF Sketchfest*

Women humorists invade the former Purple Onion comedy club (Maya Angelou, Phyllis Diller, Richard Pryor) and rock the rafters. Featuring novelist Jade Chang (*The Wangs vs. the World*), comedians Phoebe Robinson (2 Dope Queens), Karinda Dobbins, and Caitlin Gill, and writer/performer Beth Lisick. Hosted by Audible’s Kelly Anneken.

**Doc’s Lab**  
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Phoebe Robinson

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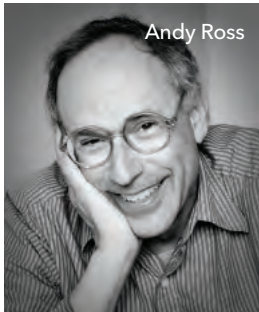
See who made the list:  
[kqed.org/w2w](http://kqed.org/w2w)

6:30PM – 8:30PM

**Literary Science: The Good, the Bad, and the Bestseller**

Why do you like some books, but not others? And why do millions of people sometimes love books that you hate? Jane Ciabattari, Terrence Deacon, Andy Ross, and Jacob Weisman all discuss. Doors open at 6 pm.

**Mechanics' Institute Library**  
57 Post St.  
FREE &



Andy Ross

7PM – 8:30PM

**Litquake in the Bookstore: Ron Hansen**

Ron Hansen, award-winning author of *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, launches his newest novel, *The Kid*, about an iconic American criminal of the old West. Billy the Kid's spree of crimes and murders has been immortalized in dime westerns, novels, and movies. But the whole story of his short, epically violent life has never been told as it is here.

**Book Passage**  
San Francisco Ferry Building  
FREE &



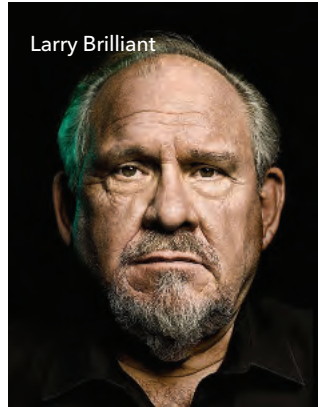
Ron Hansen

7PM – 8:30PM

**Litquake in the Bookstore: Larry Brilliant**

Activist, teacher, entrepreneur, and spiritual leader, Larry Brilliant's life journey has led him on a purposeful path across continents and countercultural movements. His entertaining and inspiring new memoir, *Sometimes Brilliant*, illuminates some of the most revolutionary events of a generation, many of the legendary people who defined it, and a towering figure at the center of it.

**Book Passage Corte Madera**  
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.  
Corte Madera  
FREE &



Larry Brilliant

7PM – 9PM

**TV Tales: Stories from the Writers' Room**

Co-presented by Writing Pad

Tonight, writers and actors perform and share stories, divulging the inner workings of TV's most memorable shows. With actress Lauren Weedman (*Looking, Hung*) and TV writers David Iserson (*Mr. Robot, Mad Men, New Girl*) and Gloria Calderon Kellett (*One Day at a Time, HIMYM*).

**Make-Out Room**  
3225 22nd St.  
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Gloria Calderon Kellett

7PM – 9PM

**Flight of Poets**

Internationally renowned sommelier Christopher Sawyer pairs six talented poets with six exquisite wines carefully selected to illuminate their work. With Natalie Diaz, Adam Fitzgerald, Brynn Saito, and more. Curated by Hollie Hardy and Tess Taylor. Admission includes wine flight of six tastes.

**Hotel Rex**  
562 Sutter St.  
\$25 &



Natalie Diaz

7PM – 9PM

**Goodreads LitQuiz**

Co-presented by Goodreads

How big of a bookworm are you? Goodreads LitQuiz returns to Litquake to test your bookish knowledge with a free literary pub quiz to end all pub quizzes, hosted by Jade Chang. Field a team, or join one when you arrive. Drink tickets and seating are first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6 pm.

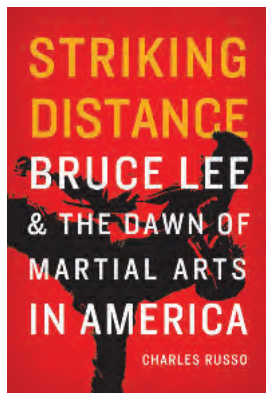
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7PM – 9PM  
**Striking Distance:  
 Bruce Lee in  
 the Bay Area**

Even today, the legend of San Francisco-born Bruce Lee still resonates around the world, his image as popular as Bob Marley or Che Guevara. Journalist Charles Russo speaks and shows rare photos from *Striking Distance*, which chronicles a widely unknown history of Bruce Lee and the Bay Area's pioneering 1960s martial arts scene.

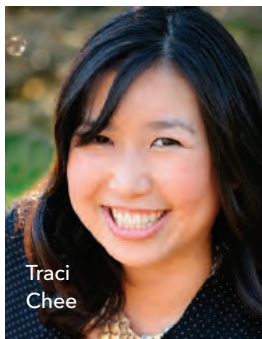
American Bookbinders Museum  
 355 Clementina St.  
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7PM – 9PM  
**Teenquake &  
 NYMBC Present:  
 Sci-Fi vs. Fantasy**

Co-presented by *Not Your Mother's Book Club™*

What's the real difference between sci-fi and fantasy, and which fans are more awesome? Two sci-fi authors and two fantasy authors battle it out for the win. Come for a reading, stay for a conversation about craft and book signing. With Traci Chee, Tricia Stirling, Parker Peevyhouse, and Tim Floreen.

Sports Basement  
 1590 Bryant St.  
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Traci Chee



Nell Zink

7:30PM – 9PM  
**Litquake in  
 the Bookstore:  
 Nell Zink**

In her newest novel *Nicotine*, Nell Zink exquisitely captures the clash between baby-boomer idealism and millennial pragmatism, between the have-nots and want-mores. A story of obsession, idealism, and ownership, centered around a young woman who inherits her bohemian late father's childhood home.

The Booksmith  
 1644 Haight St.  
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8PM – 10PM

# Litquake's Barbary Coast Awards

For the first time, Litquake's annual Barbary Coast Award is plural. With so many deserving individuals and organizations warranting public acclaim, how could we choose just one? This year's Literary Legend honorees are Maxine Hong Kingston (*Woman Warrior*) and San Francisco poet laureate Alejandro Murguía. Other recipients are Thomas Sanchez (California Classics, *Rabbit Boss*), Jewelle Gomez (Castro Vanguard Award), KQED's Michael Krasny (Kathi Kamen Goldmark Award for contributions to the literary scene), *The Threepenny Review* (Literary Publication), The Bancroft Library (Literary Institution), Paul Yamazaki (Bookstore Hero), and the late poet Justin Chin (In Memoriam). Hosted by Will Durst, with special guest presenters, and live music from the Patrick Wolff Quartet. Purchase online, or charge-by-phone at 415-392-4400. Tickets available at City Box Office, 180 Redwood St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

Herbst Theatre  
 401 Van Ness Ave.  
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 \$50 preferred seating &



Alejandro Murguía



Maxine Hong Kingston



Will Durst



Jewelle Gomez



Thomas Sanchez

6PM – 7:30PM

**American Lyric: Claudia Rankine in Conversation**

*Co-presented by Museum of the African Diaspora, and supported in part by Poets & Writers, through grants it has received from The James Irvine Foundation and the Hearst Foundations*

Litquake welcomes Claudia Rankine, an award-winning, genre-defying, groundbreaking American writer and author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Citizen: An American Lyric* (“the best note in the wrong song that



Claudia Rankine

is America. Its various realities—‘mistaken’ identity, social racism, the whole fabric of urban and suburban life—are almost too much to bear, but you bear them, because it’s the truth”—Hilton Als). In conversation with author/professor Sarah Ladipo Manyika.

**Swedish American Hall**  
2174 Market St.  
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6PM – 8PM

**CCA Presents Stephen Elliott and Tom Barbash**

*Co-presented by California College of the Arts*

California College of the Arts (CCA) is an art, design, architecture, and writing school founded in 1907, with campuses in Oakland and San Francisco. Tonight’s event features author/filmmaker Stephen Elliott in conversation with author/CCA faculty member Tom Barbash.

1111 8th St.  
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6:30PM – 8PM

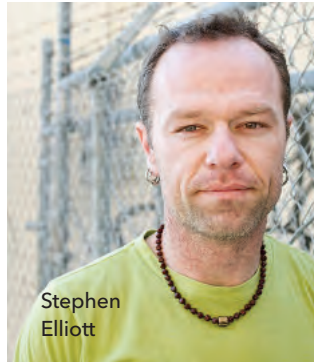
**Lit by the Lake**

Five East Bay authors read from their newly published books, in this after-hours event at Oakland’s Main Library. Enjoy a glass of wine, make new friends, and hear from Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Ali Eteraz, Yang Huang, Nayomi Munaweera, and Kate Jessica Raphael.

**Oakland Main Library**  
125 14th St.  
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Nayomi Munaweera



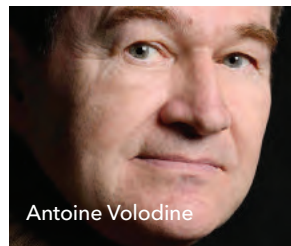
Stephen Elliott

6:30PM – 8:30PM

**Global Fiction: Litquake’s International Night**

*Co-presented by Transit Books, Goethe-Institut San Francisco, Cultural Services of the Consulate General of France, San Francisco, and Mechanics’ Institute Library*

Amidst an increased climate for international fiction, whether translated or originally in English, Litquake convenes this stellar selection of authors.



Antoine Volodine

Featuring Carmen-Francesca Banciu, Mauro Javier Cardenas, David Francis, and Antoine Volodine, discussing and reading from their latest works. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6 pm for pre-show reception.

**Mechanics’ Institute Library**  
57 Post St.  
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6:30PM – 9PM

**Braving the Elements: An Evening with Nathanael Johnson**

Nathanael Johnson discusses his new book *Unseen City: The Majesty of Pigeons, the Discreet Charm of Snails & Other Wonders of the Urban Wilderness*, with Jason Mark. Wine reception at 7:00 pm. 7:30 pm reading and conversation.

**Lafayette Library**  
3491 Mount Diablo Blvd.  
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Nathanael Johnson



Brian Copeland

7PM – 9PM

**Naked Truth: real.stories.live**

Mill Valley Library’s true storytelling series returns to Litquake with Brian Copeland, Josh Healey, and more, sharing tales on the theme “Kismet: true stories of things meant to be.” Ages 14 and up welcome. Wine reception begins at 6:30 pm for registered guests. Register online after September 26.

**Mill Valley Library**  
375 Throckmorton Ave.  
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8PM – 10PM

## Word/Jazz

Co-presented by City Lights  
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In the great tradition of jazz and spoken-word basement readings in North Beach first forged by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Kenneth Rexroth, and Bob Kaufman, witness this contemporary update at Doc's Lab, formerly The Purple Onion. With poets Chinaka Hodge, devorah major, and RyanNicole. Music by Afro-futurist jazz trio Broun Fellinis.

**Doc's Lab**  
124 Columbus Ave.  
\$20 &



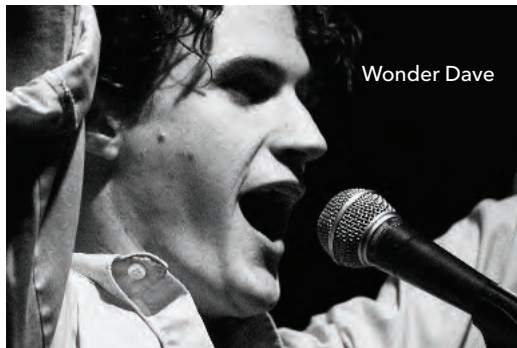
Chinaka Hodge

8PM – 10PM

## Reading Roulette: Literary Karaoke with a Twist

Test your literary and comedic mettle in this game of literary chance, hosted by Wonder Dave. Participants read randomly selected passages—in equally random voices (think *Hamlet* as Sonny and Cher, or *50 Shades of Grey* as Donald Trump)—and then hear from an American Idol-style panel of judges. Whether you stay in the audience (coward!), join the fun, or sign up a friend, you're in for a night of hilarity and humiliation.

**Make-Out Room**  
3225 22nd St.  
\$5–10 sliding scale &



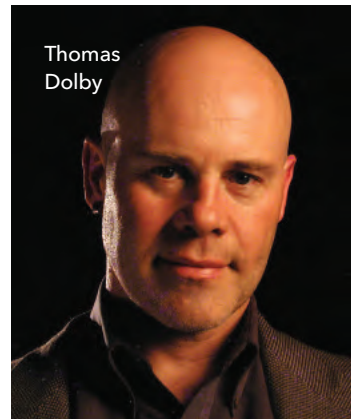
Wonder Dave

8:30PM – 10PM

## Thomas Dolby: The Speed of Sound

Celebrating the launch of his new memoir, Thomas Dolby ("She Blinded Me with Science") presents an evening of stories and music, recounting his remarkable career of ups and downs, glamour and corruption, music and tech, and the eventual melding of them all into perfect harmony.

**Swedish American Hall**  
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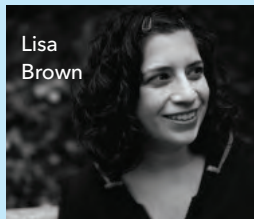
10:30AM – 11:30AM

**Litquake in the Bookstore: Lisa Brown**



Author and illustrator Lisa Brown reads from her newest children's book, *The Airport Book*. Follow a family and the youngest member's favorite sock monkey through all the inner and outer workings of an airport. For ages 5 to 7.

**Diesel Books**  
5433 College Ave.  
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Lisa Brown



Annie Barrows

11:30AM – 12:30PM

**Litquake in the Bookstore: Annie Barrows**



Author and editor Annie Barrows reads from her Ivy and Bean children's series. For kids in grades 1–5.

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**The Art of Writing**

In these panel discussions, aspiring writers will learn what it takes to craft quality prose, from some of Northern California's best fiction authors.

**Mechanics' Institute Library**  
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11:30AM – 12:45PM  
**Art of the YA Novel**

Litquake's Teenquake producer Summer Dawn Laurie moderates this stellar panel of YA authors (Michael Grant, Nina LaCour, Jandy Nelson, and Malena Watrous) as they discuss their craft, process, tips, and tricks. Audience Q&A to follow.



Jandy Nelson



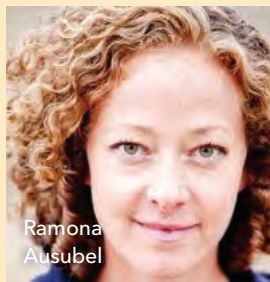
Domenic Stansberry

1PM – 2PM  
**Art of the Thriller**

What makes a good thriller? Learn how to create suspense, raise the stakes, and keep the reader guessing. Authors Deborah Coonts, Paula Treick DeBoard, Alex Dolan, Reese Hirsch, and Domenic Stansberry discuss and take questions.

3PM – 4:15PM  
**Art of the Novel**

"Never open a book with weather" —Elmore Leonard. Good quote, but you'll learn more from this panel of authors, who break down the craft and process of writing a novel. With Ramona Ausubel, Jan Ellison, Grant Faulkner, Sarah Ladipo Manyika, and Ellen Sussman.



Ramona Ausubel

Welcome to the 12th annual Lit Crawl, featuring over 400 performers in 99 events all for FREE!

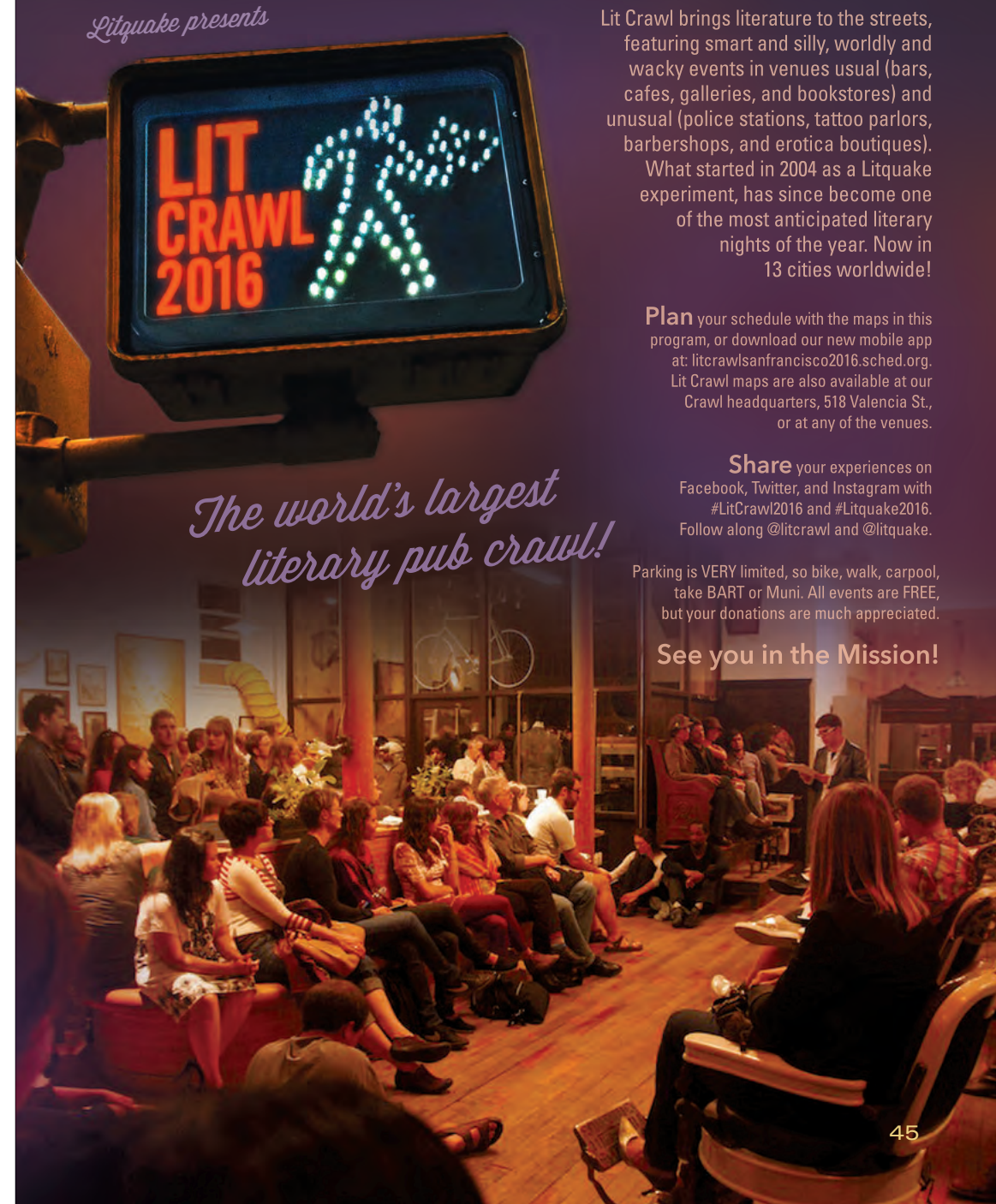
Lit Crawl brings literature to the streets, featuring smart and silly, worldly and wacky events in venues usual (bars, cafes, galleries, and bookstores) and unusual (police stations, tattoo parlors, barbershops, and erotica boutiques). What started in 2004 as a Litquake experiment, has since become one of the most anticipated literary nights of the year. Now in 13 cities worldwide!

**Plan** your schedule with the maps in this program, or download our new mobile app at: [litcrawlsanfrancisco2016.sched.org](http://litcrawlsanfrancisco2016.sched.org). Lit Crawl maps are also available at our Crawl headquarters, 518 Valencia St., or at any of the venues.

**Share** your experiences on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with #LitCrawl2016 and #Litquake2016. Follow along @litcrawl and @litquake.

Parking is VERY limited, so bike, walk, carpool, take BART or Muni. All events are FREE, but your donations are much appreciated.

**See you in the Mission!**





**PRE-CRAWL**  
5:30 – 6:00PM

**BART-to-Bar**  
**Lit Crawl Caravan**

Readers battle the elements of noise pollution as they read in the first car of the Richmond/Daly City BART train, from Downtown Berkeley to 16th and Mission.



**1. Queer Pulp Past & Present**

The Green Arcade  
1680 Market St. &

Authors read from contemporary work and past pulp classics that inspired their writing. A look at our queer heritage and connections to our pre-Stonewall past.

**Featuring:** Katie Gilmartin, Monica Nolan, Allen Sawyer, KM Soehnlein, Mary Wings

**2. Eight-Track Takes from BARTab**

Martuni's  
4 Valencia St. 21+ &  
*BARTab/Bay Area Reporter's* eighth annual event at Martuni's goes retro and romantic with gay, straight and other tales of desire from another era.

**Featuring:** Mark Abramson, Louis Flint Ceci, Ajuan Mance, Jim Provenzano, Anna Pulley

**3. Psychology Writes! Presented by the San Francisco Psychologists Writers Group**

Fouladi Projects  
1803 Market St. &

Through poetry and prose, listeners will explore Afghanistan, baseball parks, rural Montana, the ancient Maya, and then investigate the psychological sources of the writing spirit.

**Featuring:** Adrienne Amundsen, Jane Goldsmith, William Vlach, Paul Watsky

**4. Steal This: A Panel Hosted by Story Makers Podcast**

Public Works (main room)  
161 Erie St. 21+ &

Writers and filmmakers explore inspiration and ownership, idea theft and homage, and how to make our influences into something new, original and all our own.

**Featuring:** Juan Davis, Steve Goldbloom, Christine Hyung-Oak Lee, Jacqueline Luckett, Florencia Manovil, Adam Mansbach, Angie Powers, Elizabeth Stark

**5. MUTHA Up!**

Public Works (loft)  
161 Erie St. 21+ &

*MUTHA Magazine* presents diverse perspectives on motherhood from writers keeping it real with kids—including fiction, memoir, and comics (projected on screen for live reading!).

**Featuring:** Shoshana von Blanckensee, Tyler Cohen, Rhea St. Julien, Cheryl Klein, Shanthi Sekaran



Shanthi Sekaran



Andrew Lam

**6. #Clitquake**

The Armory Club  
1799 Mission St. 21+

#Clitquake presents stories about the clitoris, bringing a spirit of fun female sexuality to a literary scene that has traditionally been focused on male sexuality.

**Featuring:** Megan Elison, Louis Evans, Ardra Hren, Lauren Parker, Danielle Trippi

**7. She Writes: Community, Press, and Platform for Women's Voices**

Skunkfunk  
302 Valencia St. &

She Writes Press is a local Bay Area independent publisher of women's voices. In this action-packed hour, SWP brings together seven local authors to give a sampling of their diverse works.

**Featuring:** Carole Bumpus, Jennifer Dwight, Betsy Graziani Fasbinder, Rita Gardner, Jessica Levine, Claudia Six, Donna Stoneham

**8. Lit Camp Presents Venom**

Four Barrel Coffee  
375 Valencia St. &

Spite. Malice. Revenge. Great writing can spew some serious venom. Join us as Lit Camp 2016 attendees read their most vitriolic & poisonous work.

**Featuring:** Joey Garcia, Scott Hoshida, Elizabeth James, Miah Jeffra, Amanda McTigue, Julia Park Tracey

**9. 150th Anniversary of Reed Magazine**

Accident & Artifact  
381 Valencia St. &

*Reed Magazine* is the West's oldest literary journal, established in 1867. Join us for a reading to celebrate our 150th anniversary edition.

**Featuring:** Arlene Biala, Cristina Garcia, Andrew Lam, Nick Taylor, Andrew Wesley Tucker



Edan Lepucki

**10. Narrative Presents Wicked, Wily, and Wonderful**

Valencia Gardens  
Community Room  
390 Valencia St. &

*Narrative* authors light up the night with fiction and poetry that promises to be anything but ordinary. Join us for a walk on the wild side.

**Featuring:** Vikram Chandra, Carol Edgarian, Edan Lepucki, Dean Rader, Debra Spark, Melissa Stein



Vikram Chandra

**11. Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network**

Samovar  
411 Valencia St. &

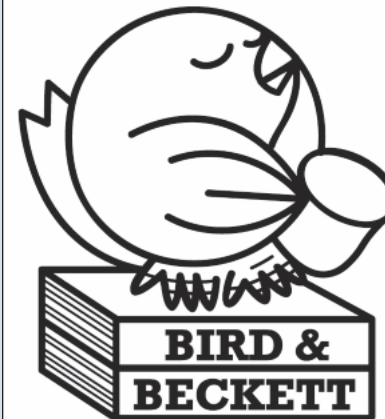
Vietnamese American literature has been flourishing in America, thanks to DVAN, an alliance of artists and writers. Come hear some of their most exciting voices.

**Featuring:** Anhvu Buchanan, Trami Nguyen Cron, Lan Anh Le, Danny Thanh Nguyen, Aimee Phan, Fong Tran, Jaq Nguyen Victor



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12. **Celebrating June Jordan's Legacy: Poetry for the People**

Time Frame  
418 Valencia St. &

The late poet June Jordan founded the groundbreaking program Poetry for the People at U.C. Berkeley. This celebration features poets whose participation spans multiple decades of the program's legacy.

**Featuring:** Xochiquetzal Candelaria, Ananda Esteva, Jahan Khalighi, Stephanie Mee-hae Yun



Siamak Vossoughi

17. **Anger Management Hour: COG Rehabilitates Former WIRED Angry Nerd with Literature**

Dalva  
3121 16th St. 21+ &

Can former *WIRED* Angry Nerd Chris Baker stifle his rage? Or will he rant? Find out, and hear from five more stellar COG ([www.cogzine.com](http://www.cogzine.com)) contributors.

**Featuring:** Opal Palmer Adisa, Ron Austin, Chris Baker, Joseph DiPrisco, Irene Noguchi, Siamak Vossoughi

13. **Action Fiction**

Stage Werx  
446 Valencia St. &

Literary magic happens when local writers give their best stories, and creative control, to local actors who bring each story to life in a full theater.

**Featuring:** Gabriel Bellman, Ben Black, Scott Lambridis, Eric Myers, Benjamin Wachs

15. **100 Word Story Birthday Party Reading**

Double Dutch  
3192 16th St. 21+ &

Celebrate the fifth year of online flash fiction journal *100 Word Story* with a reading, followed by cake, the birthday song, toasts, and free broadsides.

**Featuring:** Andrew Dugas, Thaisa Frank, Gloria Frym, Molly Giles, Jane McDermott, Robert Scotellaro

18. **InsideStorytime MAKEBELIEVE**

Muddy Waters  
521 Valencia St. &

Fairy tales retouched. Canadian crime capers. Ritualistic Angeleño murders. Sudden windows open. Healing games commence.

**Featuring:** Jenny Bitner, Dietrich Kalteis, Carmen Lau, Richard Loranger, Maria Nieto, Ransom Stephens

14. **ARTfull Readings: Writing Inspired by Art!**

Creativity Explored  
3245 16th St. &

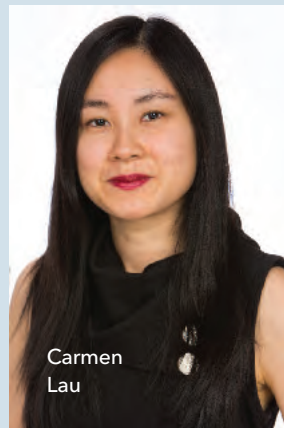
A horde of authors from The Writers Studio in San Francisco use work by the artists of Creativity Explored as influence and muse.

16. **Saint Mary's College MFA Alumni Mags, Editors, Authors & Publishers**

Elixir  
3200 16th St. 21+ &

SMC Alumni have gone on to serve as editors and create literary journals. Join us in celebrating just a few of our alumni at Lit Crawl 2016.

**Featuring:** Jeff Chon, Stephen D Gutierrez, Gillian Hamel, Angela Hume, Caroline O'Connor Thomas



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19. **Third Man Books Happy Hour at Casanova Lounge**

Casanova Lounge  
527 Valencia St. 21+ &

Third Man Books—the publishing imprint of Jack White’s Third Man Records—has poetry and prose, free records and more for you.

**Featuring:** Rita Bullwinkle, Tongo Eisen-Martin, Erica Lewis, Ben Mirov

20. **Cornucopia: Fiction From the Valley**

Mission Workshop  
541 Valencia St. &

Writers featured at Stories on Stage Sacramento and Stories on Stage Davis read from new work. Our diverse roster: seasoned authors, debut novelists, emerging writers.

**Featuring:** Jodi Angel, Val Breliniski, Tigh Rickman, Naomi Williams, Anita Yu



Nick Johnson

21. **Oakness Monsters Invade: Nomadic Press**

Blondie’s Bar  
540 Valencia St. 21+ &

Nomadic Press authors emerge from the Bay to roll words down the streets of SF and offer wicked turns of phrase to unsuspecting passersby.

**Featuring:** Fisayo Adeyeye, Cyrus Armajani, Peter Bullen, MK Chavez, Paul Corman-Roberts, Soma Mei Sheng Frazier, Nazelah Jamison, Nick Johnson

22. **Manic D Presents Looking for Virtue: In Memory of Justin Chin**

Harrington Galleries  
599 Valencia St. &

Manic D Press authors and friends celebrate the works of literary comrade Justin Chin, with readings from the new Manic D release, *Justin Chin: Selected Works*.

**Featuring:** Jennifer Joseph, Daniel LeVesque, Jon Longhi, Larry-Bob Roberts, James Tracy, David West

23. **Military Veterans Turned Authors**

Mission Police Station  
630 Valencia St. &

Military veterans unleash their creativity through the written word, and share their writing related to war, military life, or simply inspired by their military past.

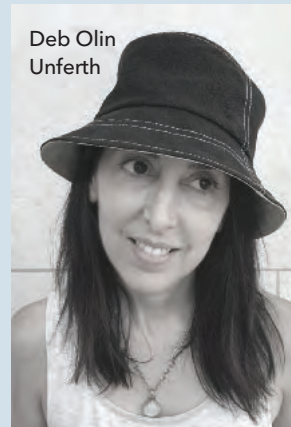
**Featuring:** Sean McClain Brown, Justin Sloan, Juan Vaca

24. **Home: Narratives of Place and Displacement**

Clarion Alley  
Between Mission & Valencia, and 17th & 18th Streets &

Clarion Alley Mural Project artists and writers reflect on their experiences of place and displacement, including being evicted, living on the streets, and exile.

**Featuring:** Ed Bowers, Raymond Castillo, Shaghayegh Cyrus, Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Megan Wilson



Deb Olin Unferth

25. **Word Performances**

Elbo Room (downstairs)  
647 Valencia St. 21+ &

Word Performances is a series of poetry, prose, comedy, and memoir where words are the lead, music is featured, and dance makes a cameo.

**Featuring:** Daniel Berkman, Amanda Chaudhary, Rohan DaCosta, Tiffany Higgins, Colleen McKee, Cybele Zufolo Siegel, Jared Swanson, Todd Siegel, Maw Shein Win

26. **San Francisco Writers’ Grotto Presents Mistakes Were Made**

Elbo Room (upstairs)  
647 Valencia St. 21+

The San Francisco Writers’ Grotto celebrates its 20th anniversary by revealing blunders, mishaps, misunderstandings, and other mistakes they’d really rather not share...but will. Hosted by Ethan Watters and Laura Fraser.

**Featuring:** Elizabeth Bernstein, Laura Fraser, Vanessa Hua, Diana Kapp, Rachel Levin, Bridget Quinn, Frances Stroh, Ethan Watters, Maury Zeff

27. **SFPL Bookmobile Presents Public Access Poetry**

Outside Elbo Room  
647 Valencia St.

Join us for the first-ever poetry reading inside the SFPL Bookmobile, featuring San Francisco Public Library staff broadcasting their work to Lit Crawl attendees.

28. **Santa Monica Review: Still Crazy After All These Years!**

Holy Mountain  
680 Valencia St. &

*Santa Monica Review* contributors join the magazine’s editor in wry, funny, ironic, self-congratulatory yet somehow sincere readings celebrating nearly 30 years of literary provocation.

**Featuring:** Louis B Jones, Janice Shapiro, Andrew Tonkovich, Olga Zilberbourg



Octavio Solis

29. **ZYZZYVA’s Fall All-Stars**

Dolores Park Café  
501 Dolores St. &

ZYZZYVA celebrates the release of its Fall issue with a reading featuring past and current contributors. Emceed by Managing Editor Oscar Villalon.

**Featuring:** Earle McCartney, Caille Millner, Dominica Phetteplace, Octavio Solis, Deb Olin Unferth

30. **Kundiman Presents THE UNSETTLED BODY**

18 Reasons  
3674 18th St. &

Join a stellar lineup of Kundiman fellows, exploring the uncanny through poetry and literature unsettling the formal structures of body and notions of family, lineage, and space.

**Featuring:** Jason Bayani, Dan Lau, Muriel Leung, Bel Poblador, Melissa Sipin, Jane Wong

31. **Timeless Infinite Light: Public Trauma, Private Trauma**

Faye’s Video and Espresso Bar  
3614 18th St. &

These authors perceive trauma from different angles, but share a commitment to exploring the connections between personal trauma and broader political concerns through innovative language.

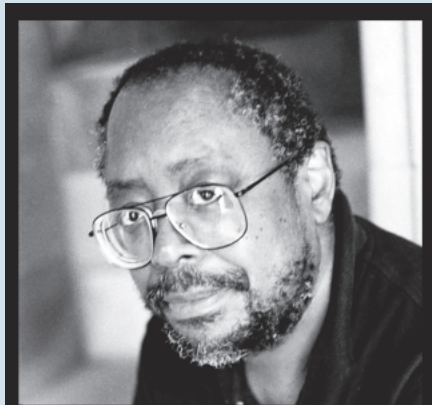
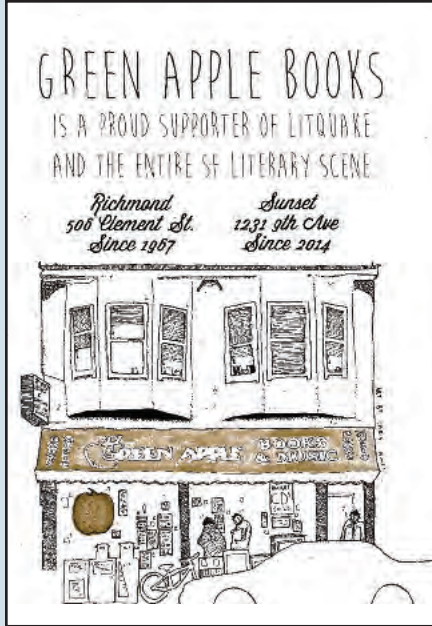
**Featuring:** Amy Berkowitz, Angel Dominguez, Gabriel Ojeda-Sague, Jai Arun Ravine, Janice Sapigao

32. **Witches and Prose: A Reading by the Bruja Collective**

Women’s Building, Audre Lorde Room  
3543 18th St. &

In an evening celebrating the voices of early-career women of color writers, the Brujas will read spellbinding stories from their memoirs, novels, and works in-progress.

**Featuring:** Angie Chau, Ingrid Rojas Contreras, Nancy Jooyoun Kim, Tanya Rey, Melissa Valentine



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33. **RAD FAMILIES**

Paxton Gate Kids  
766 Valencia St. &

In celebration of the release of the anthology *Rad Families*, we'll share stories about the messy, the painful, the playful, the beautiful, and the myriad ways we create families.

**Featuring:** Artnoose, Joe Loya, Roger Porter, Shawn Taylor

34. **San Francisco Chronicle: Little Man, Empty Chair**

The Chapel  
777 Valencia St. &

*Chronicle* critics read some of the media organization's most scathing historic reviews, and talk about the thought that goes into choosing the iconic Little Man grade.

35. **The Nocturnists**

Paxton Gate  
824 Valencia St. &

A group of physician-writers share musings on their lives in medicine.

**Featuring:** Louise Aronson, Krishna Chaganti, Jessica Tekla Les, Audrey Shafer, MD, David Watts, MD

36. **Eleven Eleven and Fourteen Hills Present Panorama: SF Lit History, SF Lit Future**

Latin American Club  
3286 22nd St. 21+ &

Hear our contributors read from pieces that explore what it means to live as writers and citizens in increasingly fluctuating and globalized landscapes.

**Featuring:** Alexandra Matraw, Linda Norton, Robert Andrew Perez, Tom Pyun, Idrissa Simmonds, Rochelle Spencer, Deborah Steinberg

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37. **Ithuriel's Spear Press: SF Mystery/Noir Hour**

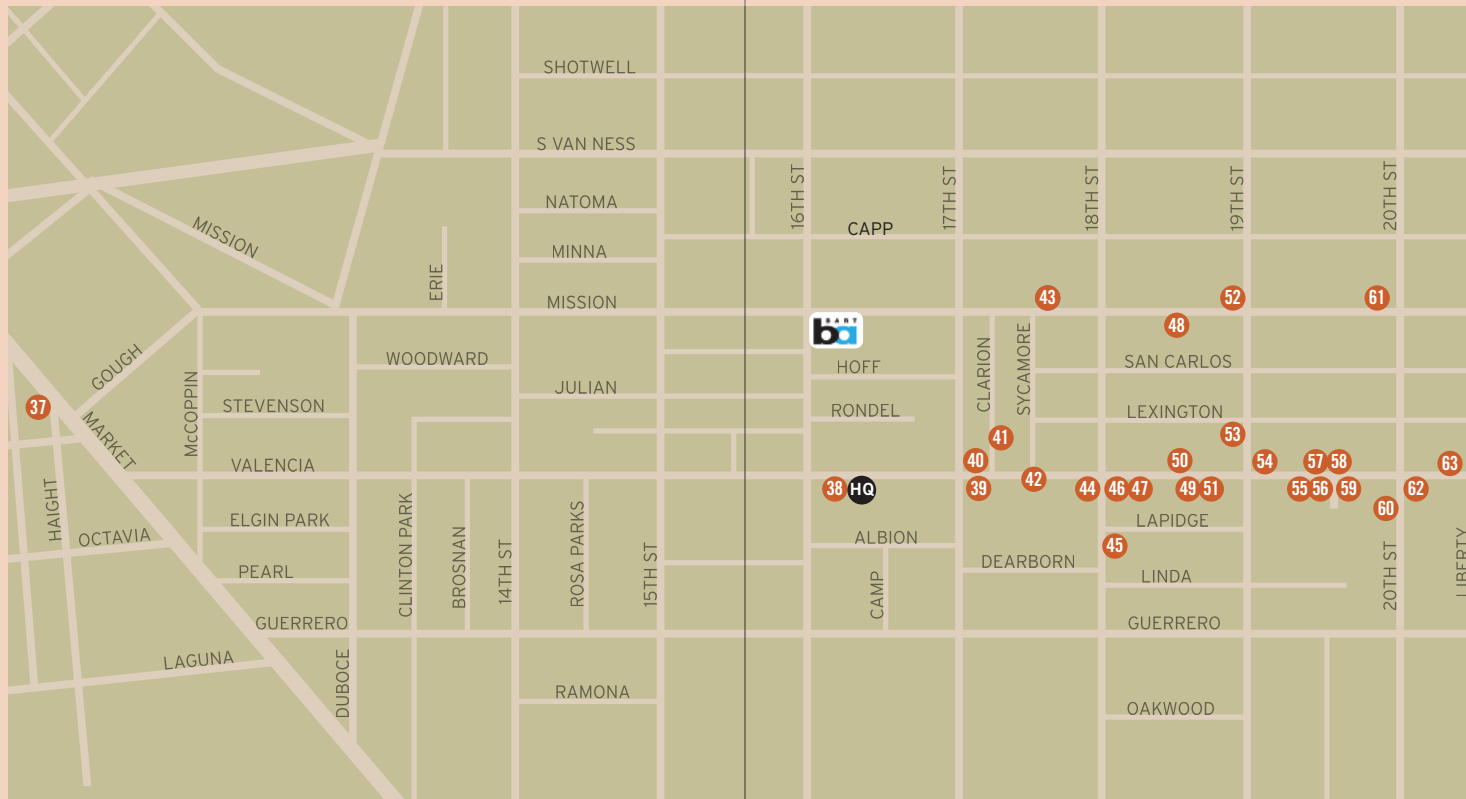
The Green Arcade  
1680 Market St. &  
Ithuriel's Spear Press writers bring their San Francisco mysteries/noir to The Green Arcade. In a changing city, the hidden remains.  
**Featuring:** John Goins, Susie Hara, F.S. Rosa, Sin Soracco

38. **San Francisco Writers Workshop Presents**

Five and Diamond  
510 Valencia St. &  
Come hear not just words, but the best words. The SFWW—keeping it tight and real since the 1950s.  
**Featuring:** Kitty Costello, Asa Murphy, Anna Sears, Joel Streicker, Judy Viertel

39. **Comedians with Criminal Records**

Mission Police Station  
630 Valencia St. &  
A storytelling event perfect for a police station: comedians tell real-life tales of how they got arrested. With #HellaFunny and Funcheap.



40. **Good Vibrations: Perverts Put Out!**

Good Vibrations  
603 Valencia St. 21+ &  
This diverse, filthy, thought-provoking, surprisingly charming, long-running San Francisco spoken-word treasure, now held quarterly at the Center for Sex & Culture, comes to Valencia Street for Lit Crawl!  
**Featuring:** Greta Christina, Jen Cross, Marlo Gayle, Carol Queen, Simon Sheppard, horehound stillpoint

41. **The Arts Resistance Presents Dangerous Thinking**

Clarion Alley  
Between Mission & Valencia and 17th & 18th Streets &  
Philosophers, street poets, comedians, dancers, and punks from around the world create a passionate thinking space outside of the totalitarian mentality.  
**Featuring:** Jenny Alton, Edie Eve, Fernando Meisenhalter, Luna Malbroux, Simon Rogghe, Jeremiah Walton, Zarina Zabrisky

42. **SFPL Bookmobile Presents Public Access Poetry**

Outside Elbo Room  
647 Valencia St.  
Join us for the first-ever poetry reading inside the SFPL Bookmobile, featuring San Francisco Public Library staff broadcasting their work to Lit Crawl attendees.

43. **National Writers Union Takes on Social Justice**

Noisebridge  
2169 Mission St. &  
Hear Union members present works that challenge injustice and value diversity. Think you know what Social Justice means? It's broader than you think.  
**Featuring:** Sarah Kornfeld, Henry Millstein, Lizette Wanzer, September Williams

44. **The Coop's Literary Relay Race!**

Fellow Barber  
696 Valencia St. &  
The Castro Writers' Cooperative presents "Fahrenheit 4-1-5," the story of San Francisco's dystopian future, an original piece written solely for Lit Crawl, with writers handing off portions of the tale to one another.  
**Featuring:** Galadrielle Allman, Alison Bing, Jeanne Carstensen, Joshua Citrak, Andrea Coombes, Sarah Frisch, Scott James, Mercilee Jenkins, Mike Karpa, Lee Kravetz, Nick Krieger, Jenelle Lindsay, Shana Mahaffey, Tina LeCount Myers, Janis Cooke Newman, Melina Selverton-Scher, Cameron Tuttle, Anna Volpicelli

45. **Write On Mamas Presents Mamas Misbehaving**

Women's Building,  
Audre Lorde Room  
3543 18th St. &  
Let's just say we hope our children don't attend. How do fishnet stockings and dog collars go together? Talk about airing your dirty laundry!  
**Featuring:** Vicki DeArmon, Claire Hennessy, Laurel Hilton, Sheri Hoffmann, Marianne Lonsdale, Maria Ramos-Chertok, Gloria Saltzman, Jennifer Van Santvoord

46. **Stanford's Rooted Words: Farm-Fresh Words for Hungry Listeners**

Mission Cheese  
736 Valencia St. &

Poems, fiction, essays, and more from our farm-based reading series, paired with food samples that make the connection between literature, the land and life tangible, and delicious.

**Featuring:** Liz Carlisle, Patrick Freeman, Thomas Hayden, Richard Nevle, Lauren E. Oakes, Emily Polk, Nic Romano



Shia Shabazz

47. **Friends of South Asia: Subcontinental Noir**

Craftsman and Wolves  
746 Valencia St. &

Gritty stories from across the girth of the Indian subcontinent chock-full of intrepid men and resourceful women conspiring in societies where belief begets commerce.

**Featuring:** Dhaya Lakshminarayanan, Saqib Mausooof, Fyza Parviz, Lutfus Sayeed, Omer Wahaj

48. **Mission Comics**

Mission Comics & Art  
2250 Mission St. &

A reading of original comics' works while cartoonists stand semi-awkwardly in front of a screen projection of said works.

**Featuring:** Doc Pop

49. **A Cave Canem Reading**

Incline SF  
766 Valencia St.

Committed to fostering African-American poets, Cave Canem presents a reading of works from West Coast fellows. These poets will show you why you need to "beware of the dog."

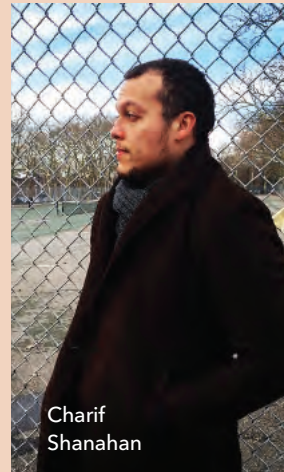
**Featuring:** Alyss Dixon, Aya de León, Indigo Moor, Shia Shabazz, Charif Shanahan

50. **¿Donde Esta Mi Gente? and KQED Present I Heart San Francisco**

The Chapel  
777 Valencia St. &

¿Donde Esta Mi Gente? seeks to continue the long tradition of San Francisco being a focal point for groundbreaking, electrifying Latino spoken and written word. Founded in 2014 by Baruch Porras Hernandez.

**Featuring:** Azuah, Juliana Delgado Lopera, Lydia Popovich, Yosimar Reyes



Charif Shanahan

51. **At The Inkwell Presents City Stories**

The Balm  
788 Valencia St. &

Poets and fiction writers from the San Francisco Creative Writing Institute explore identity, belonging, gentrification, and the heart of home.

**Featuring:** Chiwan Choi, Hollie Hardy, Alexandra Kostoulas, Nick Mamatas

52. **Lip Service West: Everyone Has a Story**

Beauty Bar  
2299 Mission St. 21+ &

Lip Service West is a "gritty, real, raw" true story reading series. The pieces slant toward the darker side of life.

**Featuring:** Jason Buchholz, Cara Cameron, Joe Clifford, Justine Clifford, S.W. Lauden, Ryan Leone, Peter Mehlman, Tom Pitts, Kelly Richardson

53. **Stanford Continuing Studies Presents Writers Without Borders**

Wildhawk  
3464 19th St. 21+ &

Six authors from the Stanford Continuing Studies' Online Writing Certificate program read from their newly finished books.

**Featuring:** Christine Chung, Roy Dufrain, Megan McDonald, Simi Monheit, Nancy Park, Ann Shortell

54. **Small Press Distribution: A Feast of Friends**

Serendipity  
803 Valencia St. &

This is an event to showcase up-and-coming writers who have given their time and effort to supporting SPD's mission: to distribute and promote small presses and their authors to the world.

**Featuring:** Aiden Arata, Jason Mull, Eric Sneathen, Emji Spero, Nicole Trigg



Baruch Porras Hernandez

55. **826 Valencia Young Writers**

826 Valencia  
826 Valencia St. &

Join us as student authors (aged eight to 18) read from our latest publications. Cookies and milk to follow.

56. **Alabama Street Writers Group**

City Art Cooperative Gallery  
828 Valencia St. &

Members of the Alabama Street Writer's Group (ASWG) welcome you to listen to their latest written works. This year's theme is Lost and Found.

**Featuring:** Euphemia Ainsworth, Peter Delacorte, Ateret Haselkom, M. Luke McDonell, Jennifer Ng, Chad Schimke

57. **The Beat Within Presents Young Voices Behind Bars**

ScholarMatch  
849 Valencia St. &

Since 1996, The Beat Within has been publishing the work of juvenile hall inmates in and outside California. We'll read some extraordinary recent submissions.

**Featuring:** Katherine Ellison, Elvia Esquide, Kevin Gentry, David Inocencio, Charles Lam, Russell Morse, Larry Owens, Peggy Simmons, Jill Wolfson, Mervyn Wool



Alex Dolan

58. **The Arts in Conversation: Readings and Performance from the CIIS MFA Programs**

Amnesia  
853 Valencia St. 21+ &

CIIS MFA students and alumni celebrate our inter-arts perspectives—and will offer visual memoir, novel excerpts, essays arising from drawing prompts, and performances based in movement and word.

**Featuring:** Hope Casareno, Margaret Hayertz, Nicole Henares, Paula Junn, Julie Levak-Madding, Maia Scott, Cindy Shearer

59. **Thrills, Chills, Zen, and Trains**

Borderlands Books  
866 Valencia St. &

Join us for an eclectic mixture of fascinating mystery and mind-blowing speculative fiction authors!

**Featuring:** Janet Dawson, Alex Dolan, Eliot Fintushel, Daryl Gregory

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60. **USF MFA in Writing Showcase**

Ruby  
3602 20th St. &  
A reading of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction from current students in the Master of Fine Arts in Writing at University of San Francisco.

**Featuring:** Kelsey Ahlmark, Alan Charazo, Sage Curtis, Rose Heredia, Eric Mueller, Colter Ruland



Courtney Moreno

61. **Community Memoir Project Presents Talking to the Wall: True Stories**

Carousel Consignment  
2391 Mission St. &  
Community Memoir Project celebrates its newest anthology from the Berkeley Public Library Memoir Writers with readings about coming of age in America and beyond.

**Featuring:** Doug Dohrer, Curtis L. Estes, Janice Mason, Mei-Ling Pastor, Rebecca Prophet, Roopa Ramamoorthi

62. **Apocalypse Wow!**

Dog Eared Books  
900 Valencia St. &  
Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night when not one, but FIVE readers take a swing at queering The Apocalypse!

**Featuring:** Monique Jenkinson aka Fauxnique, Leslie Mah, Courtney Moreno, Alvin Orloff, Maryam Rostami

63. **Shakespeare On Tour's Twelfth Night**

Deepistan National Parklet  
937 Valencia St. &

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's one-hour version of the heartfelt comedy *Twelfth Night* follows the journeys of castaway twins who are separated in an unfamiliar, eccentric land.

64. **Threepenny Presents!**

Ritual Coffee Roasters  
1026 Valencia St. &

Three poets, two fiction writers, and two essayists (combined in the persons of five writers) read aloud powerful work that showcases *The Threepenny Review*.

**Featuring:** Sativa January, Nate Klug, Jill McDonough, Shannon Pufahl, Atsuro Riley

65. **17 Syllables: Fearless Asian American Fusion**

Casa Bonampak  
1051 Valencia St. &

Sushi burritos, Korean tacos... Asian remix culture isn't limited to food. These multidimensional writers explore race, language, sexuality, and beyond—the more flavors, the better.

**Featuring:** Jay Dayrit, Brian Komei Dempster, Lillian Howan, Caroline Kim, Grace Prasad, Marianne Villanueva

66. **Disembodied Poetics Presents Broken Record**

Stranded  
1055 Valencia St. &

Each performer shares a personal story about how music inspired them. Then they will cover, in any way they see fit, a song encapsulating that story.

**Featuring:** Chris Cole, Maya Dorn, Evan Karp, Hazel Rose



Lori Ostlund

67. **Perfectly Queer**

The Marsh Café  
1070 Valencia St. &

The Perfectly Queer series presents monthly readings of local LGBTQ authors. Hear three of our previous guests read from, and talk about, their works.

**Featuring:** Natasha Dennerstein, Lori Ostlund, Wilfredo Pascual







Pireeni Sundaralingam

**70. Are You Experienced? Asks the Silicon Valley Romance Writers of America**

Wonderland SF  
1266 Valencia St. &

Come get your sexy on as bestselling and up-and-coming SVRWA authors give you a tantalizing taste of modern romance that is smart, fresh, and diverse.

**Featuring:** Kate Allure, Rich Amooi, Elisabeth Barrett, Victoria de la O., Layla Reyne, Lia Riley

**72. Behold The Invisible! Afro-Surreal's Radical Presence**

Modern Times Bookstore  
2919 24th St. &

Afro-Surreal presupposes that beyond this visible world, there is an invisible world striving to manifest, and it is our job to uncover it.

**Featuring:** Malcolm Shabazz Hoover, Ayize Jama-Everett, D. Scot Miller, Mark Saab, giovanni singleton, Michael Warr

**68. Dirty Laundry: Loads of Prose/West Coast Cycle Presents Clothes-Lines**

Mission Laundromat  
3282 22nd St.

HANG IN THERE! PUT IT ON THE LINE! Stories of delicate cycles, unbalanced loads, sorting, hoarding, and letting go.

**Featuring:** Annie Crawford, Maggie Diamond, Colette Plum, Richie Rowena, Emily Rubin, Hannah Wood

**71. Travelers' Tales: Encounters in Faraway Places**

Temo Café  
3000 24th St. &

Through encounters with foreign people and cultures, these writers uncover profound and universal lessons that help us see the world in a different light.

**Featuring:** Faith Adiele, Tania Amochaev, Erin Byrne, Marcia DeSanctis, Jeff Greenwald, Larry Habegger

**73. Cleave: Bay Area Women Writers**

Mission Pie  
2901 Mission St. &

Inspired by the work of the Hazel Reading Series, Cleave is a reading series focused on the work of Bay Area women writers.

**Featuring:** Liz Acosta, Aja Couchois Duncan, Sara Marinelli, Elizabeth Montoya, Pireeni Sundaralingam

**69. KALW Presents Sights and Sounds Live at the Make-Out Room**

Make-Out Room  
3225 22nd St. 21+ &

A night of live storytelling and performance celebrating the cultural richness of the Bay Area, and the artists who call it home.

**Featuring:** Rotimi Agbabiaka, Hana Baba, Jen Chien, Leila Day, Star Finch, Pen Harshaw, No Lovely Thing



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74. **Tourettes Without Regrets**

Clarion Alley  
Between Mission & Valencia  
and 17th & 18th Streets &

Tourettes Without Regrets has been called “The Fight Club of Underground Art.” Featuring writers and storytellers who are weird, wild, and ribald.

**Featuring:** Caleilia Cristian Avery, Magnolia Black, Wonder Dave, Sam Gilweitt, Gina Gold, Benji Kessler, Irene Tu



Tourettes Without Regrets

75. **SFPL Bookmobile Presents Public Access Poetry**

Outside Elbo Room  
647 Valencia St.

Join us for the first-ever poetry reading inside the SFPL Bookmobile, featuring San Francisco Public Library staff broadcasting their work to Lit Crawl attendees.

76. **pariahs from outside the margins: Not Straight Outta Iowa**

Noisebridge  
2169 Mission St. &

Sharing experiences of exclusion via poetry, essays, prose, and diverse languages coupled with printed art, pariahs celebrates writers far beyond the common pages.

**Featuring:** Rax, Shanya Cordis, Majda Gama, Laurie Anne Guerrero, Monica Teresa Ortiz, Dustin Pearson, Christopher Rose

77. **Guilty Minds, Criminal Bodies**

Women’s Building,  
Audre Lorde Room  
3543 18th St. &

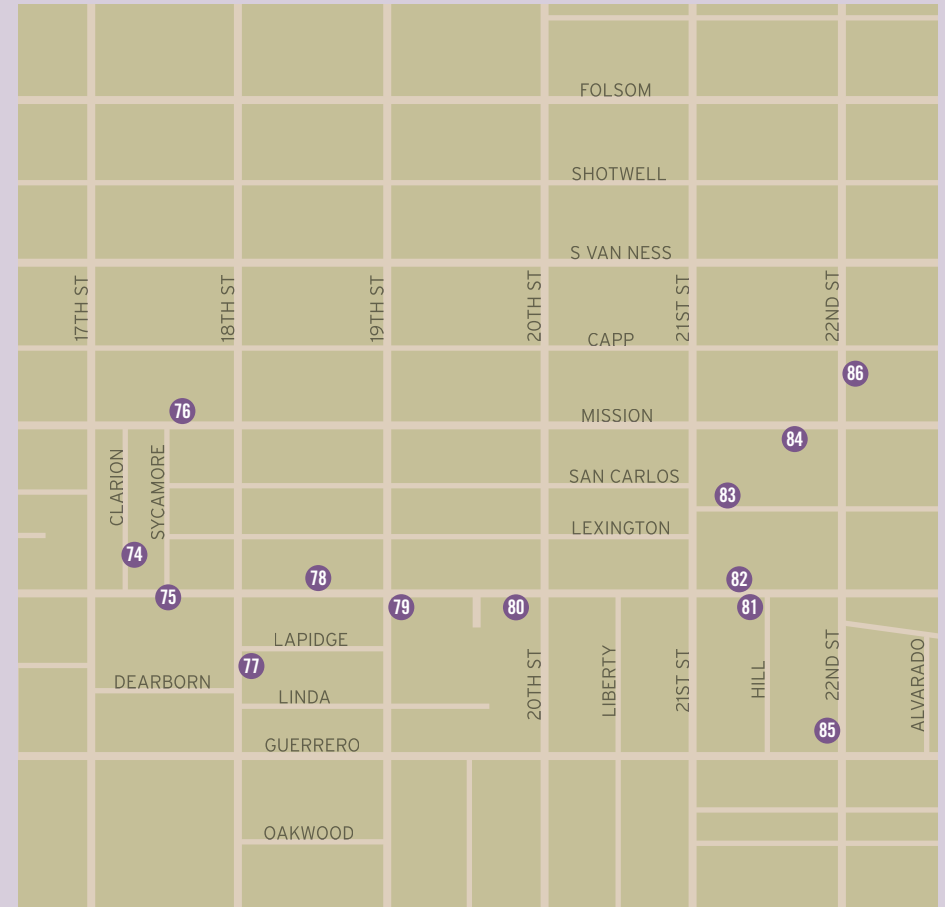
Five women writers plus: two stolen children; one murder; assorted thought crimes; lots of disorderly conduct; a few miscellaneous felonies; and a little prison time.

**Featuring:** Karen Bjorneby, Judy Myers, Robin Silverman, Saramanda Swigart, Thaa Walker

78. **Think You Know Your Lit? Presented by 7x7**

The Chapel  
777 Valencia St. &

Test your knowledge of Bay Area authors, literary landmarks, and classic novels at this rowdy night of trivia, hosted by quizmaster Carl Gibbs and 7x7. Brilliant minds may win genius prizes.



79. **Joyland**

Dijital Fix  
820 Valencia St. &

*Joyland Magazine*, publisher of regionally selected stories, features authors from its San Francisco section for a night of boundary-pushing short fiction.

**Featuring:** Kate Folk, Susanna Kwan, Marian Palaia, Daniel Lanza Rivers

80. **From Inside Your Head, to Under the Sea, to Beyond the Stars**

Borderlands Café  
870 Valencia St. &

These brilliant science fiction and fantasy authors will take you to entirely unexpected realms.

**Featuring:** Skye Allen, Chaz Brenchley, Becky Chambers, Serena Valentino

81. **Neptism Night: Lit Crawl Edition**

1-2-3-4 Go! Records  
1038 Valencia St. &

Neptism Night is a variety show that seeks to cultivate community and bring diverse disciplines together in our increasingly artistically beleaguered city.

**Featuring:** Steve Arntson, Selassie Blackwell, Larry Gallagher, Allison Mick, Kimberly Reyes



Juan Alvarado Valdivia

82. **We Aren't Going Anywhere: Stories from the Latinx Frontlines**

Casa Bonampak  
1051 Valencia St. &

These are the stories of Latinxs who have been unconquered. Shades of fiction, memoir, and arts and culture journalism convene to create poetry of resistance.

**Featuring:** Candace Eros Díaz, Michelle Cruz Gonzales, Maceo Montoya, Michelle Threadgould, Juan Alvarado Valdivia

83. **Thirsty**

San Francisco Buddhist Center  
37 Bartlett St. &

Though your cup is full. Because it's always empty. And the drink is sweet. But the tap's gone dry.

**Featuring:** Judy Halebsky, Happy/L.A. Hyder, Shikha Malaviya, Sarah Paris, Tony Acarasiddhi Press, Jenny Qi

84. **A Reading and Discussion by Contemporary Korean American Female Poets & Writers**

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema  
2550 Mission St.

Three award-winning writers discuss difficult truths about identity, answering political and practical issues that arise from living as women on the hyphen between "Asian" and "American."

**Featuring:** Marci Calabretta Cancio-Bello, Arlene Kim, EJ Koh

85. **Red Light Lit**

Lone Palm  
3394 22nd St. 21+ &

Red Light Lit is a collective of writers, musicians and artists who explore love relationships and sexuality through poetry, prose, art and song.

**Featuring:** Lara Coley, Allyson Darling, Sarah Kobrinsky, Loria Mendoza, Ari Moskowitz

86. **An Evening with The Rumpus**

Make-Out Room  
3225 22nd St. 21+ &

An explosive Rumpus production live and in person. Featuring readings, comedy, and music. Free! At a bar! And we'll be giving away books!

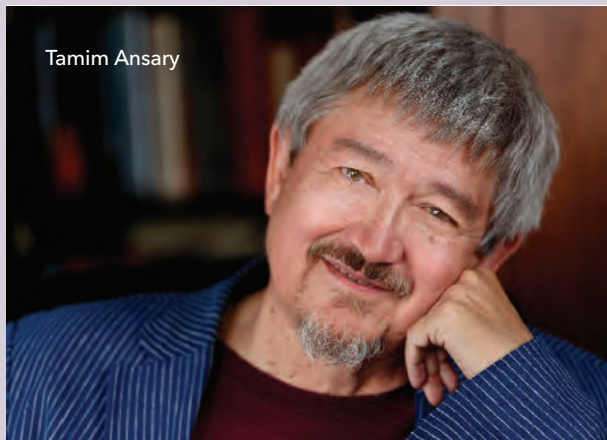
**Featuring:** Nato Green, Lydia Kiesling, Michael David Lukas, Monique W. Morris, Na'amén Tilahun

87. **Scarlet Tanager Books Presents Red Indian Road West: Native American Poetry from California**

Needles & Pens  
1173 Valencia St. &

This event showcases contributors to *Red Indian Road West*. "A diverse and illuminating volume of Native American poetry that explores Western migration" —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Featuring:** Lucille Lang Day, Alison Hart, Senna Heyatawin, Stephen Meadows, Linda Noel, Kurt Schweigman



Tamim Ansary

88. **Naughty, Good Magic**

Red Poppy Arthouse  
2698 Folsom St. &

Four literary burlesque readers tease you with each story, taking it all off, one word at a time.

**Featuring:** Nancy Au, Carson Beker, Lynn Brown, Mi'Jan Celie Tho-Biaz

89. **Memoir Pool**

Wonderland SF  
1266 Valencia St. &

What no one remembers, never really happened. All we remember is story, so here are six writers keepin' it real by turning life into life/story.

**Featuring:** Tamim Ansary, Dana Freedman, Beverly Parayno, Laurel Patton, Rick Schmidt, Emily Thurston

90. **Irish Women Rising?**

Dovre Club  
1498 Valencia St. 21+ &

In the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising and its Proclamation of Independence radically endorsing equal rights for women, Irish writers explore women's roles in today's Ireland.

**Featuring:** Eanlai Cronin, Emer Martin, Ethel Rohan



91. **A Totally '80s Reading Party**

Coffee Mission  
3325 24th St.

Join Rare Bird Books as authors read their '80s favorites, and original stories set in San Francisco, Brooklyn, Los Angeles, and beyond.

**Featuring:** David Kukoff, Tom Stern, Delfin Vigil, Zach Wyner

92. **Standing Strong: Fillmore & Japantown**

Cafe La Boheme  
3318 24th St. &

Celebrate the enduring spirit of the African-American and Japanese-American communities in San Francisco's gentrifying Western Addition, with editor Shizue Seigel.

**Featuring:** Sandra Bass, Ravi Chandra, Charles Dixon, Lyndsey Ellis, Jennifer Hasegawa, Roji Oyama, Shizue Seigel, Queenandi Shabazz

# PHASE 3 | 7:15 – 8:15 PM

93. **Our Bodies, Our Stories: Mixed-Race Women on Accessing Truth**

Mission Cultural Center  
2868 Mission St. &

Accessing your truth can be like peeling an artichoke—many layers might shield the heart of it. Fierce truth telling by the women of Mixed Writes.

**Featuring:** Maria T Allocco, Jackie Graves, Audrey T. Williams

94. **Foglifter Press: Eyeing the Margins**

Adobe Books & Arts Cooperative  
3130 24th St. &

Foglifter is a queer press, but more than that. We publish work that queers our perspective.

**Featuring:** Denise Benavides, Celeste Chan, Jezebel Delilah, J.K. Fowler, Randall Mann, D.A. Powell

95. **SF Flor y Canto Presents Return of the Pan Dulce Poets**

La Reyna Bakery  
3114 24th St. &

Ricardo Tavarez, with writers and troubadours, at the sweetest little poetry scene in town.

96. **Brown People Don't Read?**

Philz Coffee  
3101 24th St. &

Brown People Don't Read? dispels notions that black and brown stories don't matter, challenging the established narratives of culture, belonging, and coming of age.

**Featuring:** Scott Russell Duncan, Lisa D. Gray, Jenny Irizarry, Blanca Torres-Aldana

97. **Half a Dozen Brilliant Reasons: Why There Are Words**

Haus Coffee  
3086 24th St. &

Six writers take on Why There Are Words: the acclaimed reading series (and now small press!). Emceed by Peg Alford P ursell.

**Featuring:** Karen Llagas, Edward Porter, Lisa Gluskin Stonestreet, Janet Thornburg, Genanne Walsh, John Zic

98. **SF Flor y Canto Presents Terremoto Twenty Sixteen: Poetry Beyond the Richter Scale**

Alley Cat Books  
3036 24th St. &

Five poets who write about life on the fault line. A reading to shake the books off the shelves.

**Featuring:** César Love, Marguerite Muñoz, Tony Robles, Katie Tomzynski, Rene Vazquez

99. **SF Flor y Canto Presents Radical Women's Poetry**

Acción Latina  
2958 24th St. &

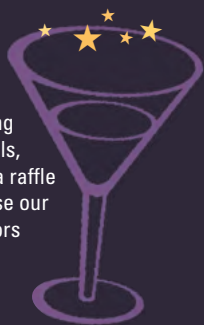
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9:30PM – 1AM

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