



## Inprint Craft Talk

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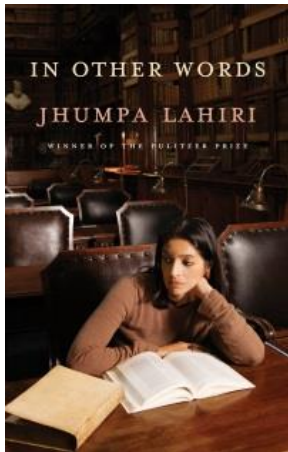
### Jhumpa Lahiri

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4:30 pm

UH Honors College Commons

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JHUMPA LAHIRI has captivated readers ever since her debut story collection *Interpreter of Maladies* was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, the PEN/Hemingway Award, and *The New Yorker* Debut of the Year. Her second novel *The Lowland* was shortlisted for the 2013 Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award, and her story collection *Unaccustomed Earth* received the 2008 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award and was a finalist for the Story Prize. Her first novel *The Namesake* was a *New York Times* Notable Book and was made into a feature film starring Kal Penn. *In Other Words* (written in Italian by Lahiri and translated into English by Ann Goldstein), her first nonfiction book, published in 2016, is described by *The New York Times Book Review* as "gorgeous... the most unusual of self-portraits.

It is fitting that Italy, a nation with no unifying language for centuries, should inspire a writer of Jhumpa Lahiri's stature to organize her reflections around the concept of exile." Among her many honors, she has received the National Humanities Medal, the Asian American Literary Award, and the 2017 PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story. In August, she and 15 other members of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities resigned in protest.

**READING:** Jhumpa Lahiri appears as part of the 2017/2018 Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series later that same day at 7:30 pm, Cullen Performance Hall, University of Houston. Following her reading, she will be interviewed on-stage by Alexander Parsons, Director of the UH Creative Writing Program. For more information visit [inprinthouston.org](http://inprinthouston.org).

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