

8:30 – 10:00 pm

Sunday, October 6

Clackamas/Multnomah Rooms

Our good friends at Ingram Content Group are co-sponsoring the Nightcapper again with PNBA, and will feature 20+ authors as well as a selection of desserts, coffees and teas for attendees. *Open to all, with a Show badge.*



Ellie Alexander / *A Cup of Holiday Fear* / *Beyond a Reasonable Stout*

Northwest fans of cozy mysteries get a double helping of fun this fall from Ellie Alexander, first with *A Cup of Holiday Fear* (St. Martin's/Macmillan), the tenth book in her Bakeshop series, followed by the second course of *Beyond a Reasonable Stout* (Minotaur Books/Macmillan), third in her series featuring Sloan Krause. Taking place in Ashland and Leavenworth, respectively, both series showcase great Northwest locales, food and drink—and nothing makes a mystery quite as tasty as beer and pastry! Ellie Alexander lives in Ashland.

Noe Alvarez / *Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land*

The son of Mexican immigrants, Noé Álvarez found his true place in the world, not at the Yakima fruit-packing plant where his mother worked, not at the college where he struggles to fit in, but in the community he found while running. In *Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land* (Catapult/IPS, due March 2020), Álvarez shares his story of running in the Peace and Dignity Journeys, a series of marathons re-connecting Indigenous people from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego.



Kevan Atteberry / *Ghost Cat*

For a little boy who used to have a cat, the ghostly being he spies seems awfully familiar, darting around his house and purring on his bed. Kevan Atteberry's *Ghost Cat* (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House) is a comforting tale for any child dealing with a loss and learning to accept something new. Atteberry is a commercial illustrator who has written and/or illustrated several bestselling picture books, including *Puddles!!!*, *Bunnies!!!*, *Tickle Monster*, and *Boogie Monster*. He lives in the Seattle area.

Jessixa Bagley / *Henry and Bea*

Seattle author, illustrator and comics artist Jessixa Bagley returns to the show with *Henry and Bea* (Neal Porter Books/Holiday House), a touching story about best friends. Bea and Henry are inseparable, so when Henry seems sad and stops talking to her, Bea knows something has changed, and that Henry needs his best friend now more than ever. Jessixa Bagley's previous picture books include the Golden Kite Award-winner *Boats for Papa* and the Ezra Jack Keats Honor-winner *Laundry Day*.



Cindy Baldwin / *Beginners Welcome*

Learning how to trust after loss is at the center of a heartfelt novel for middle grades, *Beginners Welcome* (HarperCollins, due February 2020), by Portland writer Cindy Baldwin. After her father's death, Annie Lee is afraid to let anyone get too close, but two very different friends show her that sometimes what you really need is for someone to need you. Baldwin's debut novel, *Where the Watermelons Grow*, was an Indies Introduce pick and received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *School Library Journal*.

Lily Bernheimer /

The Shaping of Us: How Everyday Spaces Structure Our Lives, Behavior, and Well-Being

Researcher and writer Lily Bernheimer examines how the very environment we humans have created in turn exerts its influence on our behavior and quality of life in (Trinity Univ. Press/IPS). If the things we have built define us, perhaps we can plan a better future by planning for better, more human, spaces. Lily Bernheimer is a founding director of Space Works Consulting. She lives in the Bay Area.





Lucy Jane Bledsoe / *Running Wild*

Siblings on the run from a dangerous situation provide plenty of thrilling action in Lucy Jane Bledsoe's new novel for middle graders, *Running Wild* (Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House). Since Willa's mother died five years ago, her father has grown ever more reckless, and as another Alaskan winter approaches their wilderness home, Willa knows she must get her siblings to safety. Bledsoe's books for children and adults, both fiction and nonfiction, have been recognized with numerous awards. Born in Portland, she now lives in Berkeley.

Nathaniel Farrell Brodie / *Steel on Stone: Living and Working in the Grand Canyon*

The eight years Nathaniel Brodie spent working in Grand Canyon National Park are chronicled in *Steel on Stone: Living and Working in the Grand Canyon* (Trinity Univ. Press/IPS). Navigating from the precipitous cliffs to the waters of the Colorado, dodging rockslides, bad weather, cougars and the occasional rampaging pack train, Brodie and his fellow trail crew members move through the seasons in the vast landscape of one of the nation's crown jewels. Brodie's essays have appeared in numerous magazines and journals; he currently lives in Flagstaff.



P.C. Cast & Kristin Cast / *Forgotten*

Mother/daughter writing team P.C. and Kristin Cast return with *Forgotten* (Blackstone Publishing), the third book in their *House of Night Otherworld* series. With their trademark blend of fantasy and romance, thrills and chills, this newest addition to the HoN universe asks what happens when worlds clash and powers that should be left alone are awakened. With more than 20 million books in print, P.C. and Kristin, together or writing solo, have been at the top of bestseller lists again and again.

Mike Chen / *A Beginning at the End*

What if surviving the end of the world is just the first step? For the characters in Mike Chen's *A Beginning at the End* (MIRA/HarperCollins, due January 2020), life after an apocalyptic global pandemic is fragile, but having to start all over does not mean that the past is now behind them. Like Chen's debut, *Here and Now and Then*, this novel combines easily accessible science fiction with memorable stories about family relations and human resilience. Chen lives in the Bay Area.



Vicki Conrad / *Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary*

Vicki Conrad celebrates one of the Northwest's favorite writers in *Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary* (Little Bigfoot/Random House). Beautifully illustrated, Conrad's text will introduce young readers to Cleary's life, from her early struggles with reading to the beginnings of her career as a storyteller and writer. Vicki Conrad is a Seattle-area teacher with a passion for literacy and promoting the love of reading. *Just Like Beverly* is the first book in the new *Growing to Greatness* series from Little Bigfoot.

Rene Denfeld / *The Butterfly Girl*

This fall, Portland author Rene Denfeld continues the story of Naomi, heroine of her internationally bestselling thriller *The Child Finder*, in *The Butterfly Girl* (HarperCollins). At the end of her last case, Naomi vowed that the next child she found would be her own missing sister. The search takes her to the gritty streets of Portland, crowded with the faces of homeless and forgotten children. Harrowing, yet hopeful, Denfeld's latest can only continue to grow her fan base.



Julie Dillemoth / *Camilla, Cartographer*

Julie Dillemoth's charming new picture book, *Camilla, Cartographer* (Magination Press/APA), features Camilla, a young boar with a passion for maps. When a huge snowstorm buries the neighborhood, Camilla and her friend Parsley the Hedgehog use their wayfinding skills to make a new map—and to have loads of fun. Julie Dillemoth holds a PhD in geography; she has shared her love of maps and geography with children in several previous books, including *Mapping My Day*.



Danielle Dufayet / *Fantastic You*

The simple text and joyful illustrations in *Fantastic You* (Magination Press/APA), by Danielle Dufayet, offer encouragement and empowerment to even the littlest readers, with the message that taking care of yourself can make you, your family, and the world around you a happier place. Danielle Dufayet is an accomplished artist as well as the author of a previous picture book, *You Are Your Strong*. Dufayet, who lives in San Jose, also teaches English and public speaking/self-empowerment classes for grades K-12.

Kathryn Gonzales / *Trans+: Love, Sex, Romance, and Being You*

Trans+: Love, Sex, Romance and Being You (Magination Press/APA) is a much-needed guide for teens looking for clear answers about gender expression and gender identity. All-inclusive and uncensored, this guide answers questions on physical and mental health issues, family, relationships and living with one's true identity. Teens will find additional comfort and support in the book's numerous real-life personal stories. Co-author Kathryn Gonzales serves on the Board of Directors of Out Youth, a support organization for LGBTQ+ youth in Austin, Texas.



JP Gritton / *Wyoming*

JP Gritton's gritty, engaging first novel, *Wyoming* (Tin House Books/W.W. Norton), reads like a cross between Daniel Woodrell and Annie Proulx. It's 1988, and Shelley Cooper is a broken man—no job, no money, no wife, no prospects. Running a load of dope for his brother seems like his only opportunity to turn things around, but with a history of making bad choices, Shelley's chances of coming out on top don't look good. JP Gritton is currently a Cynthia Woods Mitchell fellow at the University of Houston.

Sarah Harian / *Eight Will Fall*

Young adult readers looking for fantasy with strong female characters will love *Eight Will Fall* (Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan), by Sarah Harian. In a world where magic is illegal, Larkin and her band of outlaw misfits must use their hidden magic on a deadly subterranean mission to rid their world of monsters. Sarah Harian is also the author of the *Chaos Theory* series. Although she grew up in the foothills of Yosemite, she now happily calls Portland home.



Jane Kirkpatrick / *One More River to Cross*

Award-winning novelist Jane Kirkpatrick once again brings a bit of history to life with *One More River to Cross* (Revell/Baker Pub. Group), a story of courage, endurance and survival set in 1844. Based on real events, *One More River* follows a wagon train from Missouri to California, until an October snowstorm stops them in their tracks. Jane Kirkpatrick is the New York Times and CBA bestselling author of more than thirty books, with sales of nearly two million copies.

Jennifer Longo / *What I Carry*

Seattle writer Jennifer Longo tackles the emotional issue of a teen about to age out of the foster care system in *What I Carry* (Random House BFYR, due January 2020). Muir is a senior in high school, used to moving from house to house, family to family. Her one rule has always been to pack light—just one suitcase, and no emotional baggage. Longo is the author of several books for young adults, including *Six Feet Over It*.



Ruby McConnell /

***A Girl's Guide to the Wild: Be an Adventure-Seeking Outdoor Explorer!*
*Ground Truth: A Personal and Cultural Geology of the Pacific Northwest***

Oregon writer Ruby McConnell latest book is *A Girl's Guide to the Wild* (Little Bigfoot/Random House), a middle grader-friendly companion to her previous book, *A Woman's Guide to the Wild*. This handy book contains everything a girl might need to get outside and explore, from recipes and camping tips to reading maps and the weather. McConnell's forthcoming book for adults is a collection of essays titled *Ground Truth: A Personal and Cultural Geology of the Pacific Northwest*, (Overcup Press, spring 2020).



Sharon Mentyka / *Think Smart, Be Fearless: A Biography of Bill Gates*

One of the Northwest's most famous sons is profiled in Sharon Mentyka's *Think Smart, Be Fearless: A Biography of Bill Gates* (Little Bigfoot/Random House). Written for young readers, *Think Smart* shows how Gates' sense of curiosity, his drive to work hard, and his passion for finding answers can serve as inspiration for anyone, even the very young. Sharon Mentyka is a teacher, designer and author of *Chasing at the Surface*, an award-winning novel for middle graders

Kate Messner / *Chirp*

A summertime mystery and a secret from the past propel the action in Kate Messner's new novel for young teens, *Chirp* (Bloomsbury Children's Books/Macmillan, due February 2020). When Mia moves to her grandmother's Vermont cricket farm, she brings along a secret she would rather keep buried. Mia will need to be brave, not just to uncover who has been threatening Gram's farm, but also to confront her own past. Kate Messner is the author of numerous books for children, including *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z*.



Elizabeth Rusch / *Glacier on the Move* / *Mario and the Hole in the Sky*

Portlander Elizabeth Rusch appears at the show with two books perfect for young readers with STEM interests: *Glacier on the Move* (West Margin Press/IPS) and *Mario and the Hole in the Sky* (Charlesbridge Pub.). The first is the spirited tale of a glacier named Flo and her slow-motion journey from childhood ice field to the sea; the second is the real-life story of Mario Molina, a modern-day Mexican-American hero who helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s and went on to become a Nobel laureate.

Sarah Smith / *Faker*

Sarah Smith makes her debut as a romance novelist with *Faker* (Berkley Books/Penguin Pub.). Emmie might be a real softie, but in her job at a power tool company, she has to fake being tough as nails. Her coworker Tate has always been hostile towards her, but when they have to work together on a charity construction project, things really begin to heat up. Sarah Smith is a copywriter-turned-author who wants to make the world a lovelier place, one kissing story at a time. She lives in Bend.



Kathryn Trueblood / *Take Daily as Needed: A Novel in Stories*

Take Daily as Needed: A Novel in Stories (Univ. of New Mexico Press) by Bellingham author Kathryn Trueblood is a cautionary tale for the modern age. Single mother Maeve worries about her two (challenging) children, her retired father's profligate ways, and her own newly diagnosed medical problems. Underappreciated, underpaid and overwhelmed, Maeve navigates her messy life with grit, determination and a good sense of survival humor. Kathryn Trueblood's previous books include *The Baby Lottery*; she teaches at Western Washington University.