

# Philadelphia Book Festival

## 2007 Featured Authors

### Kathy Anderson

Kathy Anderson is a short story writer and playwright, whose plays include *Incoming* and *Tempting*. She is the recipient of a New Jersey State Council on the Arts fellowship and was admitted to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference.

### Nathalie Anderson

*Crawlers* (Ashland Poetry Press)

Nathalie Anderson is winner of the Washington Prize for *Following Fred Astaire* and the McGovern Prize for her most recent book, *Crawlers*. She is Poet in Residence at the Rosenbach Museum and Library.

### Jabari Asim

*The N Word* (Houghton Mifflin)

Jabari Asim is deputy editor of the *Washington Post Book World*. A poet, playwright, and children's book author, his work has appeared in *Essence*, *Salon.com*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Village Voice*.

### Tony Auth

*A Promise is a Promise* (Candlewick Press)

Tony Auth is the illustrator of *My Curious Uncle Dudley* by Barry Yourgrau. His irreverent Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoons have appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and other newspapers since 1971. He lives in Philadelphia.

### Steven Bach

*Leni: The Life and Work of Leni Riefenstahl* (Knopf)

Steven Bach was a film producer before heading worldwide production at United Artists, where he was involved in such films as *Raging Bull*, *La Cage aux Folles*, and *Heaven's Gate*, about which he wrote the brilliant best-seller *Final Cut*.

### David Blazek

*Loose Parts*

### Mark Bowden

*Guests of the Ayatollah* (Grove)

Mark Bowden is a journalist, screenwriter, teacher, and documentary film producer. He is the author of the international bestseller *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War*.

### Christopher Buckley

*Boomsday* (Warner Twelve)

Christopher Buckley is a political satirist and author of several novels including *God is My Broker*, *Little Green Men*, and *Thank You for Smoking*, which was adapted into a film by Jason Reitman.

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## CAConrad

*Deviant Propulsion* (Soft Skull Press)

CAConrad is the editor of the 9for9 Project, the co-editor of *Frequency Audio Journal*, and a writer with the PhillySound poets. His work has appeared in *Thus Spake the Corpse: An Exquisite Corpse Reader*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, and the *Philadelphia Independent*.

## Martha Camarillo

*Fletcher Street* (powerHouse Books)

Martha Camarillo is a self-taught photographer from Texas. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Telegraph*, *i-D* and other publications. Her new book, *Fletcher Street*, documents the lives of North Philadelphia's urban cowboys.

## Sam Carchidi

*Bill Campbell: The Voice of Philadelphia Sports* (Middle Atlantic Press)

## Veronica Chambers

*Double Dutch: A Celebration of Jump Rope, Rhyme, and Sisterhood* (Jump at the Sun)

Veronica Chambers is the author of *Kickboxing Geishas* and the critically acclaimed memoir, *Mama's Girl*. She has been editor for the *New York Times Magazine*, a culture writer for *Newsweek*, and a senior editor at *Premiere* magazine.

## Colin Channer

*Girl with the Golden Shoes* (Akashic Books)

A naturalized American of Jamaican origin, Colin Channer's major works of fiction include the best-selling novel *Waiting in Vain*, a *Washington Post* Critic's Choice, and the story collection *Passing Through*.

## Carol Higgins Clark

*Laced* (Scribner)

Carol Higgins Clark is the author of the best-selling Regan Riley mysteries. She has also co-authored three novels with her mother, Mary Higgins Clark, *Deck the Halls*, *He Sees You When You're Sleeping*, and *The Christmas Thief*.

## Mary Higgins Clark

*I Heard That Song Before* and *Ghost Ship* (Simon & Schuster)

Mary Higgins Clark is the author of 26 suspense novels, three collections of short stories, one historical novel and a memoir. Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark are co-authors of four holiday suspense novels, the most recent is *Santa Cruise*.

## Jon Clinch

*Finn* (Random House)

A native of upstate New York, Jon Clinch has taught American literature, been creative director for a Philadelphia ad agency, and run his own agency in the Philadelphia suburbs. *Finn* exposes the untold story of Huckleberry Finn's father, one of the most brutal and shocking figures in American literature.

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## Edward Colimore

*The Philadelphia Inquirer's Walking Tours of Historic Philadelphia* (Camino Press)

## John Dominic Crossan

*God and Empire* (Harper San Francisco)

John Dominic Crossan is professor emeritus of religious studies at DePaul University, Chicago, and the author of several bestselling books, including *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*.

## Kim Deitch

*Alias the Cat* (Pantheon)

Underground cartoonist Kim Deitch's books include *Beyond the Pale*, *Hollywoodland*, and *The Mishkin Saga*, which was named one of *The Comics Journal's* Top 30 Best English-Language comics of the 20th century.

## Jim DeWalt

"Legacies: A Century of Philadelphia Collecting"

Jim DeWalt, Head of the Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia, will give a presentation entitled *Legacies: A Century of Philadelphia Collecting* based on a section of books and manuscripts from the major collections now on exhibit in the Rare Book Department.

## Mark Doty

*Dog Years* (HarperCollins)

Poet Mark Doty is the author of *Source*, *Sweet Machine*, and *My Alexandria*. He has received the National Book Critics Circle Award, the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, and the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for First Nonfiction.

## Jonathan Eig

*Opening Day: Jackie Robinson's First Season* (Simon and Schuster)

Jonathan Eig is a senior special writer for *The Wall Street Journal*. He has written for *Esquire*, *The New Republic*, and *Chicago* magazine, where he was formerly executive editor.

## Derrick Gantt

*Mom-Mom's Little Helper* (Songhai)

Derrick Gantt is a native Philadelphian. His popular children's books include *Hey Pop-Pop* and *My First Week of School*. Gantt is president of Songhai Press Corporation and creator of the Songhai Press Young Publishers Program.

## John Ghazvinian

*Untapped: The Scramble for Africa's Oil* (Harcourt)

John Ghazvinian has written for *Newsweek*, *The Nation*, and *Time Out New York*. Born in Iran and raised in London and Los Angeles, he currently lives in Philadelphia, where he is a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

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## Elizabeth Gilbert

*Eat, Pray, Love* (Penguin)

Elizabeth Gilbert is the author of the novel *Stern Men*, and a short story collection, *Pilgrims*, which won the John C. Zacharis First Book Award from Ploughshares.

## Bill Giles

*Pouring Six Beers at a Time: And Other Stories from a Lifetime in Baseball* (Triumph Books)

Once dubbed the P. T. Barnum of Major League Baseball, Bill Giles has been business manager of the Nashville Vols, publicist and marketing director of the Houston Colt .45s, and CEO and chairman of the Philadelphia Phillies.

## Kathleen Graber

*Correspondence* (Saturnalia Books)

Kathleen Graber's first book was the winner of the Saturnalia Books Poetry prize. She is the recipient of fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Rona Jaffe Foundation and Princeton University.

## Tom Gralish

*Rocky Stories: Tales of Love, Hope, and Happiness at America's Most Famous Steps* (Paul Dry Books)

## James N. Green

"The Rise of Book Publishing in Philadelphia in the Late 18th Century"

James N. Green, Librarian at the Library Company of Philadelphia, is curator of the exhibition *Ben Franklin, Writer and Printer*. His publications include the essay "The Rise of Book Publishing in the United States, 1785-1840," which appears in the multi-volume collaborative *History of the Book in America*.

## John Grogan

*Marley and Me* (William Morrow)

John Grogan is a former columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and former editor in chief of Rodale's *Organic Gardening* magazine. *Marley and Me* has 3 million copies in print and has spent more than 70 weeks on the *New York Times* nonfiction bestseller list, 20 of them at number 1.

## Jessie Gruman

*AfterShock* (Walker Books)

Jessie Gruman, Ph.D., is president of the Center for the Advancement of Health. Former director of public education for the American Cancer Society, Gruman has been published in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *Washington Post*, and other publications.

## Mireille Guiliano

*French Women for All Seasons: A Year of Secrets, Recipes, and Pleasure* (Knopf)

Born and raised in France, Mireille Guiliano is the president and CEO of Clicquot, Inc., and the author of *French Woman Don't Get Fat*, which has been translated into thirty-seven languages.

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## Mohsin Hamid

*The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (Harcourt)

Mohsin Hamid grew up in Lahore, Pakistan, and attended Princeton and Harvard. His first novel, *Moth Smoke*, was a Betty Trask Award winner, PEN/Hemingway Award finalist, and *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year.

## David Hiltbrand

*Dying to be Famous* (Harper)

## Sasha Issenberg

*The Sushi Economy: Globalization and the Making of a Modern Delicacy* (Penguin)

Philadelphia-based journalist Sasha Issenberg has written for *Slate*, the *Washington Monthly*, *Inc.* and *George*, where he served as a contributing editor. His new book, *The Sushi Economy*, is a cultural and economic history of sushi's journey in the global marketplace.

## Ben Katchor

*Julius Knipf, Real Estate Photographer: The Beauty Supply District* (Pantheon)

Ben Katchor is a graphic novelist and author of *The Jew of New York* and the forthcoming *The Dairy Restaurant*. He has created several music-theater productions, including *The Rosenbach Company: A Tragicomedy*. Writing in the *New York Times*, Edward Sorel called Katchor, "the most poetic, deeply layered artist ever to draw a comic strip."

## Miriam Katin

*We Are on Our Own* (Drawn and Quarterly)

Born in Hungary during WWII, Miriam Katin immigrated to Israel where she served in the Israeli Defense Forces as a graphic artist. She has worked in New York City for MTV and Disney. Katin's first graphic novel recounts her and her mother's escape from Nazi-occupied Budapest.

## Elias Khoury

*Gate of the Sun* (Picador)

Elias Khoury's latest book, *Gate of the Sun*, uses the lyrical flashback style of *1001 Arabian Nights* to tell stories of Palestine. He is currently professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at New York University, and editor-in-chief of the literary supplement of Beirut's daily newspaper, *An-Nahar*.

## Karl Kirchwey

*The Happiness of This World* (Putnam)

Karl Kirchwey is the author of five poetry collections including *At the Palace of Jove*, the winner of the Norma Farber First Book Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant, and the Rome Prize in Literature.

## Ish Klein

Ish Klein's work has appeared in *Gare du Nord*, *Spork*, and *X-connect*. Winner of a National Endowment for the Arts Digital Filmmaker Residency, she is working on a multimedia show entitled "Nobody Moves, Nobody Gets Hurt."

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## Aimee LaBrie

Aimee LaBrie's short stories have been published in numerous literary journals including *Minnesota Review*, *Quarter After Eight* and *Iron Horse Literary Review*. She is the recipient of the Katherine Anne Porter Prize in Short Fiction.

## E. B. Lewis

*Lily Brown's Paintings* (Sleeping Bear Press)

E. B. Lewis is the highly acclaimed illustrator of more than thirty picture books, including *The Bat Boy and His Violin* by Gavin Curtis and *Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*, by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, both Coretta Scott King Honor Books.

## Jennifer Lin

*Sole Sisters: Stories of Women and Running* (Andrews McMeel Publishing)

## Tina Louise

*When I Grow Up* (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Best known as the stranded movie star Ginger in the TV series *Gilligan's Island*, Tina Louise is a volunteer for Learning Leaders, a childhood-literacy advocate group in New York City.

## David Lubar

*True Talents* (TOR)

David Lubar created a sensation with his debut novel, *Hidden Talents*, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. He is also the author of *Flip* and the two short story collections *In the Land of the Lawn Weenies* and *Invasion of the Road Weenies*.

## Nick Mamatas

*Under My Roof* (Soft Skull Press)

Nick Mamatas is the author of *Northern Gothic* and *Move Under Ground*, which was nominated for the Bram Stoker Award for Best First Novel. His work appears frequently in *Razor*, the *Village Voice*, and various Disinformation Books anthologies.

## Alexander McCall Smith

*The Good Husband of Zebra Drive* (Pantheon)

Alexander McCall Smith is the author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. He is professor emeritus of medical law at the University of Edinburgh. Smith was born in what is now known as Zimbabwe and was a law professor at the University of Botswana. He lives in Scotland.

## Terry McMillan

Terry McMillan is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of the novels *Disappearing Acts*, *Waiting to Exhale*, and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, and the editor of *Breaking Ice: An Anthology of Contemporary African American Fiction*.

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## Edward Mendelson

*The Things That Matter: What Seven Novels Have to Say About the Stages of Life* (Pantheon)

Edward Mendelson is a professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University, the literary executor of W.H. Auden's estate, and the editor of Auden's complete works.

## Karen Quinones Miller

*Satin Nights* (Warner)

Harlem native Karen Quinones Miller spent her life savings self-publishing her first novel, *Satin Doll*. She is the author of the *Essence* bestsellers *I'm Telling*, *Using What You Got*, and *Uptown Dreams*. She lives in Philadelphia.

## Anchee Min

*The Last Empress* (Houghton Mifflin)

Born in Shanghai, Anchee Min is the author of *Empress Orchid*, *Becoming Madame Mao*, and the memoir *Red Azalea*, an international bestseller which was named one of the *New York Times* Notable Books of 1994.

## Daniel Abdal-Hayy Moore

*Psalms for the Broken Hearted* (Lulu.com)

Daniel Abdal-Hayy Moore is the author of *The Blind Beekeeper* and *Ramadan Sonnets* among other books of poetry. He is the winner of the Ina Coolbrith Award for Poetry and the James D. Phelan Award.

## Donna Jo Napoli

*Ugly* (Hyperion)

Donna Jo Napoli is the acclaimed author of *Soccer Shock*, *The Prince of the Pond*, *Stones in the Water*, *Zel* and many other notable books. She lives in Swathmore, PA where she is the head of the linguistics department at Swathmore College.

## Sari Nusseibeh

*Once Upon a Country: A Palestinian Life* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Philosopher Sari Nusseibeh was the PLO's chief representative in Jerusalem from 2001 to 2002, in which role he advocated a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. He was educated at Oxford and Harvard, and is the president of and professor at Al-Quds University, the Arab University of Jerusalem.

## Matt Phelan

*The Higher Power of Lucky* (Atheneum Books)

Matt Phelan's black-and-white illustrations first appeared in *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney. His first picture book is *The New Girl...and Me*, written by Jacqui Robbins. He lives in Philadelphia.

## Gloria Jean Pinkney

*Music From Our Lord's Holy Heaven* (Amistad)

Gloria Jean Pinkney has collaborated over the years with her husband, illustrator Jerry Pinkney, in creating quality books for children. She is the author of *Back Home*, *The Sunday Outing*, and *In the Forest of Your Remembrance*.

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## **Jerry Pinkney**

***The Little Red Hen*** (Dial)

Jerry Pinkney has been illustrating children's books since 1964 and is the recipient of five Caldecott Honor Medals and five Coretta Scott King Awards. His two latest books are *The Little Red Hen* and *The Old African* by Jules Lester.

## **Julie Powell**

***Julie on Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen*** (Warner)

Powell became an Internet celebrity with her 2004 blog chronicling her year-long odyssey of cooking every recipe in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*.<sup>\*</sup> Currently she lives in Long Island City, New York, with her husband, Eric, three cats, and a snake. <sup>\*</sup>*Publisher's Weekly*

## **Francine Prose**

***Reading Like a Writer: A Guide for People Who Love Books and for Those Who Want to Write Them*** (HarperCollins)

Distinguished critic and essayist Francine Prose is the author of 14 books of fiction including, *A Changed Man* and *Blue Angel*. She has taught literature and writing for more than twenty years at Harvard, Iowa, Columbia, Arizona, and the New School.

## **Simon Rich**

***Ant Farm*** (Random House)

22-year-old Simon Rich is former president of the *Harvard Lampoon* and a contributing writer for the *New Yorker* and *Mad* magazine. He will graduate from Harvard University in June 2007.

## **Robin Roberts**

***From the Heart: Seven Rules to Live By*** (Hyperion)

Robin Roberts is a co-anchor of *Good Morning America*. A native of Pass Christian, Mississippi, she was a college basketball legend and served as the commentator on the WNBA for ESPN. She lives in New York City.

## **Mark Rogalski**

***Tickets to Ride*** (Running Press)

Mark Rogalski's debut picture book is an eye-popping tour of an amusement park unlike any you have seen before. *Tickets to Ride* has been released with six different covers, each highlighting a new extraordinary illustration.

## **Ann Rule**

***Too Late to Say Goodbye*** (Free Press)

Ann Rule is a former Seattle policewoman and the author of twenty-one *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Heart Full of Lies*, *Every Breath You Take*, *Bitter Harvest*, and *And Never Let Her Go*, the nationally renowned case of deadly seducer Thomas Capano.

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## Sonia Sanchez

*Homegirls and Handgrenades*

(White Pine Press)

Influential member of the Black Arts Movement, Sonia Sanchez is the author of a dozen books of poetry including, *Shake Loose My Skin*. She is winner of an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

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## Will Schwalbe

*Send: The Essential Guide to Email for Home and Office* (Knopf)

Will Schwalbe is vice president and editor in chief of Hyperion Books. Previously he was a journalist, writing for such publications as the *New York Times*, the *South China Morning Post*, *Ms. Magazine*, and *Business Traveler*.

## Lisa Scottoline

*Daddy's Girl* (HarperCollins)

Philadelphia native Lisa Scottoline is a former trial lawyer and judicial law clerk, who is now the *New York Times* best-selling author of more than a dozen crime novels set in her hometown. She is the winner of the prestigious Edgar Award for her book *Final Appeal*.

## Gary Shteyngart

*Absurdistan* (Random House)

Born in Leningrad in 1972, Gary Shteyngart's fiction and essays have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Granta*, *GQ*, *Esquire*, and the *New York Times Magazine*. *Absurdistan* was named one of the *New York Times* 10 Best Books of 2006.

**Sat., 5:30 PM, Skyline Room**

## Leslie Marmon Silko

*Ceremony (30th Anniversary)* (Penguin Classics)

Leslie Marmon Silko grew up on the Laguna Pueblo Reservation and is the author of *Storyteller*, *Almanac for the Dead*, *Gardens in the Dunes*, and *Laguna Woman: Poems*, for which she received the Pushcart Prize for Poetry.

## David Silverman

*Typo: The Last American Typesetter, or, How I Made and Lost Four Million Dollars* (Soft Skull Press)

Former president of Clarinda, the largest American owned typesetting and publishing company, David Silverman has published articles on technology and publishing in *Wired* and *Publishers Weekly*.

## Kelly Simmons

*Standing Still* (Atria Books)

Kelly Simmons' first novel, *Standing Still*, will be published by Atria Books this winter. An excerpt of this novel appeared in the premiere issue of *Philadelphia Stories*.

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## Patti Smith

*Patti Smith Complete 1975-2006: Lyrics, Reflections and Notes for the Future/ Auguries of Innocence* (Ecco Press)

Godmother of punk and recent Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Patti Smith returns to the Free Library to sing and recite poetry from her collection *Auguries of Innocence*.

## John Shelby Spong

*Jesus for the Non-Religious* (HarperCollins)

One of the leading spokespersons for liberal Christianity, John Shelby Spong was the Episcopal Bishop of Newark for twenty-four years and is the author of *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism*, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, and *Here I Stand*.

## Alexander Stadler

*Beverly Billingsly Takes the Cake* (Gulliver Books)

Alexander Stadler has written and illustrated several books for children, including *Duncan Rumplemeyer's Bad Birthday*. Stadler lives with his partner and two dogs, Willie and Ripley, in Philadelphia.

## Peter Stallybrass

"Technologies of Writing in the Age of Print"

Peter Stallybrass is Professor in the Humanities, and Director of History of the Book at the University of Pennsylvania, where he directs the seminar on the History of Material Texts. He will give a talk on the theme of his recent exhibition at the Folger Shakespeare Library, *Technologies of Writing in the Age of Print*.

## Darcey Steinke

*Easter Everywhere* (Bloomsbury USA)

Darcey Steinke is the author of *Up Through Water*, *Jesus Saves*, *Suicide Blonde*, and *Milk*. Her short fiction has appeared in the *Literary Review*, *Story*, and *Bomb*.

## Lamont Steptoe

*Crowns and Halos* (Whirlwind Press)

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Lamont Steptoe is a Vietnam veteran, photographer, and Pew Fellowship awardee. The author of 11 collections of poetry, his book *A Long Movie of Shadows* won an American Book Award in 2005.

## Gerald Stern

*Everything is Burning* (W. W. Norton)

Poet Gerald Stern grew up in Pittsburgh and is the author of many books of poetry and a collection of personal essays. He is the recipient of many awards, including the National Book Award, which he won for *This Time, New and Selected Poems*.

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## Rory Stewart

*The Prince of the Marshes* (Harcourt)

Rory Stewart is the author of *The Places in Between*, one of the *New York Times* 10 Best Books of 2006. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire by the British government for his services in Iraq. He now lives in Kabul, where he has established the Turquoise Mountain Foundation.

## R. L. Stine

*Fear Street* (Parachute Publishing)

R. L. Stine invented the teen horror genre with *Fear Street*, and changed the face of children's publishing with the *Goosebumps* series. Stine has received several Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards and Disney Adventures Kid's Choice Awards.

## Judith Stone

*When She Was White: The True Story of a Family Divided by Race* (Miramax)

Veteran Journalist Judith Stone is a contributing editor at *O Magazine*, and the author of *Light Elements: Essays on Science from Gravity to Levity*. Her work has appeared in *New York Times Magazine*, *Newsday*, and *Vogue*. *When She Was White* is the true story of a woman whose life was torn apart by prejudice in South Africa.

## Betty Tatham

*Baby Sea Otter* (Henry Holt), *Penguin Chick* (HarperCollins)

Betty Tatham has directed three different YMCAs for more than 20 years, working on programs to help children become better readers, write their own stories, and enjoy learning about nature.

## Elaine Terranova

*Not To* (Sheep Meadow Press)

Elaine Terranova is recipient of a Pew Fellowship in Literature and a National Endowment in the Arts Fellowship. Her translation of Euripides' *Iphigenia at Aulis* is part of the Penn Greek Drama Series.

## J. C. Todd

*What Space This Body* (Wind Publications)

J. C. Todd is the author of *Nightshade* and *Entering Pisces*. Her work has appeared in *The Paris Review*, *The American Poetry Review* and *Wild River Review*. She is contributing editor to *The Drunken Boat* and teaches at Bryn Mawr College.

## Tatyana Tolstaya

*White Walls/The Slynx* (New York Review Books)

Born in Leningrad, Tatyana Tolstaya comes from an old Russian family that includes the writers Leo and Alexei Tolstoy. She is the author of *Pushkin's Children: Writings on Russia and Russians*.

## Michael Vitez

*Rocky Stories: Tales of Love, Hope, and Happiness at America's Most Famous Steps* (Paul Dry Books)

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## **Susan Warner**

*Sole Sisters: Stories of Women and Running* (Andrews McMeel Publishing)

## **Doug Wechsler**

*Frog Heaven* (Boyd's Mill Press)

Doug Wechsler is a wildlife photographer, ornithologist, and director of VIREO at the Academy of Natural Science- where he runs the biggest collection of bird photographs in the world. His books include *Bizarre Bugs* and *Bizarre Birds*.

## **Jennifer Weiner**

*The Guy Not Taken* (Atria)

Jennifer Weiner is the author of *Good in Bed*, *In Her Shoes*, which was made into a major motion picture, *Little Earthquakes*, and *Goodnight Nobody*. She lives in Philadelphia.

## **Colson Whitehead**

*Apex Hides the Hurt* (Anchor)

Colson Whitehead's first novel, *The Intuitionist*, won the QPB New Voices Award. His second novel, *John Henry Days*, was a Pulitzer Prize Finalist, a National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist, and a *New York Times* Book Review Editor's Choice.

## **Eleanor Wilner**

*The Girl with Bees in Her Hair* (Copper Canyon Press)

Eleanor Wilner is author of six volumes of poetry, including *Reversing the Spell: New and Selected Poems* and *Gathering the Winds*. Among her awards are a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and Juniper and Pushcart Prizes.

## **Lee and Bob Woodruff**

*In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing* (Random House)

The Woodruff's had it all -- Lee was a public relations executive and Bob was co-anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight*. Then Bob was seriously injured while embedded in Iraq. *In an Instant* is the frank account of how Bob and Lee's lives came together, were blown apart, and then were miraculously put together again.

## **Teri Woods**

*True to the Game* (Warner)

Native Philadelphian and bestselling author, Teri Woods, began selling hand-made copies of her first novel on the street and out of the trunk of her car. She started her own publishing company and successfully made *True to the Game* available to bookstores across the country. A sequel to the book is coming this fall.