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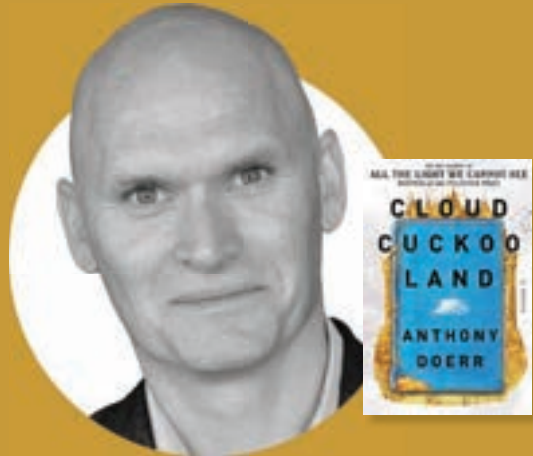
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ANTHONY DOERR



Since his first collection of stories – *The Shell Collector* – was released in 2002, Anthony Doerr has become known for lyricism and gift for powerful metaphors. *The New York Times* best-seller of *All The Light We Cannot See* won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, and was a finalist for the National Book Award. *All The Light We Cannot See* spent more than three and a half years on *The New York Times*' best-seller list. In September 2021, Doerr released a new novel, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*. This historical fiction novel is about children on the cusp of adulthood in a broken world.



INTRODUCTION

KIMBERLY K. EMMONS

Kimberly K. Emmons is Associate Professor of English and Director of the Writing Program at Case Western Reserve University. In 2018, she became the first woman to be awarded the Oviatt Professorship in English, the university's oldest surviving endowed chair, which was established in 1837. As a scholar of medical rhetoric, Dr. Emmons investigates the role of language in shaping health and illness experiences. In her monograph *Black Dogs and Blue Words: Depression and Gender in the Age of Self-Care*, she draws on a variety of texts: from direct to consumer advertisements to medical diagnostic rubrics, from memoirs to self-help literature. She argues that what we say about illnesses such as depression defines who is recognizably “sick” and what sorts of treatments they are offered. More importantly, she argues that rhetorical reading strategies are essential in a world where patients seeking medical advice from their doctors are already primed to perform particular illness identities. Practicing a “rhetorical care of the self” is a necessary response to the proliferation of self-diagnostic tools such as health quizzes, online symptom trackers, and the ubiquitous “wellness monitoring” available on our electronic devices.

As a teacher and writing program administrator, Dr. Emmons celebrates the ways that writing is at the heart of everything universities do: it enables the scholarly exchange of ideas; it facilitates civic and professional participation; it inspires creativity and innovation. Building on this idea, Dr. Emmons and her colleagues in the English department established Writers House, which is located in the historic Bellflower Hall on Case Western Reserve's campus. Writers House serves as a hub for all kinds of writing on campus and in the community. It welcomes student writing groups; sponsors a variety of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction workshops; hosts short-term visiting writers in residence; and celebrates the power of writing to bring people together. As a “maker space” for writing, Writers House is also home to the Writing Resource Center, which offers individual consultations and academic writing workshops, and the New Gutenberg Annex, a moveable type print lab and book arts workshop. As a place and an idea, Writers House inspires creativity and serves as a gathering place for a diverse and inclusive community of writers.



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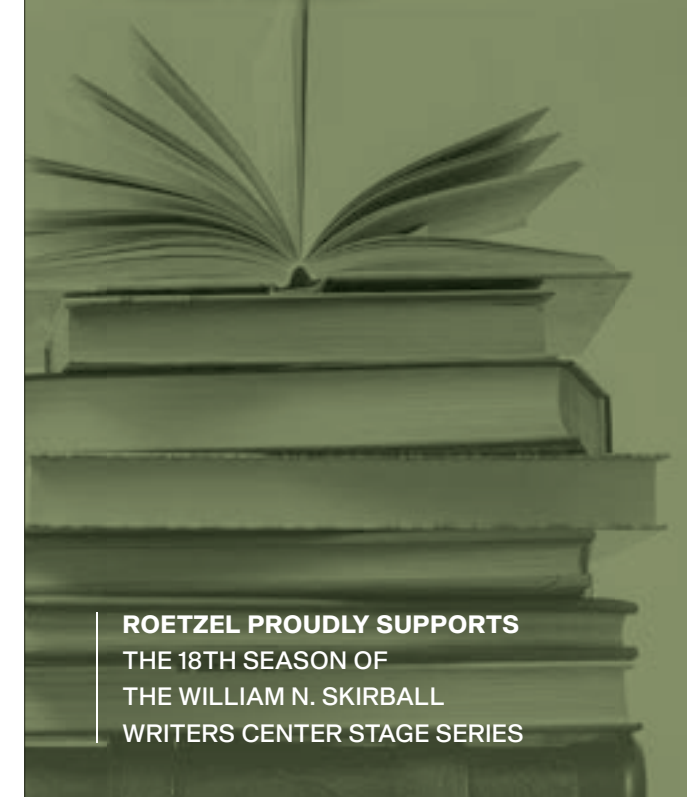
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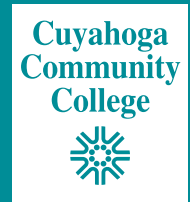


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I went to find out what
there was to know. It was
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Zadie Smith

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For more information, please contact Bridget Hawes at 216.749.9475 or bhawes@cuyahogalibrary.org.

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Wednesday, September 29, 2021



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Tuesday, October 12, 2021



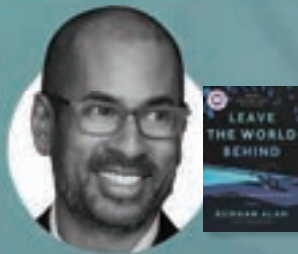
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Tuesday, November 9, 2021



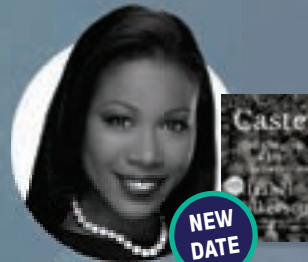
CARMEN MARIA MACHADO & RUMAAN ALAM

Tuesday, March 15, 2022



ANTHONY DOERR

Monday, May 2, 2022



ISABEL WILKERSON

Thursday, June 23, 2022

PAST SPEAKERS

2004

SEAMUS HEANEY

2004 - 2005

CALVIN TRILLIN
SUZAN-LORI PARKS
FRANCES MAYES
E.L. DOCTOROW

2005 - 2006

PAT CONROY
ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH
JANE SMILEY
ANNA QUINDLEN

2006 - 2007

FRANK McCOURT
AMY TAN
JIM LEHRER
TONY KUSHNER &
GEORGE C. WOLFE

2007 - 2008

IRA GLASS & DAVID RAKOFF
RUSSELL BANKS &
RICHARD RUSSO
JOYCE CAROL OATES
AZAR NAFISI

2008 - 2009

DAVID McCULLOUGH
JANE & MICHAEL STERN
MYLA GOLDBERG,
JONATHAN LETHEM &
COLSON WHITEHEAD
WITH NANCY PEARL
JOHN UPDIKE

2009 - 2010

GARRY TRUDEAU
CHRISTOPHER BUCKLEY
MARY OLIVER
JHUMPA LAHIRI

2010 - 2011

DR. NEIL deGRASSE TYSON
JEANNETTE WALLS
DAVE EGGERS
PETE HAMILL

2011 - 2012

ELIZABETH STROUT
MICHAEL POLLAN
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COLM TÓIBÍN

2012 - 2013

EMMA DONOGHUE
TRACY KIDDER
GERALDINE BROOKS &
TONY HORWITZ
ANN PATCHETT
RITA DOVE
ERIK LARSON

2013 - 2014

MICHAEL CHABON &
AYELET WALDMAN
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ROBERT PINSKY
KATHERINE BOO

2014 - 2015

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DENNIS LEHANE
ELIZABETH GILBERT
KHALED HOSSEINI
CHANG-RAE LEE
MARY ROACH

2015-2016

SARAH KOENIG & JULIE SNYDER
NEIL GAIMAN
GILLIAN FLYNN
EDWIDGE DANTICAT
ROZ CHAST
RICK BRAGG

2016 - 2017

DON DeLILLO
LAWRENCE WRIGHT
ROXANE GAY
COLUM McCANN &
EDNA O'BRIEN
ALISON BECHDEL
JOHN GREEN

2017 - 2018

COLSON WHITEHEAD
PATTI SMITH IN
CONVERSATION WITH
MAUREEN CORRIGAN
MARGARET ATWOOD
MARIA SEMPLE
DAVID GRANN
JOHN IRVING

2018 - 2019

JUDY BLUME & DANIEL HANDLER
JOHN GRISHAM
JESMYN WARD
TIMOTHY EGAN
LYNDA BARRY & MATT GROENING
JENNIFER EGAN

2019 - 2020

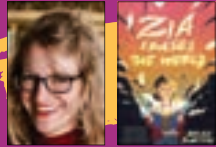
JANE MAYER & FRANK RICH
RACHEL KUSHNER & PIPER KERMAN
MICHAEL ONDAATJE

2020 - 2021

MADELINE MILLER
JOSH MALERMAN
SUSAN CHOI
YOTAM OTTOLENGHI
BRIT BENNETT
TARA WESTOVER &
TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

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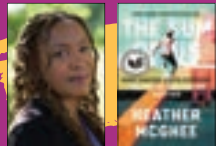
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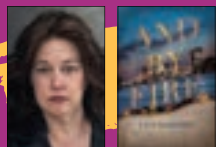
Bree Barton
May 3



Friends & Fiction Live
May 4



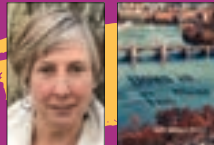
Heather McGhee
May 5



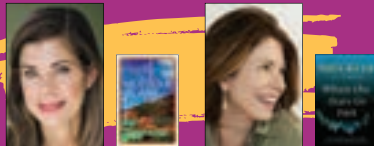
Evie Hawtrey (Sophie Perinot)
May 11



Jennifer Weiner
May 12



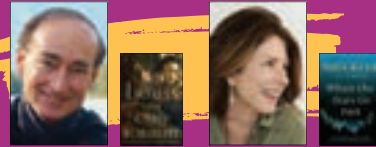
Anne Whitney Pierce
May 12



Sarah McCoy & Paula McLain
May 13



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May 16

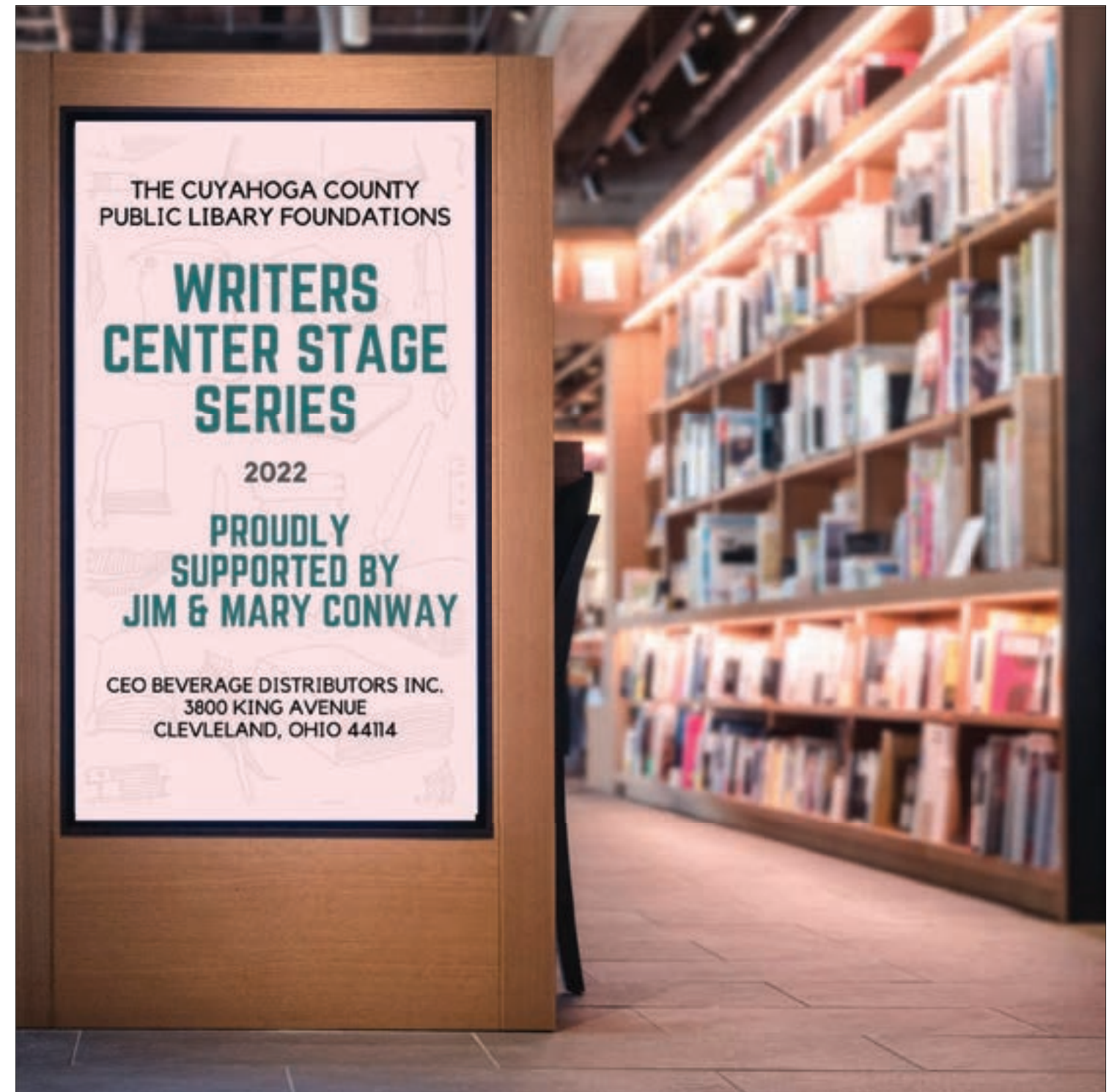


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May 17



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Reading about its previous authors brought tears to my eyes as I realized what I had missed, but I join you in excitement for the joys we have to look forward to this season.

It is my honor to welcome you to **Case Western Reserve** as we experience these great conversations together.

—Karen Kaler

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Karen and her husband, Eric Kaler, President of Case Western Reserve University.



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