Tuesday, Jan. 8 / 7:00pm
Daniel Levin Becker
All That Is Evident Is Suspect: Readings from the Oulipo: 1963–2018
@ Harvard Book Store
Critic, editor, and translator Daniel Levin Becker discusses his latest book, a collection that highlights the diversity and breadth of work produced by the French literary workshop Oulipo—one of world literature’s most vital, adventurous presences.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 / 7:00pm
Jeremy N. Smith
in conversation with ALIEN
@ Harvard Book Store
Writer and public speaker Jeremy N. Smith discusses the breakneck career of a remarkable female hacker and her journey through the high-stakes world of cybersecurity. He’ll be joined at the event by Alien herself.

“...a novelistic tech tale that puts readers on the front lines of cybersecurity. ... A page-turning real-life thriller, this is the sort of book that may leave readers feeling both invigorated and vulnerable.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Thursday, Jan. 10 / 6:30pm
Edward Bullmore
The Inflamed Mind: A Radical New Approach to Depression
@ Cambridge Public Library
449 Broadway
Acclaimed neuroscientist and psychiatrist Edward Bullmore discusses the breakthrough new science on the link between depression and inflammation of the body and brain, and what this means for future treatments.

“Professor Bullmore has led us out of the dark ages and shone the light on the crucial link between systemic inflammation and mental illness.” —Sir Robert Lechler

Thursday, Jan. 10 / 7:00pm
Chigozie Obioma
An Orchestra of Minorities: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed writer Chigozie Obioma—author of The Fishermen, a finalist for the Man Booker Prize—discusses his latest novel, the story of a Nigerian poultry farmer who sacrifices everything to win the woman he loves.

“An Orchestra of Minorities stays with you. With remarkable style and compelling language, [Obioma] explores what it means to experience blinding love and devastating loss.” —Nicole Dennis-Benn

Friday, Jan. 11 / 7:00pm
Laura Adamczyk
Hardly Children: Stories
in conversation with CHAYA BHUVANESWAR
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning writer Laura Adamczyk discusses her debut short story collection—featuring eerie tales of missing parents, unrequited love, and uncomfortable moments—with Chaya Bhuvaneswar, the author of White Dancing Elephants. This event is co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

“The stories are achingly open to the vulnerability that comes with forming attachments and the surprising difficulty of breaking them.” —New York Times Book Review

Saturday, Jan. 12 / 7:00pm
Robin Cook and Daniela Lamas
Pandemic: A Novel and You Can Stop Humming Now: A Doctor’s Stories of Life, Death, and in Between
@ Harvard Book Store
Bestselling author Robin Cook and Dr. Daniela Lamas, a pulmonary and critical care physician, discuss their new books. Pandemic—a medical thriller—explores the world of gene modification, and You Can Stop Humming Now is a collection of stories about the lives of patients kept alive by modern medical technology.

“Cook richly develops characters, allowing us to share their most personal thoughts and professional concerns.” —USA Today

“Daniela Lamas is the real thing. Her voice is wry, compassionate, sometimes doctorly, and sometimes not. And she’s written a gripping, soaring, inspiring book about the sickest people on the planet.” —Atul Gawande

Tuesday, Jan. 15 / 7:00pm
Joshua D. Mezrich
When Death Becomes Life: Notes from a Transplant Surgeon
with an introduction by BEN MEZRICH
@ Harvard Book Store
Dr. Joshua D. Mezrich, an associate professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, discusses one of the most profound achievements of modern medicine: organ transplantation. He’ll be introduced by the bestselling author of Accidental Billionaires and Bringing Down the House, Ben Mezrich.

“...this monumental and enthralling history of one of modern medicine’s most reusing triumphs is a definitive testament to... hope, and to the brave physicians and patients whose sacrifices made it possible.” —New York Journal of Books

Tuesday, Jan. 15 / 7:00pm
Susan Crawford
Fiber: The Coming Tech Revolution—and Why America Might Miss It
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard Law School professor Susan Crawford discusses how the lobbying power of giant corporations holds back infrastructure improvements, stunting the potential for fiber optic connections to radically transform and revolutionize our society.

“By vividly describing a world filled with fiber-enabled technology as well as the perils and possibilities for achieving it, Susan Crawford has written a playbook for a fairer and more prosperous United States.” —Andy Berke

Tuesday, Jan. 22 / 7:00pm
Deborah L. Plummer
Some of My Friends Are... The Daunting Challenges and Untapped Benefits of Cross-Racial Friendships
@ Harvard Book Store
Psychologist and UMass Medical School professor Deborah L. Plummer discusses the fears and discomforts associated with cross-racial friendships within American society, and why we should deepen and strengthen these relationships.

“(Dr. Plummer) charts a pathway to establishing more friendships that heal divisions among racial groups. In doing so, this book offers hope for a better and more inclusive tomorrow.” —Claude Steele
Wednesday, Jan. 23 / 7:00pm
Peter Shinkle
Ike's Mystery Man: The Secret Lives of Robert Cutler
@ Harvard Book Store
Veteran reporter Peter Shinkle discusses the life of his great-uncle, Robert Cutler, who was President Eisenhower’s National Security Advisor. Cutler shaped US Cold War strategy in crucial ways, but was gay at a time when anyone suspected of homosexuality was banned from federal employment.

“A historical treasure unearthed. . . . A must-read for all Cold War scholars, it is a great read for everyone else.” —Martin J. Sherwin

Friday, Jan. 25 / 7:00pm
Shoshana Zuboff
The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed author and Harvard Business School professor emerita Shoshana Zuboff discusses the challenges to humanity posed by the digital future, in particular the vast power of giant high-tech companies and the unprecedented power of “surveillance capitalism.”

“Zuboff’s book finally empowers us to understand and fight these threats effectively—a masterpiece of rare conceptual daring, beautifully written and deeply urgent.” —Robert B. Reich

Monday, Jan. 28 / 7:00pm
The Harvard Square Book Circle discusses Sleepless Nights
@ Harvard Book Store
The Harvard Square Book Circle, our in-store book club, discusses Elizabeth Hardwick’s Sleepless Nights, an inspired fusion of fact and invention in which a woman looks back on her life. Philip Roth writes, “This original novel does everything for lost times that an irreplaceable family photograph album does—except that here, the words are worth a thousand pictures.”

Tuesday, Jan. 29 / 7:00pm
Justin Driver
The Schoolhouse Gate: Public Education, the Supreme Court, and the Battle for the American Mind
in conversation with RANDALL KENNEDY
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning constitutional law scholar Justin Driver discusses the historic legal battles waged over education and how the Supreme Court has undermined the rights of public school students. He’ll be joined by Harvard Law professor Randall Kennedy. This event is co-sponsored by the American Constitution Society.

“Indispensable. . . . bold and ultimately persuasive. . . . Driver has performed a service in assembling the stories of so many important education cases in one encyclopedic, fair and elegantly written volume.” —New York Times Book Review

Wednesday, Jan. 30 / 6:00pm
Richard Wrangham
The Goodness Paradox: The Strange Relationship Between Virtue and Violence in Human Evolution
Science Book Talks
@ Harvard Science Center Hall C
1 Oxford Street
Distinguished primatologist and Harvard professor Richard Wrangham discusses how humankind evolved to become an increasingly peaceful species in daily interactions, despite its capacity for planned and devastating violence. This event series is part of a collaboration with the Harvard University Division of Science and Cabot Science Library.

“A brilliant analysis of the role of aggression in our evolutionary history.” —Jane Goodall

Wednesday, Jan. 30 / 7:00pm
Anthony Tommasini
The Indispensable Composers: A Personal Guide
@ Harvard Book Store
New York Times chief classical music critic Anthony Tommasini discusses the question of greatness in classical music, drawing upon his own impressions, shifting attitudes toward a composer’s work, the anxiety of influence, elements of biography, and more.

“A treasure trove of biographical information and a primer on the language and notation of music itself.” —Library Journal

Thursday, Jan. 31 / 7:00pm
Daisy Johnson
Everything Under: A Novel
in conversation with MARGOT LIVESEY
@ Harvard Book Store
Daisy Johnson, the award-winning author of Fan, discusses her debut novel—shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize—with bestselling author Margot Livesey. Everything Under is an eerie, watery retelling of the Oedipus myth, set on the canals of Oxford.

“Entrancing. . . . Johnson’s own writing summons the just–off–ness of the uncanny; she is capable of passages of uncanny creepiness. . . . Her sentences have an aqueous quality.” —New Yorker

On February 7th, we’ll welcome Man Booker Prize–winning novelist Marlon James—author of A Brief History of Seven Killings—for a discussion of his highly anticipated latest novel, Black Leopard, Red Wolf. Get more info and buy tickets at harvard.com/event/marlon_james.

“A dangerous, hallucinatory, ancient Africa . . . as well-realized as anything Tolkien made.” —Neil Gaiman