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ADULT AUTHOR MEET & GREETS

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

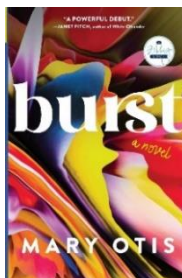
BIANCA SCHWARZ, *The Spy's Daughter* (Book 4) and earlier titles from *The Gentleman Spy Mysteries* – Emily March, illegitimate daughter of Sir Henry March, has wealth, beauty, and talent. But is this enough to secure what she really wants – a loving marriage? Max Warthon is the grandson of the sinister Earl of Warthon, enemy of Sir Henry. Max knows that getting too close to Emily will lead to certain peril, but he cannot resist her, and their whirlwind romance raises the ire of the Earl. Will Emily and Max be able to unravel the mystery of an ancient hatred and unmask the true enemy? Their happiness and their lives depend on it.

JUDITH TEITELMAN, *Guesthouse for Ganesha: A Novel*, In 1923, 17-year-old Esther Grünspan arrives in Köln “with a hardened heart as her sole luggage.” Thus begins a 22-year journey in search of a place of sanctuary, against the backdrops of the European Holocaust and the Hindu Kali Yuga (“Age of Darkness”). Esther relies on her masterful tailoring skills to help mask her Jewish heritage, navigate war-torn Europe, and emigrate to India. Esther's traveling companion and the novel's narrator is Ganesha, the elephant-headed Hindu God worshipped for his abilities to destroy obstacles, bestow wishes, and avenge evils. Weaving Eastern beliefs and perspectives with Western realities and pragmatism, this is a tale of love, loss, and spirit reclaimed.

1:30-3:30 PM

ANN BERNATH & RICHARD DOYLE, contributors to *Inner Space & Outer Thoughts: Speculative Fiction from Caltech and JPL Authors*- An anthology by Caltech and JPL scientists, engineers, technologists, and students. Experts at the frontiers of their fields present stories about alien astrobiologists, AI parenthood, a quest to preserve our histories beyond the heat death of our universe, a heist to steal engineering secrets from an ancient monk-scientist, the recovery of a long-lost phase of the human life cycle, the demise of Earth's first intelligent species - billions of years before the rise of humanity, and much more.

MARY OTIS, *Burst* (Fiction)- Viva has found ways to manage her mother Charlotte's drinking, and it's always been Viva and Charlotte against the world. Viva later discovers her innate talent for dance and chases her new passion with the same fervor that her mother chases the bottle. Viva moves away to pursue her dream, and Charlotte struggles to make peace with her own past. When tragedy strikes, Viva begins a downward spiral that forces her to decide whether she will repeat her mother's mistakes or finally take control of her life. Told from interwoven perspectives, this story delves into a mother-daughter relationship filled with immense heart in the face of heartbreak.



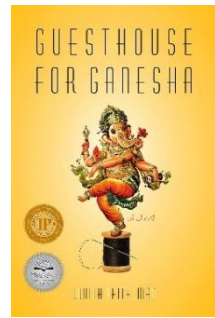
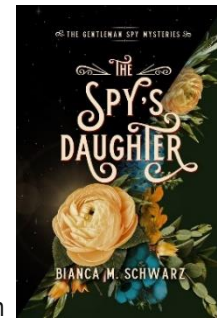
ARTISTS: 10:30 AM-3:30 PM

YVETTE LEE -

Ceramics
DILMIT SINGH –
Watercolors,
notecards & more

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WOSCZYNA –Little Muse Designs,
Seed bead and gemstone jewelry



CHILDREN'S AUTHORS

MEET & GREETS/STORYTIMES

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

NIKKI GRIMES, *Lullaby for the King*- The awe and wonder of the Christmas story with glittering poetry and stunning artwork. Animals from ancient Palestine lumber, gambol, crawl, fly, and caravan toward Bethlehem with gifts worthy of the newborn King. The animals bow low and join the music of the angels in a welcoming lullaby. (ages 4-8) **Storytime: 12:15 PM**

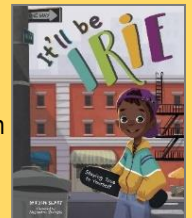


MITALI PERKINS, *Holy Night and Little Star* – National Book Award Nominee's luminous and tender retelling of the Christmas story. Parents of faith will appreciate the message about the true gifts of Christmas and the foreshadowing of Jesus' mission of salvation. (ages 3-7) **Storytime: 11:30 AM**



Noon-2:00 PM

DONN SWABY, *It'll be Irie: Staying True To Yourself*- Raymond can't wait to move to America. He is determined to be the most American American ever! But when he gets to his new school his Jamaican roots show through and he must figure out how to be the most Raymond Raymond ever. A fantastic way to teach kids about crossing cultures. (ages 5-7) **Storytime: 1:00 PM**



1:00-3:00 PM

VANESSA CUDMORE, *Lotta Pedal Catches Her Wave*- Sporting a newly designed board, Lotta Pedal taps into her scrappy confidence and quick wit to tackle a surf adventure, and sets off to protect the natural environment around her. Themes: environment, friendship and family. (ages 6-9) **Storytime: 2:30 PM** Plus, Pre-order Book 2



VERITY RUDZINSKI, *The Cryptid Beneath My House*- 12 year olds Anthony and Livia have special powers – flying like an eagle, running like a cheetah, smelling like a blood hound. Together, they visit a hidden world inhabited by others like them – some kind, some not. Themes include courage, resilience, commitment and friendship. (ages 8-14). **Storytime reading at 1:45 PM**

