

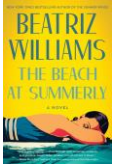
2023 – 2024 Schedule of Authors

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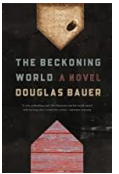
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - Featuring Beatriz Williams

The Beach at Summerly takes readers back to a mid-century New England rich with secrets and Cold War intrigue. Our heroine Emilia Winthrop helps capture a Soviet agent in 1946, only to learn in 1954 that he is to be swapped for an American prisoner, and Emilia alone can provide needed answers. It's the best of all worlds – mystery, romance and a seaside setting.



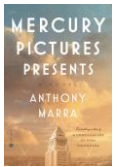
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - Featuring Douglas Bauer

The Beckoning World is set in the first quarter of the 20th century and follows Earl Dunham, a coal miner turned baseball pitcher turned farmer. His story includes the love of his life Emily Marchand, his son Henry, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, the Spanish Flu of 1918, and a myriad of other memorable characters. At the center is a relentlessly deep love persisting despite the heartbreaking complications that Earl and Emily endure.



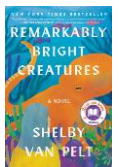
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Featuring Anthony Marra

Marra's second novel, *Mercury Pictures Presents*, focuses on European exiles in 1940's Hollywood running a film studio that is constantly on the verge of bankruptcy. They are spared when, during World War II, the government hires them to make propaganda films. The novel, set 80 years ago, deals with current themes dominating American political life -- coercion, historical amnesia, and falsified realities -- in a witty and insightful manner.



Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - Featuring Shelby Van Pelt

Remarkably Bright Creatures features an unlikely relationship between a widowed aquarium employee, Tova, and a curmudgeonly giant Pacific octopus. The friendship results in Marcellus McSquiddles solving the mystery of what happened to Tova's son who vanished on a boat in Puget Sound 30 years ago. Original, funny, wise and heartwarming, the book ultimately is about lessons in love, loss and family.



Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - Featuring Rachel Beanland

The House is on Fire is a fictionalized version of the 1811 Richmond, Virginia theater fire that brings four diversified characters together in a tragic coincidence. Fast-paced, heartbreaking and heart-pounding, it examines the event, the aftermath, the stories that were told and the blame that was unfairly placed. It is a stark reminder of how privilege, sexism and racism have been in this country's DNA since its inception.



Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - Featuring Kate Manning

Taking place in early 1900's Colorado, *Gilded Mountain* stars slyly humorous Sylvia Pelletier and her struggles with conflicting loyalties. It is a novel of big ideas: love, beauty, suffering, desire for labor rights, women's equality and the rights of formerly enslaved people. When the harsh winter brings tragedy, our heroine with feet in two worlds decides to act. This is a story imbued with longing - for self-expression, freedom and adventure.

