

BOOKS & POETRY

Edited by Meghan Kavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

BOSTON POETRY SLAM *The Cantab Lounge*, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$3. 18+. College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational teams compete as a warm-up for the April event.

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. **Michael Finkel** signs copies of *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit*, the true story of a man who spent nearly three decades living in the woods in Maine.

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. In conversation with Andre Dubus III, **Marcia Butler** discusses *The Skin Above My Knee*, her memoir about pursuing a career as oboist amid a troubled personal life.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. **Bernhard Schlink** reads from *The Woman on the Stairs*, his novel about a destructive love triangle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. Poets **Ben Berman** and **Krysten Hill** read from their respective collections, *Figuring in the Figure* and *How Her Spirit Got Out*.

NEWTONVILLE BOOKS 10 Langley Road, Newton (617-244-6619) newtonvillebooks.com. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Centre. 7 pm. **Rick Beyer** reads from *Rivals Unto Death: Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr*.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. In conversation with Josh Cook, **Joshua Mohr** discusses *Sirens*, his debut memoir about his life and substance abuse.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. In conversation with Joanna Rakoff, **Ellen Umansky** discusses *The Fortunate Ones*, her debut novel about two women from different centuries who are connected through a painting.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. **Tom Nealon** discusses *Food Fights and Culture Wars: A Secret History of Taste*, his look at the stories behind food trends and dining throughout time.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

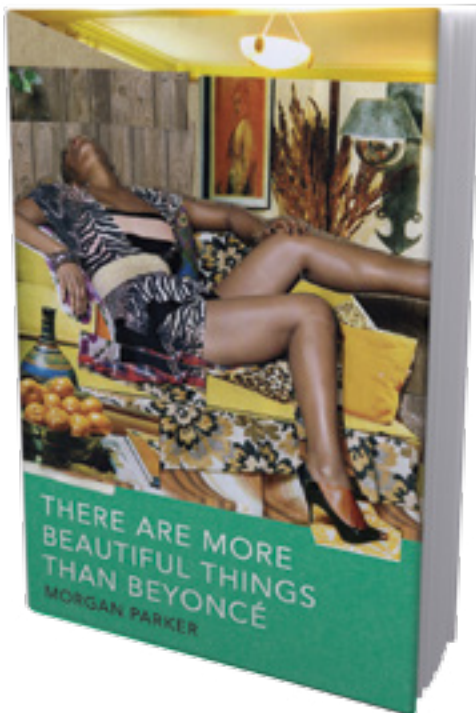
PAPERCUTS J.P. *La Rana Rossa*, 154 Green St., Boston (617-522-3404) papercutsjp.com. MBTA: Orange Line to Green St. 7 pm. \$5. **Julie Lekstrom Himes** shares *Mikhail and Margarita*, her novel about a love triangle in 1930s Russia. **Jim Shepard** presents *The World to Come*, his collection of stories about exploration and adventure.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

THE HAWTHORNE 500A Comm. Ave., Boston (617-532-9150) thehawthornebar.com. MBTA: Green Line to Kenmore. 5 pm. Journalist **Robert Simonson** celebrates *A Proper Drink: The Untold Story of How a Band of Bartenders Saved the Civilized Drinking World*, his history of the craft cocktail movement.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. **Morgan Parker**



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Members of the Beyhive, fret not: *There Are More Beautiful Things Than Beyoncé* isn't a takedown attempting to dethrone Queen Bey, but rather the second collection from poet Morgan Parker (who does opt to point out the wonder in everyday moments, finding beauty in self-awareness and clumps of mascara). In 40-odd poems, the Gatewood Prize winner draws on personal experiences and pop-cultural touchstones—the world-famous entertainer included—to explore black womanhood in America today, using a confident vulnerability to confront sorrow, joy and sex. Go more than skin deep when Parker visits Brookline Booksmith for a reading on March 21. | *Katja Vujic*

reads from her feminist poetry collection *There Are More Beautiful Things Than Beyoncé*.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. In conversation with Steve Himmer, **Edmund Gordon** discusses *The Invention of Angela Carter*, his biography of the English writer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

BOSTON POETRY SLAM *The Cantab Lounge*, 738 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-354-2685) bostonpoetryslam.com. MBTA: Red Line to Central. 8 pm. \$3. 18+.

Deonte Osayande performs at this open-mic night. **BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY** 700 Boylston St., Boston (617-536-5400) bpl.org. MBTA: Green Line to Copley. 6 pm. **Reginald Dwayne Betts** reads from his poetry collections, *Shahid Reads His Own Palm* and *Bastards of the Reagan Era*.

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. **Kate Alcott** presents *The Hollywood Daughter*, her novel about family secrets in old Hollywood.

HARVARD BOOK STORE Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Green Line to Copley. 6 pm. \$5. In conversation with Jabari Asim, Frank Rudy Cooper and Anthony Brooks, MSNBC news anchor **Chris Hayes** discusses *A Colony in a Nation*, his book that posits two Americas, one of which increasingly resembles a police state.

HARVARD COOP 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-499-2000) harvardcoopbooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. **Tom Nichols** shares *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why It Matters*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH 279 Harvard St., Brookline (617-566-6660) brooklinebooksmith.com. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. 7 pm. **Nell Stevens** presents *Bleaker House: Chasing My Novel to the End of the World*, her memoir about a stay in the Falkland Islands.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Ecologist **David R. Foster** signs copies of *A Meeting of Land and Sea: Nature and the Future of Martha's Vineyard*, his look at the ways the island has been impacted by mankind and what can be done to protect it.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

HARVARD COOP 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-499-2000) harvardcoopbooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. Harvard Medical School assistant professor **Stuart B. Mushlin** reads from *Playing the Ponies and Other Medical Mysteries Solved*, a look at some of his more intriguing diagnoses.

WELLESLEY BOOKS 82 Central St., Wellesley (781-431-1160) wellesleybooks.com. MBTA: Commuter Rail to Wellesley. 7 pm. **Lisa See** shares *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, her novel about a Chinese girl adopted by an American family.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

HARVARD BOOK STORE 1256 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-661-1515) harvard.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. 7 pm. At this event featuring a musical performance by Speedy Ortiz's Sadie Dupuis, **Michael DeForge** presents *Sticks Angelica, Folk Hero*, his graphic novel about a woman who escapes to the woods after a scandal.

PORTER SQUARE BOOKS 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220) portersquarebooks.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. 7 pm. **Anna M. Warrock** discusses *From the Other Room*, her collection of poems about loss.

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