

An Exciting 2-Day Event in the Company of Inspirational Authors



NOREN HAQ



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MIRIAM



BRUCE



SARAH MIRK





DAY 1 22ND OCT 2022



1:00PM



NOREN HAQ

"REARRANGED"

NOREN HAQ WRITES PLAYS, SHORT STORIES, FLASH FICTION AND POETRY.
SHE FEATURED ON BBC RADIO 4 WOMAN'S HOUR, READING FROM HER SHORT
STORY REARRANGED, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN AN ANTHOLOGY IN 2020
(A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN, HOPE ROAD PUBLISHING). HER POEM, SPARE ROOM,
APPEARED IN ISSUE THREE OF ZERO READERS, AN AMERICAN LITERARY
MAGAZINE, WHO RECENTLY NOMINATED HER FOR A BEST OF THE NET AWARD.
NOREN'S DEBUT NOVEL LIGHT ONCE LOST WON A PLACE IN THE ONE MORE

CHAPTER COMPETITION AND WAS SHORTLISTED FOR THE CHESHIRE NOVEL PRIZE IN 2022. THIS WAS ALSO THE YEAR SHE WAS SELECTED FOR PLAYWRIGHTS' STUDIO SCOTLAND'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME.





1:45PM



HILAL ASYRAF

"NIRNAMA"

AN UNNAMED WARRIOR HAS EARNED THE RENOWN OF MANY. TALES OF HIS COURAGE AND COMPASSION, OF HELPING THE OPPRESSED IN FIGHTING JAGAT SUCI'S CRUELTY, HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE MALAY PENINSULA — YET HIS NAME REMAINS A MYSTERY. HENCE, THEY CALL HIM NIRNAMA — THE NAMELESS ONE. FOLLOW NIRNAMA IN HIS QUEST TO UPHOLD JUSTICE, PACKED WITH THRILLING ACTION AND HEART-POUNDING SUSPENSE!

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2:30PM



LEILA ABOULELA

"BIRD SUMMONS"

LEILA ABOULELA WAS BORN IN CAIRO, GREW UP IN KHARTOUM, AND MOVED IN HER MID-TWENTIES TO ABERDEEN. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF FIVE NOVELS, BIRD SUMMONS, THE TRANSLATOR, A NEW YORK TIMES 100 NOTABLE BOOKS OF THE YEAR, THE KINDNESS OF ENEMIES, MINARET AND LYRICS ALLEY, AND FICTION WINNER OF THE SCOTTISH BOOK AWARDS. LEILA'S WORK HAS RECEIVED CRITICAL RECOGNITION AND A HIGH PROFILE FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE EXPLORATION OF MIGRATION AND ISLAMIC SPIRITUALITY. SHE WAS THE FIRST

WINNER OF THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING AND HER STORY COLLECTION, ELSEWHERE, HOME WON THE SALTIRE FICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD. LEILA'S WORK HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO FIFTEEN LANGUAGES AND SHE WAS LONG-LISTED THREE TIMES FOR THE ORANGE PRIZE. HER PLAYS THE INSIDER, THE MYSTIC LIFE, AND OTHERS WERE BROADCAST ON BBC RADIO. SHE IS THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SUDAN AND A FELLOW OF THE RSA.

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3:15PM



RABIA CHAUDRY

"FATTY FATTY BOOM BOOM"

RABIA CHAUDRY IS AN ATTORNEY, ADVOCATE, AND AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING BOOK ADNAN'S STORY AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF A FOUR-PART HBO DOCUMENTARY SERIES THE CASE AGAINST ADNAN SYED. RABIA IS ALSO CO-PRODUCER AND CO-HOST OF THE PODCASTS; THE 45TH, THE HIDDEN DJINN, NIGHTY NIGHT, AND UNDISCLOSED.

IN FATTY FATTY BOOM BOOM:
A MEMOIR OF FOOD, FAT, AND FAMILY
RABIA DELIVERS A WARM, INTIMATE MEMOIR ABOUT FOOD, BODY IMAGE, AND GROWING UP IN A LOVING BUT SOMETIMES OPPRESSIVELY CONCERNED PAKISTANI IMMIGRANT FAMILY. SEARINGLY HONEST, RELATABLE AND POWERFUL, CHAUDRY SHARES HER STORY OF A WOMAN GRAPPLING WITH A BODY THAT GETS THE JOB DONE BUT REFUSES TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS.





4:00PM



PETER OBORNE

"THE FATE OF ABRAHAM"

PETER IS A BRITISH JOURNALIST AND BROADCASTER. HE IS THE FORMER CHIEF POLITICAL COMMENTATOR OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, AND AUTHOR OF THE RISE OF POLITICAL LYING, THE TRIUMPH OF THE POLITICAL CLASS, AND THE ASSAULT ON TRUTH: BORIS JOHNSON, DONALD TRUMP AND THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW MORAL BARBARISM. HE WRITES A POLITICAL COLUMN FOR MIDDLE EAST EYE AND A DIARY COLUMN FOR THE BYLINE TIMES.

HIS LATEST BOOK IS THE FATE OF ABRAHAM: WHY THE WEST IS WRONG ABOUT ISLAM, PUBLISHED IN MAY BY SIMON & SCHUSTER.





1:00PM



ANJUM AFZAL

"THE WAYFARER: POEMS FOR MY CHILDREN, SEEKING CLARITY AMIDST CONFUSION"

THE WAYFARER IS AN ANTHOLOGY OF POEMS THAT GIVE AN INTIMATE GLIMPSE INTO THE MIND OF AN ORDINARY MUSLIM. THERE IS A DIVERSE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING GOD, SPIRITUALITY. THE SELF, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY.



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1:45PM



CHRISTINA LONGDEN

"HIS OWN MAN - A VICTORIAN 'HIDDEN' MUSLIM: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROBERT 'RESCHID' STANLEY"

ROBERT STANLEY WAS A RESPECTABLE, NORTHERN WORKING-CLASS VICTORIAN MAN WHO CONVERTED TO ISLAM. BUT HIS FAMILY MANAGED TO KEEP HIS MUSLIM IDENTITY A SECRET - FOR NEARLY A CENTURY. HE ROSE TO BECOME ONE OF BRITAIN'S FIRST WORKING-CLASS MAGISTRATES AND MAYORS IN STALYBRIDGE, WITNESSING FIRST-HAND SOME OF THE MOST VIOLENT RIOTS, RADICALISM, AND PROGRESSIVE REFORMS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA.

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IN 1898 AT THE AGE OF 69, HE TOOK THE ASTONISHING DECISION TO CONVERT TO ISLAM, BECOMING A CLOSE FRIEND OF FAMOUS CONVERT - ABDULLAH QUILLIAM - SHEIKH OF ISLAM OF THE BRITISH ISLES. AFTER HIS DEATH, HIS CONVERSION WAS 'HIDDEN' FOR NEARLY A CENTURY. ALWAYS 'HIS OWN MAN', ROBERT 'RESCHID' STANLEY'S LIFE IS BROUGHT INTO THE LIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME - THANKS TO THE PAINSTAKING FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH OF HIS OWN DESCENDANTS AND THROUGH THE WORDS OF HIS GREAT X 3 GRANDDAUGHTERS, CHRISTINA LONGDEN.



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2:30PM



AZRA RAZA

"THE FIRST CELL"

DR. RAZA IS A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND DIRECTOR OF THE MDS CENTER AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK, NY.SHE STARTED HER RESEARCH IN MYELODISPLASTIC SYNDROMES (MDS) IN 1982 AND MOVED TO RUSH UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS IN 1992, WHERE SHE WAS THE CHARLES ARTHUR WEAVER PROFESSOR IN ONCOLOGY AND DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF MYELOID DISEASES. IN THE FIRST CELL, AZRA RAZA OFFERS A SEARING ACCOUNT OF HOW BOTH MEDICINE AND OUR SOCIETY (MIS)TREATS CANCER, HOW WE CAN DO BETTER,

AND WHY WE MUST. A LYRICAL JOURNEY FROM HOPE TO DESPAIR AND BACK AGAIN, THE FIRST CELL EXPLORES CANCER FROM EVERY ANGLE: MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, AND PERSONAL.





3:15PM



WORLD WAR II PALESTINE.

MIRIAM COOKE & BRUCE LAWRENCE

"MUSLIM NETWORKS: FROM HAJJ TO HIP HOP"

MIRIAM COOKE IS BRAXTON CRAVEN PROFESSOR EMERITA OF ARAB CULTURES AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS BEEN A VISITING PROFESSOR IN TUNISIA, ROMANIA, INDONESIA, QATAR AND ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS INSTITUTE IN ISTANBUL. SHE SERVES ON SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS, INCLUDING ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND INSTITUTIONS. HER WRITINGS HAVE FOCUSED ON THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER AND WAR IN MODERN ARABIC LITERATURE, ARAB WOMEN WRITERS' CONSTRUCTIONS OF ISLAMIC FEMINISM AND ARAB CULTURAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION ON THE ARABIAN GULF AND SYRIA. SHE HAS PUBLISHED FIFTEEN BOOKS AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NOVEL ABOUT

BRUCE B. LAWRENCE IS THE MARCUS FAMILY HUMANITIES PROFESSOR OF RELIGION EMERITUS, DUKE UNIVERSITY AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS INSTITUTE, IBN HALDUN UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL

FROM HAJJ TO HIP HOP IS AN EXPLORATION OF MUSLIM NETWORKS IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS AND CONTEXTS. BRUCE LAWRENCE AND MIRIAM COOKE SEEK TO APPLY THE CONCEPT OF THE NETWORK AS "MAKING A CHOICE TO BE CONNECTED ACROSS RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES" TO EXPLORE "THE NETWORKED NATURE OF ISLAM AND THE IMPACT OF MUSLIM NETWORKS ON WORLD HISTORY."





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DAY 2



AND MINDY KALING.

UZMA JALALUDDIN

"HANA KHAN CARRIES ON"

UZMA JALALUDDIN GREW UP IN A DIVERSE SUBURB OF TORONTO, BUT HER FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD IS THE NEAREST BOOKSTORE OR LIBRARY. HER DEBUT NOVEL, AYESHA AT LAST (2018), IS A RETELLING OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE SET IN THE TORONTO MUSLIM COMMUNITY. HER SECOND NOVEL, HANA KHAN CARRIES ON (2021) WAS AN INSTANT CANADIAN BESTSELLER. THE NOVEL IS A REIMAGINING OF 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL' SET IN RIVAL HALAL RESTAURANTS. HANA KHAN CARRIES ON HAS BEEN OPTIONED FOR FILM BY AMAZON STUDIOS





4:45PM



SARAH MIRK

"GUANTANAMO VOICES"

SARAH IS A GRAPHIC JOURNALIST, EDITOR, AND TEACHER. SARAH BEGAN HER CAREER AS A REPORTER FOR ALTERNATIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS THE STRANGER AND THE PORTLAND MERCURY, WHERE SHE COVERED POLITICAL ISSUES AND NUMEROUS COLORFUL CHARACTERS.

SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF GUANTANAMO VOICES (ABRAMS, 2020), AN ILLUSTRATED ORAL HISTORY OF GUANTANAMO BAY PRISON, WHICH KIRKUS CALLED "EXTRAORDINARY... AN EYE-OPENING, DAMNING INDICTMENT OF ONE OF AMERICA'S WORST TRESPASSES."