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Julia Quinn loves to dispel the myth that smart women don't read (or write) romance. She is the author of nineteen consecutive *New York Times* bestsellers, including the wildly popular *Bridgerton* series. In March 2021, all eight of Quinn's *Bridgerton* novels were on the NYT list at the same time, a record (at that time) for an adult fiction author. A Netflix adaptation of the *Bridgerton* series debuted in 2020. Quinn was inducted into the Romance Writers Hall of Fame in 2009.



INTRODUCTION

JENNY HAMEL

Jenny Hamel is the host of the Sound of Ideas, a daily public affairs program on Ideastream Public Media (WKSU - 89.7 FM) The program covers national and local politics, education, social issues, arts and culture, basically anything of interest in the 22-county Northeast Ohio region Ideastream serves.

Prior to joining the Sound of Ideas, Jenny was the education reporter at Ideastream, covering Northeast Ohio's schools as they navigated the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Before coming to Cleveland, Jenny was a general assignment reporter for KCRW, an NPR affiliate in Los Angeles.



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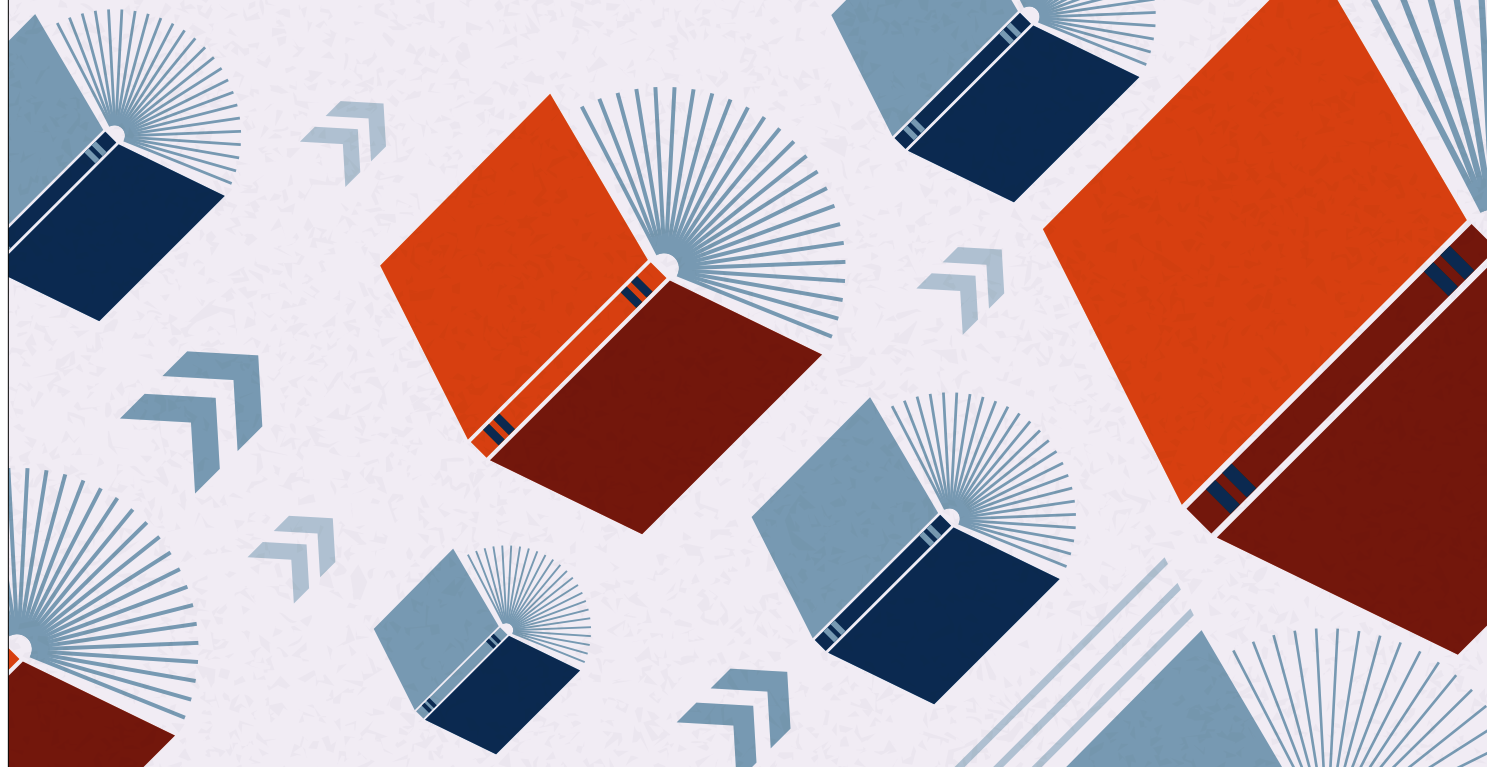


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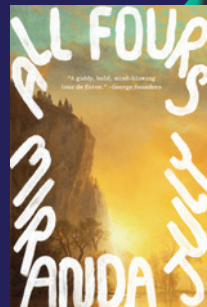
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COLM TÓIBÍN

2012 - 2013
EMMA DONOGHUE
TRACY KIDDER
GERALDINE BROOKS &
TONY HORWITZ
ANN PATCHETT
RITA DOVE
ERIK LARSON

2013 - 2014
MICHAEL CHABON &
AYELET WALDMAN
STEPHEN L. CARTER
CHERYL STRAYED
ANDREW SOLOMON
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KATHERINE BOO

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DENNIS LEHANE
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KHALED HOSSEINI
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MARY ROACH

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GILLIAN FLYNN
EDWIDGE DANTICAT
ROZ CHAST
RICK BRAGG

2016 - 2017
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LAWRENCE WRIGHT
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COLUM McCANN &
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ALISON BECHDEL
JOHN GREEN

2017 - 2018
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PATTI SMITH IN
CONVERSATION WITH
MAUREEN CORRIGAN
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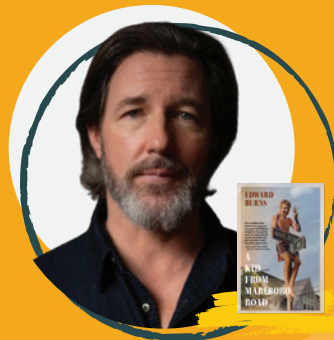
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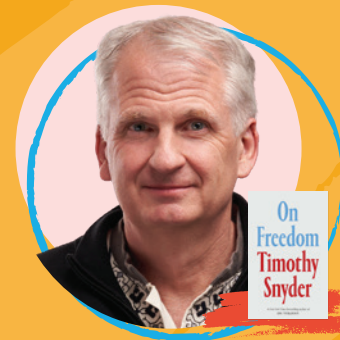
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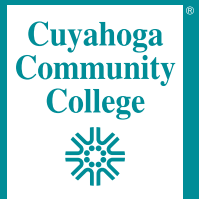
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