

**7** Apr 09  
Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.  
**WILLIAM GREIDER**  
**COME HOME, AMERICA**  
(Rodale, \$25.95)  
The veteran journalist says that America's "preeminent strength is steadily deteriorating, as is its ability to dominate other nations," while at home, "democracy is broken and most Americans seem to know it." Greider outlines conditions for "a more authentic democracy."

**10** Apr 09  
Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.  
**JONATHAN GOLDSTEIN**  
**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE BIBLE**  
(Riverhead, \$15)  
Goldstein, a contributing editor for *This American Life*, recast stories like Jonah and the whale, the tower of Babel, and Cain and Abel (among others), in wickedly irreverent detail, aiming to show the true motivations behind these well-known biblical characters.

**11** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 11, 1 p.m.  
**BARRY POPKIN**  
**THE WORLD IS FAT**  
(Avery, \$24.95)  
Popkin, a nutrition expert, examines families in the U.S., Mexico, and India to investigate the confluence of factors responsible for the global obesity epidemic. He sees the problem as a conflict between human biology and modern society, and shows how multinational corporations contribute to it.

**11** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 11, 6 p.m.  
**ROBERT SHOGAN**  
**NO SENSE OF DECENCY**  
(Ivan R. Dee, \$27.50)  
In this look back at the 1950s Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Shogan finds that McCarthy's tactics of creating fear by means of public smears and guilt by association remain in use. He believes that the news media, particularly television, are reluctant to challenge misused power and/or authority.

**13** Apr 09  
Monday, April 13, 7 p.m.  
**SUSAN JANE GILMAN**  
**UNDRESS ME IN THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**  
(Grand Central, \$23.99)  
Gilman visited China when she was fresh out of college in 1986; the country had been open to foreign travelers for "roughly ten minutes." Her memoir of the trip is harrowing and hilarious—as you'd expect from the author of *Kiss My Tiara* and *Hypocrite in a Pouffy White Dress*.

**14** Apr 09  
Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.  
**ADRIAN WOOLDRIDGE**  
**GOD IS BACK**  
(Penguin Press, \$27.95)  
Noting the global resurgence in religious belief, the authors argue that this revival is fueled by an emphasis on competition and a customer-driven approach to salvation. From the revitalization of Islam in Asia and Africa, to house churches in China, to the popularity of televangelism, the forces of religion and modernity are intertwined.

**15** Apr 09  
Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.  
**DAVE CULLEN**  
**COLUMBINE**  
(Twelve, \$26.99)  
Ten years after reporting on the Columbine massacre as a freelance journalist, Cullen is still trying to comprehend the tragedy. How could two high-school boys wreak so much damage, and how could their parents and the local authorities not have known they were out of control?

**16** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.  
**ALAN BEATTIE**  
**FALSE ECONOMY**  
(Riverhead, \$26.95)  
In his analysis of why some nations achieve economic prosperity while others, with similar endowments, fail, Beattie, world trade editor of the *Financial Times*, looks at the differing outcomes for the U.S. and Argentina, and for Botswana and Sierra Leone, among others.

**17** Apr 09  
Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.  
**JIM LEHRER**  
**OH, JOHNNY**  
(Random House, \$25)  
Our friend Jim Lehrer, anchor of the PBS *NewsHour*, returns with his nineteenth novel, the story of a young man being scouted for the Detroit Tigers who joins the Marines and ships out to the Pacific in World War II. Lehrer, a Marine himself, vividly describes savage combat on Okinawa.

**18** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m.  
**TOM DIEMER**  
**FIGHTING THE UNBEATABLE FOE**  
(Kent State Univ., \$34.95)  
Diemer, congressional reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, covered Senator Howard Metzenbaum during his nineteen years in office. Known for his unabashedly liberal views and his "downright cussedness," Metzenbaum worked his way up from an impoverished youth in inner-city Cleveland to wealth and power.

**18** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 18, 3 p.m.  
**NORMAN SCRIBNER**  
**MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 8**  
(LSO Live, \$13.98)  
Scribner, founder and Artistic Director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, will discuss—with musical excerpts—the group's participation in a new recording of Mahler's Eighth. Valery Gergiev conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, with the Choir of Eltham College, the London Symphony Chorus, and the Choral Arts Society of Washington, recorded live in St. Paul's Cathedral.

**18** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 18, 6 p.m.  
**ALISON BUCKHOLTZ**  
**STANDING BY**  
(J.P. Tarcher, \$24.95)  
Buckholtz, a journalist, was used to living life on her own terms, but this independence changed when she married a Navy pilot on active duty. Here she writes about the tremendous adjustments required of military spouses.

**19** Apr 09  
Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m.  
**BARBARA GRAHAM**  
**EYE OF MY HEART**  
(HarperCollins, \$24.99)  
Barbara Graham has collected the writings of 27 women on the pleasures and perils of being a grandmother. These aren't just any grandmothers—they're the highly literary Judith Viorst, Susan Shreve, Letty Pogrebin, and Mary Pipher. Among their skills: learning to keep their mouths shut and their opinions to themselves. Barbara will be joined by Marita Golden, Kate Lehrer, Susan Shreve, and Linda Pastan.

**19** Apr 09  
Sunday, April 19, 5 p.m.  
**THOMAS BUERGENTHAL**  
**A LUCKY CHILD**  
(Little, Brown, \$24.99)  
Buergenthal recounts his childhood during the Nazi years, including his lucky escape from death in several concentration camps, including Auschwitz. Now the American judge at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Buergenthal reflects on "what it is that allows or compels human beings to commit such cruel and brutal crimes."

**20** Apr 09  
Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.  
**ADINA HOFFMAN**  
**MY HAPPINESS BEARS NO RELATION TO HAPPINESS**  
(Yale Univ., \$27.50)  
We are honored to present Hoffman, a Jerusalem essayist, for her tribute to Palestinian poet Taha Muhammad Ali, whom W.S. Merwin calls "a figure of great originality and integrity." Hoffman's biography offers a rich and nuanced view of the people and culture of the Middle East.

**21** Apr 09  
Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.  
**MICHELLE GOLDBERG**  
**THE MEANS OF REPRODUCTION**  
(Penguin Press, \$25.95)  
Asserting that the human rights struggle of this century involves women's rights, the investigative journalist and author of *Kingdom Coming* reports from four continents, arguing that solving global problems such as the spread of AIDS, overpopulation, and poverty depends on overturning conservative patriarchal attitudes.

**22** Apr 09  
Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.  
**DONNA LEON**  
**ABOUT FACE**  
(Atlantic Monthly, \$24)  
Alive with the sounds and secrets of Venice, Leon's latest mystery finds Commissario Brunetti intrigued by a woman who is sophisticated, intellectual—and disfigured. What is her relation to the violent suspect in a case involving illegal trucking operations?

**23** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.  
**QUINN BRADLEE**  
**A DIFFERENT LIFE**  
(Public Affairs, \$24.95)  
The son of Ben Bradlee and Sally Quinn, the author was born with a widespread but little known disorder that manifests itself in seizures and fevers, as well as in multiple learning disabilities. In this inspirational book, Bradlee recounts the pain and frustration of growing up learning-disabled.

**24** Apr 09  
Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.  
**CRAIG YOE**  
**SECRET IDENTITY**  
(Abrams ComicArts, \$24.95)  
Joe Shuster, who drew the original Superman, also produced erotic illustrations for *Nights of Horror*. Risky, and ultimately banned, this under-the-counter work followed Shuster's unsuccessful suit against DC Comics for the *Superman* rights. Yoe's profile will change the way you look at the superhero, and at his creator.

**25** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.  
**SANFORD GOTTLIEB**  
**RED TO BLUE: CONGRESSMAN CHRIS VAN HOLLEN AND GRASSROOTS POLITICS**  
(Paradigm Publishers, \$18.95)  
Gottlieb served as Van Hollen's campaign coordinator in 2002, when the Maryland state senator was one of only two Democrats to win House seats from Republican incumbents. This profile of the progressive Van Hollen looks ahead to the crucial role of grassroots politics in future elections. Sanford will be joined by Mike McCurry and Congressman Chris Van Hollen.

**25** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.  
**LEONARD PITTS, JR.**  
**BEFORE I FORGET**  
A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Pitts makes his fiction debut with a novel confronting the challenges of fatherhood among three generations of black men. Mo Johnson is racing the clock, desperate to make peace with the ghosts of past and present, as well as to reconcile with his father and his son, before it's too late.

**26** Apr 09  
Sunday, April 26, 1 p.m.  
**MARK OZER**  
**WASHINGTON DC: POLITICS AND PLACE**  
(Xlibris, \$19.99)  
This look at the District considers the interactions of geography and history, of people and politics. Ozer organizes his tour by era, pointing to buildings and other landmarks that keep the past and its influence alive.

**26** Apr 09  
Sunday, April 26, 5 p.m.  
**GAVIN SCHMIDT AND JOSHUA WOLFE**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
(W.W. Norton, \$24.95)  
In an informative book that emphasizes the urgency of dealing with climate change, NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt and photographer Joshua Wolfe match data with photos collected over time of retreating glaciers, sinking villages in Alaska's tundra, and drying lakes.

**27** Apr 09  
Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.  
**REZA ASLAN**  
**HOW TO WIN A COSMIC WAR**  
(Random House, \$26)  
Aslan, author of *No God But God*, defines a cosmic war as a religious war, one in which rival faiths are caught up in battles of good against evil. The only way to win such a war is to refuse to fight it. Aslan argues that we must drop the apocalyptic visions and focus on the real problems, such as economic imbalances.

**28** Apr 09  
Tuesday, April 28, 1 p.m.  
**JEAN CHATZKY**  
**THE DIFFERENCE**  
(Crown Business, \$24.95)  
The financial editor of NBC's *The Today Show* shares her research into the traits and habits necessary to improve your economic status and determine your financial future. Learn how to prosper in even the toughest times.

**28** Apr 09  
Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.  
**T.J. STILES**  
**THE FIRST TYCOON**  
(Knopf, \$37.50)  
Founder of a dynasty and creator of an impossibly vast fortune, Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt helped launch the transportation revolution, propel the Gold Rush, reshape Manhattan, and invent the modern corporation—he laid the groundwork for the economic world we live in today. Stiles offers the first complete, authoritative biography.

**29** Apr 09  
Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m.  
**VINCENT BZDEK**  
**THE KENNEDY LEGACY**  
(Palgrave Macmillan, \$26.95)  
In Bzdek's view, the Kennedys' is a story of brotherhood in three acts: Act I is John F. Kennedy's presidency; Act II is Robert Kennedy's five brief years as the family standard bearer. Act III is Ted's 40-plus years in the Senate, during which the younger brother grew into an acclaimed leader.

**30** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.  
**ARTHUR PHILLIPS**  
**THE SONG IS YOU**  
(Random House, \$25)  
Following his accomplished *Prague* and *Angelica*, Phillips's fourth novel looks at love in the digital age. After his family falls apart, Julian becomes infatuated with a singer. The two share a passion for music and for each other—but they keep their relationship to the distance imposed by email and Websites.

## Children's Events

**2** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.  
**DEBORAH WILES**  
**THE AURORA COUNTY ALL-STARS**  
(Sandpiper, \$5.99)  
Deep dark secrets—both historical and personal—baseball, Walt Whitman, and above all, friendship, intertwine twelve-year-old House Jackson, his best friend Cleebo, Old Mean-Man Boyd, and a pug named Eudora Wely. Wiles hits a home run with this one. *Ages 10-14.*

**3** Apr 09  
Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.  
**MARK TEAGUS**  
**FUNNY FARM**  
(Orchard, \$16.99)  
One spring, Edward visits his aunt, uncle, and cousin on their farm. He might have planned to help out, but they get up sooo early, and Edward is just a little klutzy, even all thumbs at times. Is there any part of farm life Edward is cut out for? *Ages 4-8.*

**4** Apr 09  
Saturday, April 4, 1 p.m.  
**WILLIAM LOIZEAUX**  
**CLARENCE COCHRAN, A HUMAN BOY**  
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$16)  
Clarence changes overnight from a carefree young cockroach into a human boy. Now he can see both sides of the age-old struggle for territory between humans and roaches, and he's uniquely qualified to negotiate peace with the girl living in the same apartment. A great family read-aloud. *Ages 6-10.*

**9** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.  
**KATHERINE MARSH**  
**THE TWILIGHT PRISONER**  
(Hyperion, \$17.99)  
The sequel to the Edgar Award-winning *The Night Tourist* blends New York City history with Greek mythology. Jack Perdu returns from the ghostly New York underworld and, to impress his classmate, Cora, leads her to the entrance of that underworld—but they go too far. Can they ever return? *Ages 10 and up.*

**29** Apr 09  
Wednesday, April 29, 4:30 p.m.  
**ERIN HUNTER**  
**WARRIORS: POWER OF 3: #6 SUNRISE**  
(HarperCollins, \$16.99)  
The final installment of the *Power of 3* series of *The Warriors* is set in deepest winter. Clanmates, who harbor secrets in addition to the mysterious murder from Long Shadows, turn upon one another. Holly Leaf, Jayfeather, and Lionblaze discover truths they'd rather not know. *Ages 8-12.*

**30** Apr 09  
Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.  
**KATE FEIFFER AND JULES FEIFFER**  
**WHICH PUPPY?**  
(Simon & Schuster, \$16.99)  
The Obamas are looking for a puppy, and every animal in the animal kingdom is abuzz. Turtles, guinea pigs, kittens, even dogs are convinced they can be puppies and that the White House is their destiny. *Ages 4-8.*

🎧 : An audio edition of this title is available to be ordered.  
📖 : A large-print edition of this title is available to be ordered.

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## NEW CLASS AT P&P

Two Early Novels by William Faulkner Taught by Jackson R. Bryer, Professor Emeritus of English, University of Maryland April/May, \$100 (\$80 for P&P Members). Call the store for details or to sign up.

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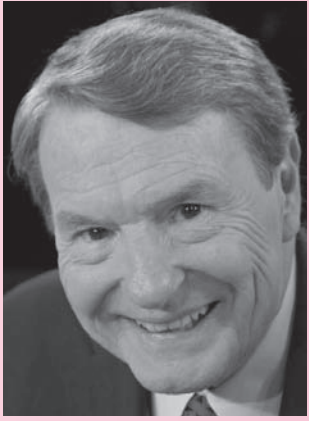
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JIM LEHRER



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ADINA HOFFMAN



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7 P.M.

DONNA LEON



MONDAY, APRIL 27, 7 P.M.

REZA ASLAN

Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.  
**PAUL McGEOUGH**  
**KILL KHALID**  
(New Press, \$26.95)  
Chronicling the Mossad's 1997 attempted assassination of Khalid Mishal, head of the Hamas political bureau, McGeough, an Australian journalist, has written both a thriller and a substantive history of Hamas and its role in the region.

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.  
**DAMBISA MOYO**  
**DEAD AID**  
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$24)  
Moyo, a Zambia-born economist who has worked at the World Bank and Goldman Sachs, describes the current state of development policy in Africa. She offers ideas for financing development of the world's poorest countries that guarantee economic growth and a significant decline in poverty—without reliance on foreign aid.

Saturday, April 4, 6 p.m.  
**PETER MANSEAU**  
**RAG AND BONE**  
(Holt, \$25)  
Part travelogue, part religious study, this informative and highly entertaining book looks at the centuries-old obsession with religious relics. Quirky and insightful, Manseau explores skull fragments, detached fingers, venerable ashes, and the leathery tongue of a 12th-century saint.

Sunday, April 5, 1 p.m.  
**MICHAEL SCHAFER**  
**ONE NATION UNDER DOG**  
(Holt, \$24)  
Schaffer, who adopted a St. Bernard named Murphy, was startled to learn that the pet industry has grown from \$17 billion a decade ago to more than \$43 billion now; this is his look at the many ways we pamper pets today, and what this consumerism says about us.

Sunday, April 5, 5 p.m.  
**GREGORY ORFALEA**  
**ANGELENO DAYS**  
(Univ. of Arizona, \$17.95)  
In these moving essays, Orfalea, an Arab-American native of Los Angeles, recounts his return to teach in L.A. after a long absence. His meditations on changes in the city of his youth combine with reflections over the destruction in Lebanon and the massacre of civilians in Iraq.

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.  
**WALTER MOSLEY**  
**THE LONG FALL**  
(Riverhead, \$25.95)  
From the author of *Bad Boy Branley Brown* and a host of other great novels, this new mystery series introduces ex-boxer Leonid McGill, a hard-drinking, hard-living private investigator of the old school working in 21st-century New York City. His first case involves uncovering secrets and greasing palms.

## Book Groups

P & P book groups meet monthly, and are free and open to the public. Book group titles are 20% off for attendees. Read the book and join us!

- **Capital James Joyce Club** (1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/2: *Ulysses* (Chapter 6 - Hades), by Joyce
- **Classics** (1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/6: *The Eumenides* (*The Orestia*), by Aeschylus
- **Daytime** (3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.)  
4/15: *Sacred Hunger*, Unsworth
- **Evening Fiction** (2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/14: *Washington D.C.*, by Vidal
- **Fascinating History** (4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/23: *Washington DC: Politics and Place*, by Ozer
- **Futurist** (1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/1: *The Singularity is Near* (Chapters 6-9 & Epilogue) by Kurzweil
- **Knitter's Circle**  
(1st & 3rd Thurs., 2 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/2, 4/8, 4/16, 4/22: *No Reading Required*
- **Poetry** (4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/28: BYOP - Bring Your Own Poetry
- **Public Affairs** (4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/27: *The Much Too Promised Land*, by Miller
- **Science Fiction & Fantasy** (2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.)  
4/9: *A Wrinkle in Time*, by L'Engle
- **Spanish Language** (3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/21: *Gabriela Clara y Canela*, by Amado
- **Spirituality** (3rd Sunday, 6 p.m.)  
4/19: *A Path With a Heart*, by Kornfield
- **Swarthmore** (3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/20: *April Fool's Day*, by Novakovich
- **Travel** (1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.)  
4/7: *Imperium*, by Kapuscinski
- **Women's Biography** (2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.)  
4/13: *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*, by Lagnado

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29 5 p.m. <b>Jack Greer</b> Abraham's Bay & Other Stories	30 7 p.m. <b>William Julius Wilson</b> More Than Just Race	31 7 p.m. <b>Leslie Gelb</b> Power Rules	1 7 p.m. <b>Paul McGeough</b> Kill Khalid	2 10:30 a.m. <b>Deborah Wiles</b> The Aurora County All-Stars	3 10:30 a.m. <b>Mark Teague</b> Funny Farm 7 p.m. <b>Dambisa Moyo</b> Dead Aid	4 1 p.m. <b>William Loizeaux</b> Clarence Cochrane, A Human Boy 6 p.m. <b>Peter Manseau</b> Rag And Bone
5 1 p.m. <b>Michael Schaffer</b> One Nation Under Dog 5 p.m. <b>Gregory Orfalea</b> Angeleno Days	6 7 p.m. <b>Walter Mosley</b> The Long Fall	7 7 p.m. <b>William Greider</b> Come Home, America	8 7 p.m. <b>Donna Leon</b> About Face	9 10:30 a.m. <b>Katherine Marsh</b> The Twilight Prisoner <i>Passover Begins At Sundown</i>	10 7 p.m. <b>Jonathan Goldstein</b> Ladies And Gentlemen, The Bible	11 1 p.m. <b>Barry Popkin</b> The World Is Fat 6 p.m. <b>Robert Shogan</b> No Sense Of Decency
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26 1 p.m. <b>Mark Ozer</b> Washington DC: Politics And Place 5 p.m. <b>Gavin Schmidt and Joshua Wolfe</b> Climate Change	27 7 p.m. <b>Reza Aslan</b> How To Win A Cosmic War	28 1 p.m. <i>Department of Interior</i> 1849 C Street NW <b>Jean Chatzky</b> The Difference 7 p.m. <b>T.J. Stiles</b> The First Tycoon	29 4:30 p.m. <b>Erin Hunter</b> Warriors: Power Of 3: #6 Sunrise 7 p.m. <b>Vincent Bzdek</b> The Kennedy Legacy	30 10:30 a.m. <b>Kate Feiffer and Jules Feiffer</b> Which Puppy? 7 p.m. <b>Arthur Phillips</b> The Song Is You	1 7 p.m. <b>Ali Allawi</b> The Crisis Of Islamic Civilization	2 1 p.m. <b>Wayne Horvitz</b> What's The Beef? 6 p.m. <b>Paul Chaat Smith</b> Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong