



Author Book Signing Schedule

Saturday, April 22, 2023

11 - Noon

Kay Paschal - Insert Giggle Giggle: Laughing your way through Raising Kids and Running a Business. What kind of mother are you? How many moms ask themselves that question every day - whether working outside the home or not, whether seeking advice or thinking we have all the answers... we all want to be "the best mommy." Kay shares advice and funny family stories on a range of parenting topics, and giggles through mistakes and successes enjoyed in raising two boys while observing and learning firsthand from thousands of moms and dads and their children during twenty-five years of owning a preschool.

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Laura B. Wiener - The Mysterious Dripping Drops

Taoca, the red army ant, and her colony from the deciduous forest, are devastated by not only the two-legged creatures and their shiny blades but also by ravaging fires and fierce storms. She is swept down the Amazon River and finds herself stranded in a strange rainforest environment where she befriends the leaf-cutter ant, Chief Sauva. Together they journey through the rainforest brimming with danger and surprises to seek out the wise sloth, Imbauba. Hopefully, Imbauba will help Taoca find her way back to her lost colony.

Laura is an educator who lives in Atlanta. Her students are the inspiration for many of her ideas. She began her career studying biology at Duke University and obtained a doctorate in molecular genetics from Max Planck Institute in Berlin. She combines her scientific research and educational expertise to help develop and teach children. Her research and travels led her to the rainforests of Central and South America where she witnessed amazing plants and wildlife. Leaf-cutter ants, sloths and caimans are some of the more notable of many creatures she encountered on her journeys. Laura enjoys writing stories about nature for children and is published in children's magazines.

Educating and entertaining her young audience has become a life-long and most rewarding goal. <https://www.themysteriousdrippingdrops.com>

Noon - 1pm

Sophia Alexander The Silk Trilogy is Sophia Alexander's award-winning debut work. She is the mother of two young adults and a number of manuscripts. A graduate of the College of Charleston, she earned her doctorate in naturopathic medicine from Bastyr University —so characters are often swallowing decoctions or slathering on herbal salves.

Noon - 1pm

Joseph Goodall Born in New Zealand **Joseph R. Goodall** is an author and engineer. His writing is inspired by the stewardship of our inner and outer environments. Through poignant, episodic tales, *What the Bird Sees in Flight* portrays the tense yet redemptive evolution of a twentieth-century New Zealand farming family.

1 - 2pm

Katherine Nichols is the award-winning author of *The Sometime Sister*, a family saga with suspense, heart, and humor, as well as *The Unreliables*, and *Trust Issues*. A vice president of The Atlanta Writers Club, she also serves on the board of Sisters in Crime Atlanta. As a strong proponent of women authors supporting each other, Katherine co-hosts the inspirational Wild Women Who Write Take Flight podcast. When she isn't spending time with her children and grandchildren, she loves to read, walk, and travel. She lives in Lilburn, Georgia with her husband, two rescue dogs, and two rescue cats.

1 - 2pm

Bradsher Hayes - *150 Years of the Braves from Boston to Milwaukee to Atlanta* and *150 Years of Braves Trivia*

It's Baseball season and historian Bradsher Hayes takes you around the bases describing the rich history of the Braves franchise. A three-year labor of love for the Braves and the game of baseball, The National Baseball Hall of Fame has put his work, *150 Years of the Braves*, in their library at Cooperstown....Play Ball! A must read for all Braves fans! **Hayes** has also written *King of The Southern Diamond*, a fascinating account of the life of **Arthur Brown Bradsher**, his grandfather. This well researched book sheds not only light on a remarkable athlete's accomplishments but uncovers a vast account of his grandfather's unparalleled achievement as a pitcher, and the life of a man who succeeded well beyond the playing field. A colorful perspective on a man that was in many respects the Bobby Jones of baseball in the early 1900's.

2 - 3pm

Fatimah M. Jackson is a writer born in Western Pennsylvania and now resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a Ghost writer and co-writer of Movie Scripts, Skits, Plays, and Faith-based Meditations. She is a Singer-songwriter and has a Meditation series that will launch this summer on all social media outlets.

2 - 3pm

M. E. Young

The Last Circus: A Tale of the Great Resignation

Since the COVID pandemic started in 2020, the labor market in many countries has experienced two movements: the **Great Resignation** and **Quiet Quitting**. We stopped and wanted to know the meaning of going to work, especially going to work where we did not find any meaning.

This tale of the Great Resignation was inspired by true events, real-life characters, and actual conversations. My story will give you a glimpse of one Great Resignation through the eyes of a tiger. I wrote the story with no intention of advising you on how to discover your calling, recreate yourself, or manage your employees, but with the intention to share the meaning of a famous quote from Albert Einstein:

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

There are many seasons in life, and you have a different story. I hope my story resonates with your heart and pray that you find your roar soon.

M. E. Young lives in Atlanta.

3 - 4pm

Fatima R. Henson is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, with a penchant for dystopian and fantasy storytelling. Her novel, *Love in the Age of Dragons*, is a gold medal winner of the 2022 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards in the category of Young Adult Fiction—Fantasy/Sci-Fi. Fatima is also the author of *Courageous Cody's Western Adventure*, an action-adventure book for juvenile readers.

3 - 4pm

Andrea Lane *"A funny feline tale about gratitude and happiness"* **Andrea Lane** was inspired to write her children's book, *Abby the Crabby Tabby Discovers Gratitude*, after learning the power of being grateful.

Inspired by her beloved tabby cats, she decided to share this lesson with her young sons in a picture book to combine her values of gratitude and love of all animals.

"I hope to offer all children a fun way of thinking about gratitude, plus a light-hearted way for parents to talk to their kids about thankfulness."

Expressing gratitude for all you have is a principle of Reiki, a Japanese form of energy healing. Reiki was life-changing for Andrea, now a certified Reiki master. For several years she worked as a public policy advocate for animal protection and continues to support organizations who work for the humane treatment and protection of all animals - from cats to cows. A percentage of the sales proceeds will benefit a different animal nonprofit each month.

As well as a BA in political science from Georgia State University, Lane holds a JD from Emory Law School. She is founder of an interior design firm and co-founder of the jewelry line, Chatwal Lane. Andrea lives in Johns Creek, where she writes whenever she has time in her "office" (her bed.) She is grateful for the life she shares each day with her husband, two children, and three entertaining, inspiring tabbies.

Striving to be a hands-on mom with a new business, you may see a little of yourself in the pursuit of "having it all, and giggle at the absurdity of anyone questioning the cliché and illusion. Of course we have it all (insert giggle giggle), we are moms!

With sober guidance on tough subjects while respecting customers and staff with compassion, Kay shows all of us the humor and lessons learned in all aspects of being a mom and a businesswoman.

Kay is the former owner of a prestigious pre-school in Atlanta. She is married to her high school sweetheart, and they have two sons.

4 - 5pm

Chris Riker - a father, author, and journalist - grew up in Rhode Island and now makes Georgia his home with his wife, Ping. Building on a journalism career, including a five-year stint at CNNI, he focuses on telling stories with moral resonance. Chris's premiere novel, ***Come the Eventide***, focuses on a dolphin named Muriel who is trying to save mankind from extinction. Chris's ***Zebulon Angell and the Shadow Army*** follows a hard-living Uber driver from Atlanta who discovers a sex pill, leading to intrigues that take him inside the haunted tomb of China's first emperor.

4 – 5 pm

Jan Slimming When she heard these words on the radio one morning, "**What would it be like to keep a secret for fifty years? Never tell your parents, your children, not even your husband?**", Jan Slimming felt the spark she needed to investigate her mother's secret life in

World War II. Her extensive research is revealed over three books embraced in her **HIDDEN SECRETS COLLECTION OF WORLD WAR II** the true accounts of her mother, a secret codebreaker in England, her father a Far East Prisoner of War and a friend who was not only a WAVE but also a Top-Secret Ultra intelligence worker in Washington D.C. **CODEBREAKER GIRLS: A Secret Life at Bletchley Park**, Foreword by Sir Dermot Turing, and *The Secret Life of an American Codebreaker*, Foreword by Paul Reid, as well as **CAPTURED AT SINGAPORE: A Diary of a Far East Prisoner of War**, Foreword by Terry Waite. www.penandSwordbooks.com

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Noon - 1pm

Dunwoody resident **David Rabin** is the award-winning author of ***IN DANGER OF JUDGMENT***: A Vietnam veteran seeks revenge on his former mentor turned Chicago drug lord while police detectives race to stop a brutal drug war. Hidden motives collide in a thrilling and explosive tale set in 1987 Chicago.

Noon - 1pm

Mike Shaw - The Musician

Tom Cliffe is someone many young people in the '60s wanted to be. Not just a lover of music, but a player of music, and with more than just an interest, a passion and commitment to become an accomplished musician. It is his driving force; he will give up everything—love, family, money—in pursuit of his dream. Even when he is nearly destitute, he will not abandon music. *The Musician* captures the character and circumstance of musicians everywhere, from immersion in their craft to the joy of playing music with others. *The Musician* is Shaw's five-star work of literary fiction that takes the reader behind the lights into the realities of life for the vast majority of musicians who dedicate their lives to their art and instead of celebrity must look to the music itself for their gratification and validation.

Acclaim for *The Musician*:

“Endearing, joyful ... an unvarnished look ... important as well as entertaining.” -Ralph Miriello, Columnist *Huffington Post*

“The best new writing about music and musicians.” -Kevin Bales, internationally renowned jazz pianist

“A vivid tale of life as a jazz pianist.” -*ArtsATL/Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

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1 – 2pm

George Weinstein is author of the beloved Southern historical novel ***Hardscrabble Road*** and its 2022 sequel, ***Return to Hardscrabble Road***.

He has also published: ***The Five Destinies of Carlos Moreno***, a novel set in a forgotten era of U.S. history; ***The Caretaker***, a domestic drama; ***Aftermath***, an amateur-sleuth murder mystery, and ***Watch What You Say***, a kidnapping thriller. His website is www.GeorgeWeinstein.com. George is also Executive Director of the Atlanta Writers Club helping thousands of writers on their quest for publication through the Club and its twice-yearly Atlanta Writers Conference, which he has managed for 15 years.

1 – 2pm

Kim Conrey is the author of the sci-fi romance *Stealing Ares*: Prince Jack Windsor, recently widowed and obsessed with getting the *HMS Ares* back online, discovers that the woman stealing from him is the key he's been searching for. He'll fight for her while the fate of two planets hangs in the balance. The next in the series, *Losing Ares*, will be published October 12th, 2023. Kim serves as VP of Operations for the Atlanta Writers Club and collaborates with the Wild Women Who Write Take Flight podcast, interviewing authors and industry professionals with a goal of supporting women writers.

2 – 3pm

G. A. Anderson – In G. A. Anderson's 2023 debut novel *South of Happily*, Katy Kiss is perfectly, mildly content. It's going to take a divorce, a snarky lawyer, a passport, some drugs, and a slew of tears to discover that a woman can do better than settle for "mild." A first-generation Hungarian-Canadian, Gaby Anderson has been a member of Atlanta Writers Club for a number of years and part of the Wild Women Who Write podcast. Her essay, Queen of the Hungarian Mafia, was published in 2021. www.anderson-author.com

2 – 3pm

Sherry Ellis An award-winning author, **Sherry Ellis** is also a professional musician who plays and teaches the violin, viola, and piano. Her books include *Bubba and Squirt's Big Dig to China*; *Bubba and Squirt's Mayan Adventure*; *Bubba and Squirt's City of Bones*; *Don't Feed the Elephant*; *Ten Zany Birds*; *That Baby Woke Me Up, AGAIN*; and *That Mama is a Grouch*. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

3 – 4 pm

Marilyn Baron *Tracking stolen art in gorgeous Italian villas...secrets and danger...* **The Case of the Forgotten Fragonard and The Case of the Missing Botticelli.** Award-winning Author **Marilyn Baron** writes in a variety of genres, from women's fiction, historical romantic thrillers and romantic suspense to paranormal and cozy mysteries. Her 29th work of fiction, *The Case of the Forgotten Fragonard*, was released March 22, 2023. You can visit Marilyn at www.marilynbaron.com/.

3 – 4 pm

Kathy Des Jardins owns and operates KRC Communications, a full-service publications firm in metro Atlanta. For 17 years, she worked as a newspaper reporter, humor columnist and editor in Louisiana, Kentucky, California and Pennsylvania, winning nearly 100 national and state journalism awards. *Mama Tried*, her debut novel, revisits two of her most winning themes: tragicomedy set to classic country music. In addition to appearing in “O, Georgia! A Collection of Georgia’s Newest and Most Promising Writers,” she has written for several national and regional publications, including book features for a metro Atlanta newspaper group and an online news platform. She is a member of Atlanta Writers Club, past chair and current member of Roswell Reads, and volunteers with A Novel Idea Author Showcase and Atlanta Authors. In 2022, she founded Johns Creek’s first book festival, the Arts on the Creek Book Fest, which she is working to expand in 2023. She and her husband live in Johns Creek, have three sons and are happily awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild – a girl! – in August. www.kathydesjardins.com

4 – 5 pm

Jenny Guberman - Chattahoochee Cats When Jenny first moved to Atlanta with 10 rescue cats, she built them a home full of amenities in her backyard, including heat and air conditioning. With her grandchildren she relished the cats’ antics and created rich stories involving the family’s beloved pets. *Chattahoochee Cats* is dedicated to animal lovers and rescuers everywhere. This delightful tale follows the cats’ energetic adventures in the wide world, teaching children about other countries and self-reliance along the way. It also teaches octogenarians that it is never too late to publish your first book!

Jenny is a longtime cat rescuer. She grew up in Connecticut and on a cattle ranch on Arizona’s Verde River. Now in Atlanta, she loves creating new stories with her grandkids on early morning rides to school, as well as occasional rafting trips down the Chattahoochee River. When it comes to cats, she melts.

Since publishing, Jenny has visited many bookstores, presented at the Java Cat’s Cafe, read in two libraries, and interviewed with Lauren Solomon for “Good Day Orange County” (CA) on Zoom. Her inspiring 12-minute interview can be seen here.

<https://youtu.be/UDQCLbxyK98> JennyGuberman.com

