Welcome to the 2024 Nantucket Book Festival. These days are filled with the majesty of story, the wonder of worlds explored, and the roads traveled through our writers’ minds and imaginations. In a world divided, there is no better path to empathy and understanding of lives and circumstances so different from your own than to walk in another’s shoes through the pages of a book. It is a privilege to bring you this Program filled with our hopes for fostering a sense of shared humanity, a way of walking in this world, together.

Our Festival is fueled by a dedicated team passionate in our shared belief of the power of words. We want to thank our Festival Committee and our Foundation’s Board of Directors, our sponsors and donors, our volunteers, and our small but mighty staff. Thank you to our readers, our Festival supporters and champions. And thanks to you, for being with us to experience the wide and wonderful worlds explored through the pages of these books and the vision and work of our writers.

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Thursday, June 13

**1:00 - 1:45PM**

Tara Karr Roberts with Mary Bergman
Atheneum Great Hall

Tara Karr Roberts’ lyrical debut novel *Wild and Distant Seas* follows four generations of women as they seek to chart their own futures. Join author Tara Karr Roberts and Nantucket historian and writer Mary Bergman to learn more about how Roberts drew inspiration from Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick* and created a richly imagined world all her own.

**2:00 - 2:45PM**

Casey Sherman with Sara DiVello
Atheneum Great Hall

Casey Sherman is a true crime author of over 10 books, most recently *Hell Town: The Untold Story of a Serial Killer on Cape Cod* and *A Murder in Hollywood: The Untold Story of Tinsel Town’s Most Shocking Crime*. Join Casey with fellow author, co-chair of the Festival, and the host of the Mystery and Thriller Maven author series Sara DiVello as they investigate true crime writing and Casey’s immersive books of true and thrilling nonfiction.

**3:00 - 3:45PM**

Katherine Howe with Tim Ehrenberg
Atheneum Great Hall

Katherine Howe, author of *A True Story* and *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*, specializes in historical novels set in New England, which she uses to query ideas about the contingent nature of reality and belief. Katherine and Tim Ehrenberg, Nantucket Book Foundation Board President and creator of *Tim Talks Books*, will take you through all her writing adventures, chat about pirates and witches, and also discuss co-writing *Astor and Vanderbilt* with American broadcast journalist, Anderson Cooper.

**4:00 - 4:45PM**

Gabriella Burnham with Jason Graziadei
Atheneum Great Hall


**7:00PM**

Nantucket Young Playwrights
White Heron Theatre

Prepare to enjoy, appreciate and even laugh at this series of ten-minute plays written by Nantucket teens, under the mentorship of award-winning filmmaker, Jay Craven. Students worked during May to develop and revise their original short plays - which will be performed by professional actors in a staged reading at White Heron Theatre. Each year’s program is different - but all feature complex characters, muscular plots - and surprising insights that come fully to life in these compelling slices of Nantucket life. Nantucket Young Playwrights is produced and sponsored by Kingdom County Productions, White Heron Theatre, Nantucket Athenum and the Nantucket Book Foundation, working in association with Nantucket High School.

**8:00PM**

Authors in Bars
Sponsored by The Nantucket Hotel & Resort
Nantucket Hotel & Resort Breeze Bar

Join several of this year’s authors in a comfortable after-hours setting, while enjoying your favorite beverage. Admission is free, and there will be a cash bar.
9:00 - 9:45AM

Erik Larson with Linda Henry
Methodist Church

Join best-selling historian Erik Larson and CEO of Boston Globe Media, Linda Henry as they discuss Erik’s latest book published in April of this year, *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War*. A master of narrative nonfiction, Erik will also touch on his writing process and some of his other iconic books; *The Devil in the White City, The Splendid and the Vile*, and *The Garden of Beasts*.

10:00 - 10:45AM

Trish O’Kane with Kitty Pochman
Methodist Church

Trish O’Kane is the author of the recently published *Birding to Change the World: A Memoir* and an inspiring tale of climate activism. Trish currently serves as Senior Lecturer of Environmental Justice at the University of Vermont and formerly worked as a human rights journalist in Central America. Trish will be in conversation with Kitty Pochman, Executive Director of the Linda Loring Foundation, to discuss her incredible journey teaching and her lifelong learning and activism beyond the classroom.

11:00 - 11:45AM

Paul Harding with Ann Sullivan
Methodist Church

Paul Harding is the author of a number of books, including the Pulitzer winning *Tinkers*. His latest book is the extraordinary *This Other Eden*, nominated for the Booker Prize, the National Book Award and the Dublin Literary Award. He is now the Director of the MFA in Creative Writing and Literature at Stony Brook University. It will come as no surprise to those who have read his work that Paul Harding is also a musician. His writing sings with gorgeous, lyrical prose. *This Other Eden* is inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, a small island off the coast of Maine, home to one of the first racially integrated communities in New England. The story, agonizing and beautiful, is a masterpiece.

1:00 - 1:45PM

Steven Rowley with Tim Ehrenberg
Methodist Church

Steven Rowley is the New York Times best-selling author of *Lily and the Octopus, The Editor, The Guncle* (Winner of the Thurber Prize for American Humor), *The Celebrants* (a Read with Jenna pick), and just released, *The Guncle Abroad*. Steven and Tim Ehrenberg of Tim Talks Books will dive into all the author’s tales of friendship listed here, the complicated bond of family, the importance of queer voices, and the power of love infused with his signature heart and humor.

2:00 - 2:45PM

Bianca Bosker with Michael Schulder
Methodist Church

Journalist Bianca Bosker’s first book, *Cork Dork*, takes a deep dive into the world of wines and was an immediate best seller, and her new book, *Get the Picture, A Mind-Bending Journey among the Inspired Artists & Obsessive Art Friends Who Taught Me How to See* is another best-seller. Bianca worked as a security guard at museums, she threw herself into galleries, studios, talked to apprentices and collectors, and she visited the homes of billionaires. Her purpose: to learn why art matters and how we could engage with it more deeply. Bianca will be in conversation with former Senior Executive Producer for CNN, founder of Wavemaker Conversation’s Podcast, and Nantucket Book Foundation Board Director, Michael Schulder.

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Friday, June 14

3:00 - 3:45PM

Sara DiVello with Mary Haft
Methodist Church

Sara DiVello is a true crime writer and the creator/host of Mystery and Thriller Mavens, a popular author interview series and interactive Facebook group, and Co-Chair of this year’s Nantucket Book Festival. Her latest book, Broadway Butterfly: A Thriller, was an Entertainment Weekly Most Anticipated Book and a CBS New York Book Club Pick. Broadway Butterfly is a true-crime novel set in the roaring 1920’s and is based on one of the most notorious unsolved murders of the era, that of flapper Dot King. Sara will be in conversation with her partner, Co-Chair of the Book Festival, Co-Founder of the Nantucket Book Foundation and Board member, Mary Haft.

4:00 - 4:45PM

Ben Mezrich with Linda Henry
Methodist Church

Ben Mezrich is the New York Times best-selling author of Breaking Twitter, Dumb Money, and other stories characterized by cinematic and unique true stories of young geniuses battling their way through the gray area between right and wrong, and succeeding at all costs. Ben will be joined in conversation by co-owner and CEO of Boston Globe Media, Linda Henry.

6:30 - 7:30PM

Margaret Atwood with Heather Reisman and Louise Dennys
First Congregational Church

Globally renowned and critically acclaimed author, Margaret Atwood, will be joined in conversation with Founder & CEO of Indigo, Heather Reisman, and Atwood’s longtime publisher & editor Louise Dennys, Publisher Emerita, Penguin Random House Canada.

7:30 - 10:00PM

Nantucket Book Festival Author Dinner
Presented by the White Elephant Hotel
▲ Ticketed Event - $350
White Elephant Ballroom

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner while rubbing elbows with your favorite authors. The Dinner, presented by The White Elephant Hotel, is the perfect ending to a day filled with inspiring author conversations. As the only event designed to fundraise for the Book Festival, your ticket purchase helps to keep most of our events free and open to everyone.

Saturday, June 15

9:00 - 9:45AM

Nancy Thayer with Meg Ruley
Methodist Church

Rise and shine with New York Times best-selling author Nancy Thayer in conversation with her agent, friend and island native Meg Ruley. The two will discuss all of Nancy’s beloved Nantucket books and literary career with special emphasis on her newest novel about two Nantucket sisters, The Summer We Started Over.

10:00 - 10:45AM

Manni & Reuben Coe with Nathan Coe
Methodist Church

Join brothers Reuben, Manni and Nantucket’s own Nathan Coe for a very special conversation about Manni and Reuben’s book brother.do.you.love.me. The book contains Manni’s tender words and Reuben’s powerful illustrations which share their story of brotherly love and care after Reuben’s life in an adult care center in Europe left him nonverbal and depressed. This family affair is guaranteed to tug on your heartstrings.
11:00 - 11:45AM

Kwame Alexander
Methodist Church

Poet, educator, publisher, Emmy® Award-winning producer, and #1 New York Times bestselling author of 40 books, Kwame Alexander will be speaking at the Methodist Church about his moving memoir, Why Fathers Cry at Night, which Publisher’s Weekly says, “finds poetry in places both ordinary and extraordinary.” Kwame was a 2023 Nantucket Book Foundation Visiting Author in Schools, and his visit left a lasting impression on island students and teachers. Join Kwame as he shares stories from his memoir and his award-winning writing career.

3:00 - 3:45PM

Lara Love Hardin
with Tim Ehrenberg
Methodist Church

Lara Love Hardin is the author of The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of Lying, Stealing, Writing, and Healing (the Spring 2024 Oprah’s Book Club Selection). Join Lara and Tim Ehrenberg of Tim Talks Books, as they discuss her heartbreaking journey from shame to redemption. Oprah says, “Once you start reading, be prepared, because you won’t want to stop!” It’s a conversation and stranger-than-fiction true story you won’t want to miss.

4:00 - 4:45PM

Bill Janovitz
with Donick Carey
Methodist Church

Bill Janovitz’s (of alt-rock band Buffalo Tom) recent work, Leon Russell, is the definitive biography on one of rock’s most underappreciated icons. Join writer, producer, and director Donick Cary and go behind the scenes with one of the best storytellers in the music business.

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Saturday, June 15

7:30 - 8:45PM

Saturday Celebration
Kwame Alexander and Safiya Sinclair
Dreamland

Join us for a special conversation with Kwame Alexander and Safiya Sinclair, poets who have brought the grace and beauty of language into their work in writing. These two critically acclaimed writers are redefining contemporary literature with dynamic and innovative voices that are reshaping how to tell the stories of the narrative of our lives and how their personal journeys have led to creating change in the world. As Kwame reminds us, that change happens “one word at a time.”

Our evening will begin with the presentation of the Nantucket Book Foundation’s Young Writer Award, which celebrates and honors the work and vision of our high school students who, through an essay competition, will stand with us to accept their award together as One Winner, Four Finalists, “First Among Equals”, inspiration drawn from the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.

11:00 - 11:45AM

Christy Cashman with Jane Seymour
Dreamland

Celebrate The Truth About Horses with the help of author, actress and producer Christy Cashman in conversation with multiple Emmy and Golden Globe winning actress Jane Seymour. The two will unpack the deeper themes of Christy’s novel, the relationship between humans and horses, trauma, grief, magical realism, plus Jane’s upcoming movie adaption of the book.

Noon - 12:45PM

Safiya Sinclair with Mary Haft
Dreamland

Celebrated poet Safiya Sinclair’s new memoir, How to Say Babylon, is the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award in Autobiography, a finalist for the Kirkus Prize, and is longlisted for the Women’s Prize in Non-Fiction. How to Say Babylon tells the story of Safiya’s upbringing under her strict Rastafarian father in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Her memoir will undoubtedly resonate with many Nantucketers who have roots in Jamaican culture and with all readers on a journey of reckoning with their own family story. Safiya will be joined in conversation by Co-Founder of the Nantucket Book Foundation, writer and producer, Mary Haft.

Sunday, June 16

10:00 - 10:45AM

Rob Benchley & Jim Patrick with John Stanton
Atheneum Great Hall

Travel back to the way Nantucket was twenty-five years ago, as writer Jim Patrick and photographer Rob Benchley chronicled the scallop harvest in their beloved book Scallop Season. Scallop Season captures the hearty spirit of those who earn their living in the last surviving wild bay scallop fishery on the East Coast. Editor of Nantucket Today, John Stanton, will be on-hand to lead the conversation.

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2:00- 4:00PM

Festival Send-Off Celebration
Cisco Brewery

Gather at Cisco Brewers on our final day for great food and music. Choose from delicious options for lunch, plus drinks by Cisco Brewers, Triple 8, and Nantucket Vineyards. Shuttle available from the Visitors Services on Federal Street. No tickets required; pay for your own food and drinks.
Featured Authors

**Kwame Alexander** is a poet, educator, Emmy-winning producer and #1 New York Times bestselling author of 40 books, including *This Is The Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets, Why Fathers Cry at Night, An American Story, The Door of No Return, Becoming Muhammad Ali* (co-authored with James Patterson), *Rebound*, which was shortlisted for the prestigious UK Carnegie Medal, and *The Undefeated*, the National Book Award nominee, Newbery Honor, and Caldecott Medal-winning picture book illustrated by Kadir Nelson.


**Rob Benchley** is an award-winning photographer, and a Nantucket washashore who moved to the island year-round in 1982. He co-authored *Scallop Season: A Nantucket Chronicle* with Jim Patrick, and has photographed and written for five Nantucket publications since 1983, including: *The Inquirer and Mirror, The Nantucket Beacon, The Nantucket Independent* and the original *Nantucket Magazine*. In recent years, Rob has contributed his photographs and essays to *Nantucket Today*. He and his wife Carol share their ‘Sconset house they built together 35 years ago.

**Bianca Bosker** is the author of the New York Times bestselling books *Get the Picture: A Mind-Bending Journey among the Inspired Artists and Obsessive Art Fiends Who Taught Me How to See* and *Cork Dork*. A contributing writer at *The Atlantic*, she has also written for publications such as *The New Yorker, The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Her work has been recognized with awards from the New York Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists, and has been included in *The Best American Travel Writing*.

**Adrienne Brodeur** is the author of the novel *Little Monsters* and her memoir *Wild Game*, which was selected as a Best Book of the Year by NPR and *The Washington Post* and is in development as a Netflix film. She founded the literary magazine *Zoetrope: All-Story* with Francis Ford Coppola, and currently serves as executive director of Aspen Words, a literary nonprofit and program of the Aspen Institute. She splits her time between Cambridge and Cape Cod, where she lives with her husband and children.
**Featured Authors**

**Gabriella Burnham**’s debut novel, *It Is Wood, It Is Stone*, was named a best book of the year by *Harper’s Bazaar*, *Marie Claire*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Good Housekeeping*. She holds an MFA in creative writing from St. Joseph’s College and has been awarded fellowships to Yaddo and MacDowell, where she was named a Harris Center Fellow. Her nonfiction writing has appeared in *Harper’s Bazaar*. Burnham and her partner live in Brooklyn, New York, with their two rescue cats, Galleta and Franz.

**Christy Cashman** is a mother, author, producer and active member of the Boston literary community. She is the founder of YouthINK, a not-for-profit mentorship program for young artists in the U.S. and in Ireland. She is also the founder of YOUthink Creative Wellness Retreats. In addition to *The Truth About Horses*, Christy has published two children’s books: *The Not-So-Average Monkey of Kilkea Castle* and *Petri’s Next Things*. Christy, her husband, two sons and 3 dogs live in Boston and spend time in Ireland and on Cape Cod.

**Manni Coe** grew up in Yorkshire and Berkshire. He studied Latin American history and culture at Edinburgh University which took him on adventures in South America before he finally settled in Andalucia, Spain. He now lives between Dorset and a tiny town called Archidona. He is the second of four brothers. He works as a private guide in Spain and around the world. *brother.do.you.love.me* is his first book.

**Reuben Coe** grew up in Berkshire and is the youngest of four brothers. He completed a B-tech in Drama and has a passion for drawing. His art has been used by both Norwich and St Paul’s Cathedral and his range of Christmas cards helped raise funds for the NHS during the pandemic. *brother.do.you.love.me* is his first book.

**Sara DiVello** is a true crime writer and the creator/host of Mystery and Thriller Mavens, a popular author interview series and interactive Facebook group. She has interviewed over 400 authors, ranging from bestselling and world-renowned to the buzziest debuts. Her latest book, *Broadway Butterfly: A Thriller*, was an *Entertainment Weekly* Most Anticipated Book, *CBS New York Book Club Pick*, featured in *Vanity Fair*, and earned starred reviews from *Booklist* and *Library Journal*. 

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Kerri Greenidge, PhD is an Associate Professor at Tufts University. Greenidge wrote Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter (2019). The book received the Mark Lynton Prize in History, the Mass. Book Award, the J. Anthony Lukas Award, the Spierber Award from Fordham University, and the Peter J. Gomes Book Prize from the Mass. Historical Society. Her most recent book, The Grimkes: The Legacy of Slavery in An American Family (2022) was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and the J. Anthony Lukas Award.

Lara Love Hardin is a literary agent, author, prison reform advocate, and president of True Literary. Her memoir, The Many Lives of Mama Love is a 2024 Oprah Book Club pick and a New York Times bestseller. She is a five-time New York Times bestselling collaborative writer, including the #1 New York Times bestseller Designing Your Life, and 2018 Oprah Book Club pick, The Sun Does Shine, which she co-authored with Anthony Ray Hinton about his 30 years as an innocent man on Alabama’s death row.

Paul Harding is an American musician and author, best known for his debut novel Tinkers, which won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2010 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize among other honors. He is currently the director of the Creative Writing and Literature MFA program at Stony Brook Southampton, as well as Interim Associate Provost of SUNY-Stony Brook’s Lichtenstein Center. His most recent novel, This Other Eden, was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Katherine Howe is a New York Times bestselling and award-winning novelist and historian. She lives and sails in New England with her family, where she is at work on her next novel. Her latest book, A True Account, is the daring first-hand account of one young woman’s unbelievable adventures.

Bill Janovitz is the New York Times Bestselling author of Leon Russell: The Master of Space and Time’s Journey Through Rock & Roll History. He has also written two books on the Rolling Stones: Rocks Off: 50 Tracks That Tell the Story of the Rolling Stones and Exile on Main Street. He is one of the three founding members of the Boston-based band, Buffalo Tom, which formed in Northampton in 1986 while students at UMass Amherst. He lives with his family in Lexington, Massachusetts.
Erik Larson is the author of eight books including the bestsellers *The Splendid and the Vile, The Devil in the White City, In the Garden of Beasts,* and *Isaac’s Storm.* His newest narrative nonfiction, *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War,* was published in April.

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Trish O’Kane is a writer and a senior lecturer in environmental justice at the University of Vermont, where avians are her teaching assistants. A former human rights journalist in Central America and the Deep South, she has written for the *New York Times,* *Time,* and the *San Francisco Chronicle.* She lives in Burlington, Vermont, with her writer-husband, their dog, and three chickens.

Jim Patrick and photographer Rob Benchley teamed up to document the decline of Nantucket’s fishery. *Scallop Season: A Nantucket Chronicle* is a result of that effort. Jim co-founded the Nantucket Short Play Competition and Festival in 1992, which has brought over 300 plays and a number of world premieres to the island. His other books include: *Nantucket Love Stories* and *The Nantucket Short Play Anthologies, Vol 1: Stars.*

Tara Karr Roberts is a freelance writer, science writer, and newspaper columnist. She is a lifelong Idahoan who grew up along the Pend Oreille River and now lives in Moscow, Idaho, with her family. *Wild and Distant Seas* is her debut novel.

Casey Sherman is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* Bestselling American author, journalist and screenwriter most famous for his 2009 book *The Finest Hours*, and *Boston Strong*, which was adapted into the acclaimed 2016 film *Patriots Day*. His most recent books are *Helltown: The Untold Story of a Serial Killer on Cape Cod* and new in 2024, *A Murder in Hollywood*.

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Nancy Thayer is the author of over 35 novels, including *Summer Love, Family Reunion, A Nantucket Christmas*, and *The Hot Flash Club*. Her books are about families, friendship, and the beautiful island of Nantucket where she’s lived for 39 years with her husband Charley Walters and their spoiled cat Callie. Her next Nantucket novel that just came out is *The Summer We Started Over*.

Featured Authors biographies can be found in their entirety, by scanning this QR code or you can find them on our website: NantucketBookFestival.org
Mary Bergman is a writer and historian living on Nantucket. She is a frequent contributor to WCAI’s A Cape Cod Notebook, and her work has appeared in Literary Hub, The Common, and Provincetown Arts. She is Chair of the Nantucket Book Festival Literary Committee.

Donick Carey, an Emmy Winning writer & producer, has worked on many shows from David Letterman and the Simpsons to Parks and Recreation and New Girl. His 2020 movie “Have a Good Trip Adventures in Psychedelics” reached the #1 top streamed film in its first week on Netflix with over 7.5 million views. He founded Musack.org in 2008 a 501c3 that supports kids music programs coast to coast.

Nathan Coe is a fine art photographer. After pursuing a BA Hons degree in Photography & Media in Gloucestershire, England, Nathan landed on Nantucket where he became the Creative Director & Editor for N Magazine. He now splits his time between Nantucket and Palm Beach, seamlessly weaving together a nostalgic nod to tradition with a forward-thinking eye for the contemporary in his images.

Louise Dennys is Publisher Emerita of Penguin Random House Canada. As an editor of fiction and non-fiction, she has worked closely with many of the world’s most admired writers, including 5 Nobel Literature laureates: Kazuo Ishiguro, Michael Ondaatje, Salman Rushdie and John Vaillant, and is, most especially, Margaret Atwood’s editor in Canada. She is a past President of PEN Canada.

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Tim Ehrenberg is the President of the Nantucket Book Foundation, creator of Tim Talks Books, and marketing/events director for Nantucket Book Partners. He is the co-host of the literary podcast Books, Beach, & Beyond with Elin Hilderbrand and the resident bookworm for N Magazine, penning his “Need to Read” article in each issue. For more information: timtalksbooks.com

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Linda Henry serves as the chief executive officer and co-owner of Boston Globe Media, a dynamic and modern multimedia organization that includes The Boston Globe, Boston.com, Stat News, and Harvard Bookstore. She is a four-time Emmy-award winning television producer, Emmy-nominated documentary producer, and children’s book author.

Kitty Pochman is the Executive Director of the Linda Loring Nature Foundation, a 275-acre wildlife sanctuary on Eel Point Road. She lives on Nantucket with her husband, Tom, and their two Siamese cats, where they maintain a garden of native plants attractive to a diverse and colorful abundance of birds.

Heather Reisman is the Founder and CEO of Indigo, Canada’s largest book, lifestyle and children’s specialty retailer and the host of the podcast, Well Said. She is also the co-founder of Kobo, a leading global e-Reading company. A documentary producer of films including the Emmy & BAFTA winning, “The Social Dilemma” and co-author of Imagine it! A Handbook for a Happier Planet.

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John Stanton is a documentary filmmaker whose latest film is, The Last Bay Scallop, which was narrated by Rob Benchley. He is also an editor at The Inquirer and Mirror newspaper and editor of Nantucket Today magazine.
Local Authors

**Lucia Arno-Bernsen**’s Nantucket roots go back 69 years when her parents opened the first Italian restaurant, Vincent’s, and later Arno’s. Retired from the cable industry, Lucia is a founder and board member of *The Belmont Voice*, an independent, nonprofit local news source available for free online and in print in Belmont, MA.


**Kimberly Beck, O.M.C., C.ht** is an ordained ministerial counselor, a Certified NLP Trainer and a Certified Hypnotherapist. Kimberly bridges her Marketing degree, corporate executive leadership experience, and personal growth and development tools to bring her unique background to heal self-limiting beliefs and patterns to *Play Big* in life.

**Christin Brecher**’s life-long affection for Nantucket’s foggy nights, cobblestoned setting, its history and strong community were the inspiration for *The Nantucket Candle Maker Mysteries*. *A Snapshot of NYC Mysteries* is her newest series. Christin was born, raised, and still resides in NYC, a perfect place to celebrate life’s everyday stories.
Aime Alley Card has been researching, interviewing, and writing about the Tennessee State Tigerbelles for the past several years. Aime’s work has been featured in The Boston Globe, the ALA’s Booklist, Track & Field Magazine, and many others. She is a nonfiction editor for Pangyrus literary magazine.

Sarah Leah Chase has written 7 cookbooks over the course of her culinary career, which began with her operating her Que Sera Sarah specialty food shop and catering business on Nantucket throughout the 1980’s. She has been a food writer for The Inquirer and Mirror newspaper since the mid-1990’s and a recipe developer for Ina Garten over the past 18 years.

Thad Dupper is the founder and CEO of Dupper Analytics, a cloud-based solutions company that uses talented high school programmers to develop custom solutions for small and medium businesses. He is also an executive in residence at the University of Denver - Daniels College of Business, where he mentors students and shares his expertise in the technology sector. He has been the former CEO and chairman of Evolving Systems (NASDAQ:EVOL) and Secure64 Software Corporation, as well as a board member, angel investor and author of techno-thriller novels.

Kate Feiffer is the author of eleven highly acclaimed books for children, and the illustrator of The Lamb Cycle. A former television news producer, she is the event producer for the Martha’s Vineyard based writer’s festival Islanders Write. Morning Pages is her first novel for adult readers.
Local Authors

**Michael Fine**, an author, physician and public health guy, has written books, short stories, and commentaries that are widely read across southeastern New England.

**Stephanie Forshee** is an author, journalist and singer/songwriter. She currently works as the U.S. finance editor at LinkedIn News. She is the creator of the Hidden Gems for Kids series, which was funded on Kickstarter in May 2022. She also co-authored In Other News: Reporters on Reporting with Rosie Downey. Stephanie’s work has appeared in Fortune, The Wall Street Journal, Morning Brew, The Financial Times, Newsday, and more. She lives in Brooklyn with her cat Tabitha.

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Stewart Lewis’ novels have been translated into five languages. His romantic comedy *Happily Whatever After* was hailed “Charming!” by Elin Hilderbrand, and his Young Adult mystery *One Stupid Thing*, set on Nantucket, is being made into a feature film. He is also an acclaimed singer-songwriter. More info at www.stewartlewis.com.

Marion McNabb is a novelist and award-winning screenwriter who studied film at the Tisch School at NYU and graduated from Arizona State with a degree in Theater. She lived for many years in Los Angeles but the siren call pulled her back to Cape Cod where she lives with her family looking for mermaids and working on her next novel.
Local Authors

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Stephen Paul Sayers is a college professor and top-10 Amazon best-selling author of The Caretakers horror trilogy: A Taker of Morrows, The Soul Dweller, and The Immortal Force. He makes his home in Plymouth, MA thinking up scary stories and watching classic horror films with his ill-mannered dog, Ollie.


Janet Sherlund raised her family and served on nonprofit boards in education, health and the cultural arts before writing her memoir, Abandoned at Birth. Her single most significant life event was being given up for adoption at birth. Her memoir fulfills a lifelong dream of raising awareness about loss and grief in adoption, and why it takes more than love to survive that trauma. A graduate of Colgate University, Sherlund lives on the island of Nantucket off the coast of Massachusetts.
Crocker Snow, an award winning journalist, has earned an NPR radio prize and two Pulitzer Prize nominations. He was founding editor of The World Paper and director of the Edward R. Murrow Center at the Fletcher School at Tufts University. His published books include: Muskeget: Raw, Restless, Relentless Island in 2015, and The Mouse that Owns an Island in 2016, addressing sea rise effects on this small island off Nantucket. His latest book is a memoir and history titled Swamp Yankee Adventures: Chronicle of a Journalist in Low Orbit Around the World, published on June 6.

Kate Stout’s work has appeared in numerous national magazines and newspapers. In addition to publishing a newspaper on Nantucket Island, The Nantucket Map & Legend, her published work include: Adventure of a Nantucket Dog & Saltcoats, an 18th Century Nantucket Cottage along with Building With Nantucket in Mind.

Barbara Tibbetts is the author of The LOOK Book series and creator of Hunter the Owl, a former kindergarten teacher and the mother of three children. Barbara resides on the Island of Nantucket, the location and inspiration for The LOOK Book.

Join us at the Nantucket Hotel’s Breeze Bar
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Authors will start heading to the bar at about 8 pm. Share stories with your favorites over a drink (or two).
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Thursday, June 13

1:00–1:45pm
Atheneum Great Hall
Tara Karr Roberts
with Mary Bergman

2:00–2:45pm
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Casey Sherman
with Sara DiVello

3:00–3:45pm
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Katherine Howe
with Tim Ehrenberg

4:00–4:45pm
Atheneum Great Hall
Gabriella Burnham
with Jason Graziadei

7:00pm
Nantucket Young Playwrights
White Heron Theatre

8:00pm
Authors in Bars
The Nantucket Hotel
Breeze Bar

11:45 - 12:45pm
Lunch Break

1:00 - 1:45pm
Methodist Church
Steven Rowley
with Tim Ehrenberg

2:00 - 2:45pm
Methodist Church
Bianca Bosker
with Michael Schulder

3:00 - 3:45pm
Methodist Church
Sara DiVello
with Mary Haft

4:00 - 4:45pm
Methodist Church
Ben Mezrich
with Linda Henry

6:30 - 7:30pm
First Congregational Church
Margaret Atwood with
Heather Reisman & Louise Dennys

7:30 - 10:00pm
White Elephant
Ballroom & Conference Center
▲ Ticketed Event
Author Dinner,
Presented by the White Elephant Hotel

Friday, June 14

9:00 - 9:45am
Methodist Church
Erik Larson
with Linda Henry

10:00 - 10:45am
Methodist Church
Trish O’Kane
with Kitty Pochman

11:00 - 11:45am
Methodist Church
Paul Harding
with Ann Sullivan

Saturday, June 15

9:00 - 9:45am
Methodist Church
Nancy Thayer
with Meg Ruley

10:00am - 2:00pm
Atheneum Great Hall
Local Authors will be selling their books
**Sunday, June 16**

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Merchandise will be available at the Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday and in the Atheneum Great Hall on Saturday.

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**The Nantucket Book Festival Young Writer Award**
Celebrating the craft of writing and encouraging the development of finding one’s voice through the expression of words on a page, we will be announcing the winner of the NBF Young Writer Award, along with the four finalists, at our Saturday Celebration. We’re aiming for the stars with our outreach to our island’s young people. We believe in the power of words to shape and change lives. Our hope is that our students will find a platform of words and a love of reading – to understand that while they may live on an island, there is no limit to imagination.

**The Nantucket Book Foundation Visiting Authors Program**
![Neal Shusterman visits with high school students.](image)

This program was created in close collaboration with Nantucket school teachers and librarians, featuring authors whose work ties into the curriculum. In the fall of 2023 and spring of 2024, we were thrilled to bring three Visiting Authors to our schools – **Neal Shusterman** for our high school students, **Dan Gemeinhart** for our middle school students, and **Matt de la Peña** for our intermediate and elementary school students.

These programs were created by Festival Co-Founder Mary Haft in partnership with the dedicated librarians, teachers, and principals at our Nantucket Schools. Funding is provided by generous grants from the Nantucket Golf Club Foundation, the Community Foundation for Nantucket, and Mass Cultural Council, as well as ongoing support from our generous sponsors and donors. We extend our profound gratitude to our two judges, Sandy Mitchell and James Sulzer.

The Nantucket Book Foundation also supports student literacy by donating books to island schools and by supporting the Nantucket Book Mobile, run by teacher Gillean Myers.
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Friday, June 14
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