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“DAVID MITCHELL is clearly a genius,” declares *The New York Times Book Review*. The author of the blockbuster novels *Cloud Atlas*, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*, *Black Swan Green*, *Number9Dream*, and *Ghostwritten*, Mitchell was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time* in 2007. He is, according to *The Washington Post*, “the novelist who’s been showing us the future of fiction.” *Number9Dream* and *Cloud Atlas* were shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, and *Cloud Atlas*, which won the British Book Award for Best Literary Fiction, was made into a feature film in 2012. Mitchell has also co-translated from Japanese the bestselling memoir *The Reason I Jump*. Mitchell will be joining us to read from his new novel *The Bone Clocks*, which will be released in the U. S. in September. *New York Magazine* writes of the new book, “Every new Mitchell novel is an event .... Mitchell returns to the genre-skipping, globe-trotting, techno-spiritual ambitions of his astonishing *Cloud Atlas*, taking even greater risks at even greater length.” *A Publishers Weekly* starred review says, “With its wayward thoughts, chance meetings, and attention to detail, Mitchell’s novel is a thing of beauty.”
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ANTONYA NELSON, holder of the Cullen Chair in Creative Writing at the University of Houston with her husband Robert Boswell, is, according to Library Journal, “one of the leading practitioners of the contemporary short story.” She is the author of four novels, including Talking in Bed and Bound, and seven story collections, including Nothing Right, Female Trouble, and Some Fun. About her most recent collection Funny Once, Booklist writes, “Nelson is scandalously funny, her characters are royally screwed up and wildly inept, and their dire predicaments bust down the doors on the most painful of life’s cruel jokes, from betrayal to divorce, addiction, and old age. Nelson excels at multigenerational chaos .... Each of Nelson’s magnetizing stories generates atomic vibrancy and achieves the psychic mass of a novel.” She is a recipient of the Rea Award for the Short Story, and her books are frequently New York Times Notable Books.

DEBORAH EISENBERG “simply writes like no one else,” proclaims Elle magazine, and is according to The New York Times Book Review “one of the most important fiction writers now at work.” She is the author of four short story collections, including Transactions in a Foreign Currency, Under the 82nd Airborne, All Around Atlantis, and Twilight of the Superheroes. In 2010, her four short-story collections were reprinted as The Collected Stories of Deborah Eisenberg which received the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. Vanity Fair calls the collection “comic, elegant and pitch perfect,” and The New York Times describes it as full of “shimmering stories that possess the power and charm to move us.” Eisenberg, who was elected to the Academy of Arts and Letters, is a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation “genius” fellowship, the Rea Award for the Short Story, and a Whiting Writers’ Award.

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MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM “writes some of the most beautiful prose in contemporary American fiction, and his gorgeous way with words is on full display in his new novel, The Snow Queen,” according to The Daily Beast. Michiko Kakutani writes in The New York Times, “Cunningham’s resonant new novel ... is arguably [his] most original and emotionally piercing book to date ... [giving] us an intimate sense of his characters’ daily lives, while situating their hopes and dreams within the context of two moments in history already slipping by.” Publishers Weekly calls it “tender, funny, and sorrowful.” His fourth novel The Hours, winner of both the 1999 Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, turned him into a literary star. Inspired by Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway, The Hours became a New York Times bestseller; was included in The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Publishers Weekly best-books-of-the-year lists; and was made into an award-winning feature film. His other works include the nonfiction book Land’s End: A Walk in Provincetown and the novels A Home at the End of the World, Flesh and Blood, Specimen Days, and By Nightfall, which Ron Charles in The Washington Post describes as, “Half Henry James, half James Joyce, but all Cunningham, it’s an irresistible performance.”
KAREN RUSSELL “is arguably our greatest fantasist writing serious fiction today,” declares NPR, and People magazine writes, “Karen Russell is a storyteller with a voice like no other.” Her debut story collection St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves, published when she was in her 20s, was called “original and astonishing, joyful and unsettling” in a starred Booklist review. Her novel Swamplandia! was a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize and selected by The New York Times as one of the 10 Best Books of 2011. Her other works include Vampires in the Lemon Grove and Other Stories and the e-book Sleep Donation: A Novella. Time Out Chicago calls Vampires “dazzlingly strange .... vacillating between horror and humor, Russell’s writing recalls both George Saunders and vintage Stephen King, sometimes simultaneously.” Michiko Kakutani in The New York Times writes, “[Russell] has fashioned a quirky, textured voice that is thoroughly her own: lyrical and funny, fantastical and meditative.” Russell was the youngest of the 2013 MacArthur Foundation “genius” fellowship recipients, and she has been included in The New Yorker’s 20 Under 40, the National Book Foundation’s 5 Under 35, and Granta’s Best Young American Novelists.
MARY SZYBIST—who, according to the Christian Science Monitor, “with her intelligence and understated grace ... may become one of the best-known writers of her generation”—caught the poetry world's attention when she received the 2013 National Book Award for her second collection Incarnadine. The Los Angeles Review of Books called the collection “smart, unflinching, beautiful,” and the National Book Award Committee described it as “a religious book for nonbelievers, or a book of necessary doubts for the faithful.” The collection was included in Publishers Weekly Top Five Poetry Books of 2013 and was named Amazon’s 2013 Best Book of the Year in Poetry. Her first collection Granted was a finalist for the 2003 National Book Critics Circle Award and was included in Library Journal’s “Best Poetry of 2003.” Szybist is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers’ Award.

KEVIN YOUNG, whom the San Francisco Chronicle praises as “one of the most talented poets in the United States,” is the author of eight poetry collections and the editor of eight anthologies. His collection Ardency: A Chronicle of the Amistad Rebels won the 2012 American Book Award, and Jelly Roll: A Blues won the Paterson Poetry Prize and was a finalist for the National Book Award. The Grey Album: On the Blackness of Blackness won the Graywolf Nonfiction Prize and a PEN Open Book Award, and was a New York Times Notable Book. The New York Times describes his latest collection Book of Hours, which includes poems about the death of his father and the birth of his son, as “Young's most personal — and yet universal — to date .... Book of Hours is a handbook for those who, left behind by the dead, still live.” The Boston Globe says, “Kevin Young captures ... loss with stark beauty .... Young's poems have music within them.”
KAZUO ISHIGURO “is a master storyteller, in a class of his own making,” declares The Independent, and The New York Times calls him “an original and remarkable genius.” Born in Japan and raised in England, Ishiguro is one of the most celebrated writers of our time. He has been nominated for the Man Booker Prize four times and won it in 1989 for his international bestseller The Remains of the Day, which Newsweek praised as “brilliant and quietly devastating,” and The New York Review of Books described as “a virtuoso performance ... put on with dazzling daring and aplomb.” The author of six novels, his other works include The Artist of the Floating World and Never Let Me Go. Both The Remains of the Day and Never Let Me Go were made into feature films. Ishiguro has received an OBE award from the British government and the prestigious Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from France. In 2005, Time magazine included Never Let Me Go on its list of 100 greatest English language novels since the magazine’s inception in 1923, and in 2008, The Times of London named Ishiguro in its list of the 50 greatest British writers since 1948. He will read from his highly anticipated new novel The Buried Giant, coming out in March 2015.
CRISTINA HENRÍQUEZ's *The Book of Unknown Americans*, is, according to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, “a remarkable novel that every American should read.” Set amongst a diverse immigrant community in an apartment building in Delaware, the *Washington Post* praises it as “a deeply stirring story ... with a simple, unadorned prose that rises to the level of poetry ... without a trace of sentimentality, without an iota of self-indulgence or dogma ... *The Book of Unknown Americans* leaves you in thrall to its vivid characters and its author’s sure hand.” Henríquez's other two books, both published before she was 30, include *The World In Half* and *Come Together, Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories*, which was a *New York Times* Editors’ Choice selection. Her work has also appeared in *The New Yorker, The Atlantic,* and elsewhere. *The Virginia Quarterly Review* featured her as one of “Fiction’s New Luminaries,” and she is a recipient of the Alfredo Cisneros Del Moral Foundation Award.

MARLON JAMES is, according to Russell Banks, “not just among the best of ... [the] crowd of brilliant young Americo-Carribean writers coming to the table these days, he’s among the best of all the young writers, period.” *Publishers Weekly* writes, “No novel this fall [2014] is more impressive than *A Brief History of Seven Killings,*” and Irvine Welsh calls it “the most original novel I’ve read in years ... astonishingly brilliant.” The book centers on the attempted assassination of Bob Marley in 1976, encompassing a breathtaking array of voices: gang members, CIA agents, a *Rolling Stone* reporter, girlfriends, politicians, drug dealers, the children of the Kingston ghettos, even ghosts. As *Kirkus Reviews* writes, “James’s fiction is forming a remarkable portrait of Jamaica in the 19th and 20th centuries.” His other novels include *John Crow’s Devil* and *The Book of Night Women*, winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, which *The Globe and Mail* called “a very nearly perfect work.”
**GEOFF DYER** “is to essays what Anthony Bourdain is to food,” according to the *Los Angeles Times*. *Publishers Weekly* calls him “a modern Montaigne.” “One of our greatest living critics, not of the arts but of life itself, and one of our most original writers” (*New York Magazine*), he is the author of six genre-defying books, including *But Beautiful: A Book about Jazz*, *The Missing of the Somme*, *Out of Sheer Rage: Wrestling with D. H. Lawrence*, and the award-winning *Yoga for People Who Can’t Be Bothered to Do It*, plus four novels. A selection of essays titled *Otherwise Known as the Human Condition* won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism. His newest work *Another Great Day at Sea* chronicles his two weeks aboard the aircraft carrier the USS George H.W. Bush. The *San Francisco Chronicle* writes, “With this generous, illuminating and very funny book, Geoff Dyer, one of the most inquisitive writers in the English language, has proven his writing chops on land and at sea.” Annie Dillard says, “What could be better than weeks far away on the flat seas of the Arabian Gulf with Geoff Dyer? He is, if possible, even more witty and charming than usual.”
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