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OCT 27
Literary Lunch with Geraldine Brooks
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Tickets are $60 each and include lunch, remarks, and a hardcover copy of Geraldine Brooks' new novel, Horse.

OCT 27
Books & Brews Trivia
GOODWOOD LEXINGTON
In celebration of the Breeder's Cup, this year's trivia event features horse-themed books! Free and open to the public.

OCT 28
Commerce Lexington SPOTLIGHT Breakfast featuring Steve Wilson & Laura Lee Brown
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In partnership with Commerce Lexington, Steve Wilson & Laura Lee Brown will discuss their new book, Hermitage Farm. Tickets at commercelexington.com.

OCT 29
Final Festival Day featuring 150 Authors
JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS
The Kentucky Book Festival culminates in a daylong celebration! A full slate of programs—beginning with Wendell Berry & Crystal Wilkinson in conversation at 10:00AM—will occur inside Joseph-Beth and in surrounding sites at Lexington Green. Festival admission is free, but you must pre-register for programs with Barbara Kingsolver (Noon) and Jon Meacham (3:00PM). Visit kybookfestival.org/2022-events to register for programs and to see a detailed schedule and information about additional activities.
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**A Spot of New**
P. Anastasia is the Kentucky young adult and children’s author of the Fluorescence series. Her latest children’s book, *A Spot of New*, is a gentle and inspiring equine tale written to rouse courage in those seeking to chase their dreams even though it can be scary.

MARY KAY CARSON  
**The River that Wolves Moved: A True Tale from Yellowstone**
Mary Kay writes young people’s science, nature, and history books. In *The River that Wolves Moved*, she provides a step-by-step illustration of the unintentional but profound impact of human activity on nature.

DEBBIE DADEY  
**Frankenstein Doesn’t Plant Petunias**

LORI DEGMAN  
**Travel Guide for Monsters**
Lori used to be a full-time teacher, and now she’s a full-time picture book author. *Travel Guide for Monsters* contains all the information you’ll need to help you, your family, and your monster enjoy the sights from coast to coast and avoid monster-related mishaps.

CHRISTOPHER DENISE  
**Knight Owl**
Christopher has made a career of illustrating children’s books for other authors, but *Knight Owl* is the first book where he did the writing. It’s the story of an owl who has always wanted to be a knight—and what happens when he gets his big chance.

AMANDA DRISCOLL  
**Little Grump Truck**
Amanda is a graphic designer and author-illustrator of four picture books. *Little Grump Truck* shows kids that meditation and mindfulness can banish even the most serious case of the grumpies.

RACHEL ELLIOTT  
**The Real Riley Mayes**
Rachel teaches composition, multimedia writing, and writing comics at the University of Kentucky. *The Real Riley Mayes*, follows fifth-grade Riley as she discovers more about herself, navigates fearsome social challenges, and learns to create her own place in the world.

SAADIA FARUQI  
**Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party**
Saadia moved to the United States from Pakistan at age 22. She writes middle-grade novels and the Yasmin series for early readers. *Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party* finds Marya doing whatever (she thinks) it takes to build the best birthday party ever.

CHRISTINE ELIZABETH HERREN  
**Under the Angel Tree: The Eileen Series**
Christine is the co-founder of First Generation Women Achievers of the Bluegrass. *Under the Angel Tree* is the story of a little girl who is bullied by her friends only to discover the special magic that lives inside each of us.
The Kentucky Fishing Reel

A Brief History of Baitcasting, Bass Fishing and the Kentucky Reel
by authors William Hinkebein and Art B. Lander, Jr.

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WILL HILLENBRAND

Mighty Reader and the Reading Riddle
Will is the author/illustrator of over 70 books. Mighty Reader and the Reading Riddle is the story of Inky the pup, whose quest to find just the right book results in a medieval adventure worthy of song.

GREG HOWARD

The Visitors
Greg writes about LGBTQ characters and issues, writing the kind of books he wishes he’d had access to as a gay kid growing up in the South. The hero of the middle-grade novel The Visitors is a 12-year-old boy trapped in an obscure, otherworldly locale. Only friendship and understanding can help him escape.

LAURA KRANTZ

The Search for Sasquatch
Laura is a journalist whose Wild Thing podcast—about science, the unexplained, and human curiosity—inspired The Search for Sasquatch which explores the myth and reality surrounding Bigfoot and demonstrates the use of practical scientific principles to investigate impractical questions.

GEORGE ELLA LYON

Time to Fly
Former Kentucky Poet Laureate and inductee to the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame, George Ella adds a new picture book to her list of accomplishments. Time to Fly tracks Baby Bird’s passage from fear and doubt alone in the nest to flying about, along with the rest.

MELISSA MARTIN

Those Are Not My Underpants!
Melissa is a child therapist and writer who believes in the restorative power of laughter. Those Are Not My Underpants! follows Bear Cub on a quest through the forest to find out who belongs to the underpants he’s discovered. It’s funny, because underpants!

T. L. McBeth

Randy, the Badly Drawn Reindeer!
T.L. is a children’s book illustrator and has been the writer-illustrator for several books, including the Randy, the Badly Drawn Horse series. Randy, the Badly Drawn Reindeer! is a Christmas tale in which Randy, despite being a horse, has high hopes of joining Santa’s team of reindeer.

DANICA NOVGORODOFF

Alexander von Humboldt: Explorer, Naturalist, and Environmental Pioneer
Danica is a writer and New York Times bestselling illustrator. She wrote and illustrated Alexander von Humboldt, the biography of a man driven by curiosity and love of nature to explore the wild places of the earth.

CARMEN OLIVER

The Twilight Library
A picture book author, Carmen also teaches writing and is the founder of the Booking Biz, an agency for children’s authors. In The Twilight Library, the age-old power of stories is revealed for nocturnal creatures as they gather each night in the heart of the wilderness.

TIMOTHY A. PACK

Skacky: Adventures in Imagination
Timothy is an illustrator, artist, and writer. He wrote and illustrated Skacky: Adventures in Imagination, which takes you through the imagination, creativity, and sense of humor of a child on the autism spectrum and his beloved toys.

SHAWN PRYOR

Currency Control
Pryor is an author of many books for kids, including the Cash & Carrie series. Currency Control is the latest installment of Shawn’s The Gamer series. Young teen Tyler Morant suits up as the Gamer to oppose Cynthia Cyber and her minion Currency as they rob the digital world blind!

Marilyn Sadler

It’s Better Being a Bunny
A veteran children’s author, Marilyn loves to give her readers (and herself) a good laugh. It’s Better Being a Bunny is a beginning reader featuring P.J. Funnybunny, who wishes his mom would just let him do whatever he wants—until he finds out where that leads.

Doris Dearen Settles

Leira Clara’s Flowers
Doris, a writer and gardener, combines these two crafts in her latest picture book, Leira Clara’s Flowers. Leira Clara learns the joys of cultivating flowers and kindness, which she passes on to her grumpy neighbor, Mr. Thorney.

Brittany J. Thurman

Fly
Brittany is an author and playwright who lives in her childhood home of Louisville. Fly is Brittany’s picture book about Africa, a young Black girl who employs friendship, community, memories of her grandmother, and her courage to compete as a beginner in a double Dutch contest.

Kristin O’Donnell Tubb

The Decomposition of Jack
Kristin, a children’s author, lives near Nashville with her bouncy-loud family. The Decomposition of Jack is Kristin’s book about a
middle-school boy dealing with his parents’ divorce, a mysterious cougar, fitting in, helping out, and roadkill—lots and lots of roadkill.

JULIE WHITNEY

Astra The Lonely Airplane
Julie owns a public relations and marketing company. When her husband lost his job as a corporate pilot due to COVID-19, Julie was inspired to write Astra The Lonely Airplane, a picture book about a plane and its pilot facing the difficulties of getting grounded.

SARAH WINTER

The Great Toy Disaster
Sarah is a software developer, Girl Scout Troop leader, basketball coach, and aspiring flower farmer. The Great Toy Disaster is a nightly read to make straightening up at the end of a day of play fun!

JESSICA YOUNG

Baby’s Here
When Jessica was little, she wanted to be a tap-dancing flight attendant/veterinarian, but now she’s quite happy to be a children’s author. Baby’s Here is an interactive board book with a unique shape that encourages young readers to cradle, rock, and play with the babies in the pages; an ideal book for sibs-to-be!

Young Adult

DAVID ARNOLD

The Electric Kingdom
Arnold is a New York Times bestselling author of Mosquitoland and other titles. His post-catastrophic, genre-smashing novel The Electric Kingdom is a sweeping exploration of art, storytelling, the afterlife, and finding love in a world gone dark.

DAVID BELL

She’s Gone
Bell is a USA Today bestselling author and professor of English at Western Kentucky University, where he directs the MFA program. In his new thriller, She’s Gone, 17-year-old Hunter wakes up in the hospital after a car accident to learn that his girlfriend is missing—and that he’s a suspect in her disappearance.

HELENE DUNBAR

The Promise of Lost Things
In addition to writing YA novels, Dunbar has worked as a drama critic, journalist, and marketing manager. The Promise of Lost Things invites readers into St. Hilaire—a town that has built an industry of communing with the afterlife—to meet a diverse cast of characters, alive and dead.
HEATHER HENSON ➥

**Wrecked**
Henson is a novelist and managing director of Pioneer Playhouse, Kentucky’s oldest outdoor theater, which her father founded in 1950. Wrecked is set in Appalachia amidst the opioid epidemic: Mirri really likes Fen, the new kid in town, but his dad is DEA, and her dad is…something else entirely.

KAITLYN HILL ➥

**Love from Scratch**
Hill believes that all the world is not so much a stage as a romance novel. Love from Scratch is her first book. Southern girl Reece finds herself as an intern in Seattle competing for a lone job opening with the infuriating (but stimulating) Benny: will their rivalry give rise to romance?

ELIZABETH KILCOYNE ➥

**Wake the Bones**
Kilcoyne is an author, playwright, and poet from Kentucky. Her debut novel is Wake the Bones: returning to her family farm after dropping out of college, a young woman must face everyday challenges and a dark supernatural legacy that threatens to steal everything she loves.

JENNY O’NEILL ➥

**The Freethinker’s Daughter**
O’Neill is the author of four YA novels, including the acclaimed Goodbye and Keep Cold. The Freethinker’s Daughter is set almost 200 years ago in Lexington: an abolitionist girl navigates the horrors of slavery and epidemic using her progressive upbringing and innate courage.

BRYAN PROSEK ➥

**A Measure of Serenity**
Business attorney and author Prosek offers his second young adult novel, A Measure of Serenity. When Serenity’s father goes missing, the young genius soon finds herself in a dystopic parallel dimension, where she must take on the identity of her slain alter ego to protect her home universe.

LYNN SLAUGHTER ➥

**Deadly Setup**
Formerly a professional dancer and dance educator, Slaughter now writes coming-of-age romantic mysteries. In Deadly Setup, 17-year-old Sam finds herself on trial for the murder of her mom’s new beau and is forced to choose between loyalty and freedom.

JULIA WATTS ➥

**Needlework**
Watts’ books, set in her native Appalachia, often depict the lives of LGBTQ people in the Bible Belt. In Needlework, Kody, a 16-year-old boy with a love of quilting, cooking, and Dolly Parton—helps his grandma care for his opioid-addicted mother until the discovery of a family secret upends his life.

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ASHLEY BLOOMS ➥

**Where I Can’t Follow**
Blooms received her MFA as a John and Renee Grisham Fellow from the University of Mississippi. Where I Can’t Follow is set in Appalachian Kentucky with a strand of magical realism. Maren Walker must choose between her present bleak circumstances and a mysterious destination from which none can return.

GWENDA BOND ➥

**The Date from Hell**
Bond is the New York Times bestselling author of many novels, including the Lois Lane and Cirque American trilogies. She and her husband, fellow festival author Christopher Rowe, live in Lexington. The Date from Hell is the rom-comedic, paranormal sequel to Bond’s Not Your Average Hot Guy.

HALLEE BRIDGEMAN ➥

**Honor Bound**
USA Today bestselling author Bridgeman writes action-driven romantic suspense novels. In Honor Bound, a medical missionary is rescued by an elite soldier in war-ravaged Africa. As this unlikely duo struggles against hostile forces—and each other—an unforeseen attraction develops between them.

GERALDINE BROOKS

**Horse**
Brooks, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of March and People of the Book, offers a novel with deep roots in our local history with Horse. Brooks deftly weaves visual art, racism, and forensic science into the fading history of Lexington, a real-life 19th-century equine champion to create a vibrant tapestry.

ANNETTE SAUONOOKE CLAPSADDLE

**Even As We Breathe**
Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, holds degrees from Yale and William & Mary. Even As We Breathe explores the immutable nature of the human spirit and the idea that physical existence, with all its strife and injustice, will not be humanity’s lasting legacy.

LEE COLE ➥

**Groundskeeping**
Cole was born and grew up in rural Kentucky. In Groundskeeping, a young man attempting to rediscover his place in the world begins a secret romance with a woman from a decidedly different background.

BOBI CONN ➥

**A Woman in Time**
Conn is the author of the Appalachian memoir In the Shadow of the Valley. In her first novel, A Woman in Time, Rosalee, increasingly fettered by her station as a woman at the end of her matrilineal line in prohibition-era Appalachia, finds solace in the deep forest as she navigates between loneliness and self-reliance.

DE DE COX ➥

**Stolen Roses**
Cox is a romance author from Rooster Run, KY. In a tale of romantic generosity reminiscent of “The Gift of the Magi,” Stolen Roses begins with a misunderstanding between longtime friends that threatens to divide their paths forever but might result in a true loving partnership.
MICHAEL EMBRY
**Reunion of Familiar Strangers**
A veteran journalist and author living in Frankfort, Embry offers the fifth novel in his John Ross Boomer Lit series. In this book, John and his wife Sally attend their 50th high school reunion and experience a weekend of encounters that include flirtation, fighting, and flashbacks.

ANN H. GABHART
**When the Meadow Blooms**
Gabhart’s many novels are set in her home state of Kentucky. Her latest novel, *When the Meadow Blooms*, takes place in the early 20th century on a picturesque family farm. Each of Gabhart’s characters is offered a much-needed chance for recovery if they can fall back on their faith.

CHRIS HELVEY
**Into the Wilderness**
Helvey is a longtime author and editor-in-chief of *Trajectory Journal*. His latest novel, *Into the Wilderness*, finds Dave retreating to his hometown of Frankfort amidst a midlife crisis, only to stumble into a state government corruption scandal.

SILAS HOUSE
**Lark Ascending**
House is the New York Times bestselling author of six novels and one book of creative nonfiction. *Lark Ascending* follows Lark and his impromptu family of fellow refugees as they struggle to find a haven in a near-future world of widespread ecological, political, and civil dangers.

ANGELA JACKSON-BROWN
**The Light Always Breaks**
Jackson-Brown is an author, poet, and playwright and serves on the graduate faculty at Spalding University. In *The Light Always Breaks*, an inconvenient romance blooms between a successful Black entrepreneur and a white junior senator from Georgia in post-WWII Washington, DC.

R.J. JACOBS
**Always the First to Die**
A practicing psychologist who has written his third psychological thriller, Jacobs lives and works in Nashville. In *Always the First to Die*, a dilapidated manor house in the Florida Keys is the setting for deadly secrets—first for a young actress, and then for herself and her daughter a generation later.

BARBARA KINGSOVER
**Demon Copperhead**
Kingsolver was awarded the National Humanities Medal, our country’s highest honor for service through the arts. She lives in Appalachian Virginia with her family. *Demon Copperhead* is the story of a person and the place he comes from, both of whom have the odds stacked against them from the outset. Kingsolver’s visit is sponsored by Transylvania University.
BOBBIE ANN MASON  

Dear Ann
Mason is the author of numerous books, including Clear Springs, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. In Dear Ann, she captures the excitement of youth and the nostalgia of age, and relates how consideration of the road not taken can illuminate, and perhaps overtake, our present.

CATHERINE MCKENZIE

Please Join Us
McKenzie was born and raised in Montreal, Canada and practiced law for 20 years before leaving the practice to write full time. Please Join Us is a propulsive thriller centering on one woman’s entrance into a secretive organization that promises all the success she could hope for—but at what cost?

JESS MONTGOMERY

The Echoes
Montgomery is a literary journalist and author of the Kinship series of historical Appalachian mysteries who lives in Ohio. In The Echoes, intertwined old family secrets have created new havoc for Sheriff Lily Ross and her Appalachian community.

LO PATRICK

The Floating Girls
Patrick is a lawyer-turned-novelist living in Atlanta. The Floating Girls is her debut. This coming-of-age family drama is told from the perspective of a feisty 12-year-old girl—reminiscent of a modern-day Scout Finch—as she unravels the secrets that threaten her entire family.

MARK POWELL

Lioness
Powell directs the creative writing program at Appalachian State University. Lioness, an explosive literary thriller, explores the uncertain boundaries between activism and terrorism, love and obsession, and personal idealism versus “greater good.”

BETH PUGH

The Santa Run
Born and raised in the hills of eastern Kentucky, Pugh has completed her second novel in the Pine Valley Holiday series. The Santa Run is Pine Valley’s oldest tradition, and as Eliza works closely with Bennett to help it succeed, the promise of romance develops.

SHERRY ROBINSON

Shadows Hold Their Breath
A retired vice-provost and English professor at Eastern Kentucky University, Robinson was born and educated in central Kentucky. Her third novel is Shadows Hold Their Breath. Propelled by unresolved grief, Kat impulsively abandons her husband and children in pursuit of an intangible resolution.

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DENOTES KENTUCKY AUTHOR

CHRISTOPHER ROWE

These Prisoning Hills
Rowe lives in Lexington with his wife (and fellow festival author), Gwenda Bond. These Prisoning Hills is Rowe’s post-apocalyptic Appalachian “weird fiction” novella portraying humanity’s struggle against a near-omnipotent artificial intelligence: Athena Parthenus, Queen of Reason.

JESSICA STRAWSER

The Next Thing You Know
Strawser is a novelist and editor-at-large at Writer’s Digest who lives in Cincinnati with her family. An end-of-life doula meets a musician afflicted whose life and career are threatened by health issues in The Next Thing You Know, and it might be the hardest, best thing that’s ever happened to them both.

ERIN KATE RYAN

Quantum Girl Theory
Ryan is a writer from New York who earned numerous fellowships and grants for the writing of her debut novel, Quantum Girl Theory. Departing from the actual unsolved disappearance of college student Paula Jean Welden, each chapter includes a life Welden may have lived after she vanished.

JUDITH TURNER-YAMAMOTO

Loving The Dead And Gone
An art historian, journalist, and writing educator, Turner-Yamamoto lives in Cincinnati with her husband. Loving The Dead And Gone, her first novel, is a story about the people left behind after a fatal accident—a witness, the victim’s widow, and his mother—and the passion, need, and pain that result.

IGIABA SCEGO

The Color Line
Scego was born in Rome to a family of Somali ancestry. She is a journalist, author, and editor living in Italy. The Color Line weaves the stories of two Afro-Italian female artists, born over 100 years apart, exploring what has—and hasn’t—changed for Black women since the mid-19th century.

C.W. SHUMATE

Ghosts of Blackberry Holler
Shumate shifted from a Kentucky farm upbringing to a business career, and now adds writing to his catalog of pursuits with Ghosts of Blackberry Holler. Still reeling from the horrors of the Civil War, Harper—a Union veteran—finds healing and grace in the friendship with a former enemy.

JAYNE MOORE WALDROP

Drowned Town
Waldrop is a Kentucky poet, author, and attorney. Drowned Town explores the multigenerational impact caused by the loss of home and illuminates the joys and sorrows of a group of people bound together by the formation of Lake Barkley, Kentucky Lake, and Land Between the Lakes.

SHEILA STOVALL

Every Day Filled with Hope
Stovall is the director of a small-town library in southern Kentucky and lives on a farm with her husband. In her second Welden novel, Every Day Filled With Hope, Casey is contacted by the daughter she put up for adoption 19 years ago, and she must now address old regrets to avoid creating new ones.

JESS WRIGHT

A Stream to Follow
Wright is a psychiatrist, author, and psychiatry professor at the University of Louisville. A Stream to Follow is his first novel, the story of a WWII-veteran battlefield surgeon and his attempt to find peace, purpose, love, and home as the echoes of war continue to affect his life.

JEREMY PADEN

Self-Portrait as an Iguana
Paden was born in Milan, Italy, and raised in Central America and the Caribbean. He is a professor of Spanish at Transylvania University. Self-Portrait as an Iguana includes poems in English and Spanish united by threads of reverse anthropomorphism and the conception of home.

MELVA SUE PRIDDY

The Tillable Land: Poems
Priddy grew up working on her family’s dairy and tobacco farm in Hardin County and taught English Language Arts and Creative Writing for 20 years. In her debut collection, The Tillable Land, Priddy tells the story of a girlhood made of both land and family in midcentury Kentucky.

B. ELIZABETH BECK

Mama Tried
Beck is a writer and founder of the Teen Howl Poetry Series, which serves young writers in central Kentucky. Mama Tried is Beck’s collection of poems that take us into a classroom of at-risk children and the journey through motherhood.

PAULETTA HANSEL

Heartbreak Tree
Hansel is a former managing editor of Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel and was Cincinnati’s first Poet Laureate. Heartbreak Tree is a poetic exploration of the intersection of gender and place in Appalachia, honoring the forbidden stories of her own and other women's lives.

DAMARIS B. HILL

Breath Better Spent: Living Black Girlhood
Hill is an associate professor of creative writing at the University of Kentucky and a former service member of the United States Air Force. Breath Better Spent is a book of narrative in verse that takes a personal and historical look at the experience of Black girlhood.
**DANNI QUINTOS**

**Two Brown Dots**

Quintos is a Kentuckian, a mom, an educator, and an Affrilachian Poet. She lives in Lexington with her kid & farmer-spouse. Two Brown Dots explores what it means to be a racially ambiguous, multiethnic, Asian American woman growing up in Kentucky.

**FRANK X WALKER**

**Buffalo Dance: The Journey of York, Expanded Edition**

Walker, the first African American writer to be named Kentucky Poet Laureate, is an artist and educator. Buffalo Dance recounts the Lewis and Clark expedition from the point of view of York, who was enslaved to Clark. This expanded edition features a new historical essay, preface, and 16 additional poems.

**CRYSTAL WILKINSON**

**Perfect Black**

Wilkinson, Kentucky’s Poet Laureate, is the author of three works of fiction and Perfect Black, her collection of poetry and prose. This book is a captivating conversation about life, love, loss, and pain, interwoven with striking illustrations by her long-time partner, Ronald W. Davis.

**MARIANNE WORTHINGTON**

**The Girl Singer**

Worthington is a poet, editor, and co-founder of Still: The Journal. Worthington’s first poetry collection, The Girl Singer, sketches local, familial, and personal histories across rural Appalachia.

**W. RON ADAMS**

**Coal Mine to Courtroom: A Quadriplegic’s Memoir of Relentless Faith, Courage, and Eternal Success**

Adams is an attorney and owns a law firm in Erlanger. Coal Mine to Courtroom is his debut memoir. Adams was a high-school basketball star with NBA dreams until a coal-mining accident left him a quadriplegic. His life since that day includes many stories, told with great candor, that depict a successful life.

**RACHAEL ADAMS**

**A Little Goes a Long Way: 52 Days to a Significant Life**

Adams is a spiritual writer and podcaster and runs a farm and business with her family. A Little Goes a Long Way was written to help women realize their God-given purpose. In 52 devotions, Adams shares her stories and suggests prayers and actions that build and improve one’s relationship with God.

**FARRAH ALEXANDER**

**Resistance in the Bluegrass: Empowering the Commonwealth**

Alexander is a writer whose work focuses on feminism, parenting, social justice, politics, and current events. Resistance in the Bluegrass gives citizens inspiration and guidance for how they can make a difference across the Commonwealth.

**AMY ARGETSINGER**

**There She Was: The Secret History of Miss America**

Argetsinger is an editor for the Washington Post's style section. There She Was explores a pop-culture icon on its 100th anniversary, featuring a pageant history with accounts from pageant winners, a closer look at the 2020 contest, and a chapter on Phyllis George.

**PAUL W. BASS**

**Kentucky Innovators: Famous (and Infamous) Kentuckians Who Led the Way in Their Field**

An educator, pastor, and champion debate coach, Bass lives in Missouri with his wife. Kentucky Innovators presents 75 exceptional Kentuckians who have made significant contributions to fine arts, education and literature, business and industry, science and technology, politics and the military, athletics, and more.

**CHRIS BELCHER**

**Pretty Baby: A Memoir**

Belcher is a professor of writing and gender & sexuality studies at the University of Southern California. Pretty Baby observes a small-town Appalachian girl coming out as queer, moonlighting as a dominatrix for male clients in LA, and developing her professional academic career along with incisive theories on male desire.

**WENDELL BERRY**

**The Need to be Whole: Patriotism and the History of Prejudice**
Berry, a poet, farmer, critic, storyteller, and activist, is a recipient of the National Humanities Medal. *The Need to be Whole* uses history to illuminate the American-endemic practice of dispossession, tracing it to a deeply unhealthy present relationship with our world—and an unsustainable future.

**EMILY BINGHAM**

**My Old Kentucky Home: The Astonishing Life and Reckoning of an Iconic American Song**

Bingham is currently Visiting Honors Faculty Fellow at Bellarmine University. In *My Old Kentucky Home*, Bingham explores the eponymous song’s rich history, its complex relationship to—and reflection of—evolving conceptions of slavery and race, and its past and present roles in American culture.

**DONALD A. RITCHIE & TERRY L. BIRDWHISTELL**


Ritchie is historian emeritus of the United States Senate. Birdwhistell is founding director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History. Their book enlivens the story of Bess Abell, a political impresario through the Johnson administration and beyond, through the anecdotes and comments of her peers.

**WINFREY P. BLACKBURN JR. & R. SCOTT GILL**

**Gideon Shryock: His Life and Architecture, 1802-1880**

Blackburn is an attorney in Louisville. Gill teaches architectural history and practices real estate in Austin. *Gideon Shryock* biographs Kentucky’s first formally trained architect, who brought the Greek Revival style to Kentucky, and imparted a template of architectural and professional dignity for others to follow.

**DAVID W. BLIGHT**

**Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom**

Blight is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and the Sterling Professor of History and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University. *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, now in paperback, is an extensive biography, drawing on new information about Douglass.

**LAURIE M. BROCK**

**God, Grace, and Horses: Life Lessons from the Saddle**

Brock is an Episcopal priest and attorney. Having taken up riding after moving to Kentucky, Brock has discovered revelations from God and attendant peace in the saddle. *God, Grace, and Horses* shares the love, grief, humility, joy, and wisdom that she discovers with horses.
DAN CANON

**Pleading Out: How Plea Bargaining Creates a Permanent Criminal Class**
Canon is a civil rights lawyer and a law professor at the University of Louisville. *Pleading Out* is a critique of America’s assembly-line approach to criminal justice and the shameful practice at its core: the plea bargain.

DENNIS CARRIGAN

**Ashland: 100 Years of a Lexington, Kentucky Neighborhood**
Ashland, written by Ashland resident Carrigan and featuring photographs by Walter Foreman, provides a sketch of the historic neighborhood surrounding the Henry Clay estate. The development of this neighborhood was administered by Clay’s heirs in the early 20th century and designed by Olmsted Brothers, the scions of Frederick Law Olmsted.

TOM CLAVIN

**The Last Hill: The Epic Story of a Ranger Battalion and the Battle That Defined WWII**
Clavin is a *New York Times* bestselling author of 18 nonfiction books. *The Last Hill* recounts the “Rudder’s Rangers,” the US Army’s most elite and experienced attack unit, and their mission to take the heavily contested Castle Hill—the gateway to the German homeland in WWII.

KEVIN COOK

**House of Champions: The Story of Kentucky Basketball’s Home Courts**
In addition to writing, Cook has worked as a naval officer, a high school teacher, and a corporate salesperson. *House of Champions* combines archival research and interviews with players and coaches to reveal the history and colorful details of the structures that have hosted UK basketball.

ERIC DETERS

**The Butcher Of Pakistan**
Deters is a lawyer, author, media personality and a candidate for KY governor. *The Butcher Of Pakistan* is the story of a twelve-year lawsuit, the medical wrongdoing that brought it about, and the victims’ fight to be made whole.

ST. CLAIR DETRICK-JULES

**My Beautiful Black Hair: 101 Natural Hair Stories from the Sisterhood**
Detrick-Jules is a filmmaker, photographer, author, and activist. A photo-illustrated collection of empowering stories, *My Beautiful Black Hair* celebrates the “top” visual aspect of Black femininity—natural hair—and embraces it as a central part of Black womanhood.

KATHLEEN DRISKELL & KATY YOCUM, EDS.

**Creativity & Compassion: Spalding Writers Celebrate 20 Years**
Driskell is Chair of the Graduate School Of Writing at Spalding University. Yocom is the associate director for communications at Spalding University. Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Spalding low-residency MFA in Writing program, *Creativity & Compassion* collects essays from the MFA faculty blog.

RON ELLIS

**Yonder: Tales from an Outdoor Life**
Ellis is an outdoor sportsman and author/editor of books on outdoor life. *Yonder* is a gathering of memories that Ellis enjoyed while outdoors: hunting, fly-fishing, hiking, and camping. These essays tell of the cherished friends, family, and traditions in Ellis’ outdoor life.

ARWEN DONAHUE

**Landings: A Crooked Creek Farm Year**
Donahue is an interdisciplinary writer, artist, farmer, and oral historian. In 130 ink-and-watercolor drawings with accompanying essays, *Landings* conveys the story of one year on a family farm in Kentucky—in captured moments from its daily life.

DANIEL EPSTEIN

**Portraits of Faith**
Formerly a marketing director at Procter & Gamble, Epstein is a marketing and innovation consultant. He lives in Cincinnati. *Portraits of Faith* combines photographs and essays to document the role of spiritual experience inside and outside of formal religion, expected and unexpected, told in people’s own words.
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Ervick is an author, artist, mother, and professor of creative writing at Indiana University. The Keeper is the coming-of-age graphic memoir of a young goalkeeper on a top national soccer team in the 1980s and how it shaped her life—as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

Well of Souls: Uncovering the Banjo's Hidden History

KRISTINA R. GADDY

Gaddy is a Baltimore journalist and author of Flowers in the Gutter. The banjo has a centuries-old and largely forgotten history, now re-illuminated in Well of Souls. Gaddy uncovers the banjo’s West African, Caribbean, and American heritage and its key role in Black spirituality, ritual, and rebellion.

The Other Dr. Gilmer: Two Men, A Murder, and an Unlikely Fight for Justice

BENJAMIN GILMER

Gilmer is a family medicine physician and lives with his family in Asheville. An expansion on a popular This American Life episode, The Other Dr. Gilmer recounts a shocking murder by a beloved family doctor and examines the roles of healing and punishment in our society.

Sleeper Agent: The Atomic Spy in America Who Got Away

ANN HAGEDORN

Hagedorn is a journalist, writing educator, and author of six books including Wild Ride, about Calumet Farm. Sleeper Agent is the story of a charming all-American boy who infiltrated the Manhattan project, passed atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, and avoided prosecution.

The Missing Body of the Fox: A Memoir

JAMES BAKER HALL

A Poet Laureate of Kentucky, Hall (1935-2009) was a photographer, author, and educator. Hall’s memoir includes dozens of his photographs and maps the effects of his mother’s tragic death on his boyhood and adult life. His wife, writer Mary Ann Taylor-Hall, appears on Hall’s behalf at the Kentucky Book Festival.

Kentucky Hustler: The Terry Hatton Story

TERRY HATON & JEREMY RICE

Hatton is co-founder of Malibu Jack’s indoor theme parks. Rice is a fiction writer, poet, and essayist. Kentucky Hustler is Hatton’s story: after navigating an international criminal underworld while raising his family in the Mormon Church, Hatton brings a chain of indoor theme parks to Kentucky.

The Lady and The Legacy: The Bradshaw Story

TRACY HILANDER

Hilander is a lifelong resident of Georgetown, and The Lady and The Legacy is his first book. Margie Ellen Bradshaw, the recluse wife of Saddlebred champion rider and trainer Frank Bradshaw, teams with Hilander to save her Scott County farm and preserve the Bradshaw legacy.

A Brief History of Baitcasting, Bass Fishing & the Kentucky Reel

WILLIAM HINKEBEIN & ART LANDER

Hinkebein is a longtime antique fishing tackle enthusiast. A veteran outdoors journalist, Lander serves as outdoors editor of Kentucky Forward. Generously illustrated with photos, A Brief History denotes the importance of the Kentucky Reel in the history of baitcasting and bass fishing.

Receiving Our Healing: Going to War on our Knees

WILLIAM F. HOLLAND JR.

A minister, faith journalist, musician, and author, Holland lives in central Kentucky. His third book, Receiving Our Healing, combines commentary on the scriptures, spiritual insights, and accounts of modern-day miracles to strengthen those who are seeking to know God—and God’s will—more intimately.

Buried Talents: Overcoming Gendered Socialization to Answer God’s Call

SUSAN HARRIS HOWELL

Howell, a psychologist, teaches courses in gender studies and the integration of faith and science at Campbellsville University. Buried Talents elucidates Howell’s passion: helping students and readers recognize the impact gendered socialization has on the decisions they make, particularly career choices.

Kentucky Passion: Wildcat Wisdom and Inspiration

DR. JOHN HUANG & DEL DUDUIT

Huang is a retired orthodontist, now the editor-in-chief for JustTheCats.com. Duduit is a nonfiction author and former sportswriter from Ohio. Kentucky Passion helps Wildcat basketball fans re-experience some of the most memorable seasons, meet players and coaches, and find inspiration from Wildcat history.

Handed a Greater Purpose

JASON KOGER

Koger lives in western Kentucky with his family. Handed a Greater Purpose is his story: the first bilateral upper arm amputee in the world to be fitted with two multi-articulating bionic hands. Today, he encourages others to live a life without limitations.

Shari Lewis & Lamb Chop: The Team That Changed Children's Television

MALLORY LEWIS

Lewis is an entertainer, philanthropist, and author. She tells her mother’s story in Shari Lewis & Lamb Chop. The legendary performer who delighted children for decades had many little-known aspects to her personal and...
professional life, many of which Lewis now shares in this revealing book.

SUSAN E. LINDSEY
Liberty Brought Us Here: The True Story of American Slaves Who Migrated to Liberia
Lindsey is co-author and editor of Speed Family Heritage Recipes. Liberty Brought Us Here explores the motives and attitudes of Liberian colonists and colonization supporters, both before and after emancipation in the United States.

JOHN N. MACLEAN
Home Waters: A Chronicle of Family and a River
In the spirit of his father’s classic A River Runs Through It comes a chronicle of a family and the land they call home: Home Waters is Maclean’s meditation on fly fishing and life along Montana’s Blackfoot River. Maclean is a journalist and author who divides his time between Montana and Washington, DC.

ALAN MAIMON
Twilight in Hazard: An Appalachian Reckoning
Maimon is an author and journalist, formerly reporting for the Louisville Courier-Journal. Twilight in Hazard is an intimate portrait of a people staring down some of the most pernicious forces at work in America today while simultaneously being asked: How could you let this happen to yourselves?

LUKE MANGET
Ginseng Diggers: A History of Root and Herb Gathering in Appalachia
Manget is an assistant professor of history at Dalton State College in Georgia. Ginseng Diggers looks back almost two centuries to unearth the development of the unique relationship between southern Appalachia and the global trade in medicinal plants that exists to this day.

TRAVIS L. MARTIN
War & Homecoming: Veteran Identity and the Post-9/11 Generation
Martin is founding director of the Kentucky Center for Veterans Studies at Eastern Kentucky University and a veteran of the Iraq War. War & Homecoming examines representations of veterans in patriotic rhetoric, popular media, and literature to illuminate a new veteran identity—focused on the present, not the past.

KEVEN MCQUEEN
Bizarre Bluegrass
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FOSTER OCKERMAN JR.
A New History of Lexington, Kentucky
Ockerman is a historian, attorney, author, and president of the Lexington History Museum. A New History of Lexington, Kentucky presents many of the people, events, and places that make up the city’s rich history as Lexington approaches its 250th year.

CHAD OLDFATHER
A Man Walks into a Barn: Navigating Fatherhood in the Flawed and Fascinating World of Horses
Oldfather is a professor at Marquette University Law School. When his daughters first became obsessed with horses, Oldfather found himself entering a new world. At turns funny and alarming, A Man Walks into a Barn looks at both the light and dark sides of youth sports, and equestrianism in particular.

JANE OLMSTED
The Tree You Come Home To
Olmsted is a poet and retired professor of English at Western Kentucky University. The Tree You Come Home To is the story of her family’s struggle with mental illness, addiction, and the crises that followed the murder of her youngest son, offering hope and guidance for those with similar family issues.

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**Wicked Western Kentucky**
Parker is the vice-president of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society and lives in Paducah with his family. *Wicked Western Kentucky* is a literary tour of the darker side of the region, with 15 accounts of wrongdoing and woe including the Murray vampire cult and more.

Mary Perdue

**Landaluce: The Story of Seattle Slew’s First Champion**
Perdue is a freelance turf writer and a winner of the Equus WINNIE award. The first successful issue of Seattle Slew, filly Landaluce had a very promising early career until she suddenly died of a mysterious virus. In *Landaluce*, Perdue revisits the pedigree and promise of a champion thoroughbred.

Mark Reese ➤

**A Life’s Journey Outdoors**
Reese served as an extension agent for Estill and Scott Counties and contributes outdoors articles to the (Irvine) *Citizen Voice* and *Times*. *A Life’s Journey Outdoors*, celebrates the rich life of the natural world, whether hunting, fishing, or observing nature’s sensorial bounty.

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**The Whole Body Reset: Your Weight-Loss Plan for a Flat Belly, Optimum Health & a Body You’ll Love at Midlife and Beyond**
Best-selling health & nutrition author Perrine teams with nutritionist and exercise physiologist Skolnik to present *The Whole Body Reset*, which defeats the notion that weight gain comes with age. The authors reveal how simple changes to the way we eat can halt, and even reverse, age-related weight gain and muscle loss. This visit is sponsored by AARP Kentucky.

Wilfred Reilly ➤

**Taboo: Ten Facts You Can’t Talk About**
Reilly is an author and associate professor of political science at Kentucky State University. Despite the potential social dangers of discussing race, gender, or class issues today, Reilly fearlessly offers *Taboo*, using real data in presenting 10 truths—and analyzing why the mainstream is so reluctant to look at them.

Randolph Paul Runyon ➤

**The Assault on Elisha Green: Race and Religion in a Kentucky Community**
Runyon is a retired professor of French and the author of many books. *The Assault on Elisha Green* is the story of a Black preacher, his assault at the hands of white educators, and the lawsuit that followed. Runyon reveals the true character of the primary actors and the racial tensions unique to a border state.

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Stamper is the author of three creative nonfiction books and lives in Lexington. Small Acreages completes a trilogy of connected essays that are candid and personal, but also resonant and universal. Stamper puts her generous heart and honed sense of humor to good use in these writings.

RICHARD TAYLOR

Elkhorn: Evolution of a Kentucky Landscape

Taylor is professor of English and Kenan Visiting Writer at Transylvania University and former Poet Laureate of Kentucky. Like Thoreau’s Walden Pond, Elkhorn Creek has been a touchstone for Taylor. Elkhorn is a unique recipe: personal narrative blended with regional history and seasoned with illustrations.

NANCY STEARNS THEISS

A Hidden History of LaGrange, Kentucky

Theiss is the director of the Oldham County History Center and a former Courier-Journal history columnist. This book uncovers the fascinating aspects of LaGrange’s history using oral histories she has collected from locals over the last 18 years.

GWINN THOMPSON & JERRY M. COLEMAN

The Lincoln Family: Its Lost & Hidden History

Thompson is a retired high school English teacher, realtor and historian. Coleman is an attorney, historian, and author. The Lincoln Family focuses on the early lives of the Lincolns in Kentucky’s Hardin and Washington Counties, dispelling myths and misinformation that have been perpetuated for over two centuries.

JYOTI THOTTAM

Sisters of Mokama: The Pioneering Women Who Brought Hope and Healing to India

Thottam is a journalist, currently a senior opinion editor at The New York Times. Sisters of Mokama is the never-before-told story of six intrepid Kentucky nuns, their journey to build a hospital in the poorest state in India, and the Indian nurses—including Thottam’s mother—whose lives would never be the same.

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Phyllis George: Shattering the Ceiling

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Kentucky’s First Senator: The Life and Times of John Brown 1757-1837

Walker has led a diverse career in defense, government, and academia. His second book, Kentucky’s First Senator, unearths the life of John Brown, who, despite his role as a father of Kentucky statehood, plus other important contributions and associations in his day, has been largely minimized by historians.

CHARLES DODD WHITE

A Year without Months

White, a celebrated Appalachian author, teaches English at Pellissippi State Community College. A Year without Months is White’s collection of essays that explore the boundaries of family, loss, masculinity, and place in the wake of tremendous personal and family tragedy.

HEATHER WIBBELS

Bourbon Is My Comfort Food

Wibbels is a photographer, digital marketer, and mixologist. Bourbon Is My Comfort Food reveals the delicious beauty of bourbon cocktails and the joy of creating them, showcasing more than 140 variations on classic bourbon cocktails.

STEVE WILSON & LAURA LEE BROWN

Hermitage Farm

Husband-and-wife duo Wilson and Brown co-founded 21c Museum Hotels, Kentucky Bison Co., Garage Bar, and Barn8 Restaurant. Hermitage Farm showcases their latest project, using photographs, poems, and stories that capture the beauty, grace, and flavor of a place that is quintessentially Kentucky.

AMELIA ZACHRY

Enough: A Memoir of Mistakes, Mania, and Motherhood

Zachry currently resides in Lexington with her family. Enough is her memoir, a courageous exposition of the sexual assault and mental illness that threatened to limit and define Zachry, and the resilience—tempered with acceptance—that helped her achieve sustenance and growth.

STAN “J.R.” ZERKOWSKI

Coming Out and Coming Home: A Gay Catholic Man’s Journey from Marginalization to Ministry, with a Few Miracles along the Way

Zerkowski, a community activist, is founder and executive director of Fortunate Families Lexington. Coming Out and Coming Home is the story of his struggle to embrace his identity as a gay man and to reconcile it with his deeply rooted Polish Catholicism—and a call for healing, compassion, dignity, and inclusion.
I have found the Baxter's Corner series to be a great teaching tool for my young readers from preschool all the way up to 3rd grade. The kids love interacting with the puppets, and the dedicated corner in our library allows students to revisit all the books and characters throughout the year. The thoughtfully designed lessons make my job so much easier.

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