

Defenceless under the night Our world in stupor lies; Yet, dotted everywhere, Ironic points of light Flash out wherever the Just Exchange their messages...

-W. H. Auden, "September 1, 1939"

PEN World Voices:
The New York
Festival of International Literature
April 16–22, 2005
Program



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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the 2,900 writers, editors, and translators who are PEN American Center, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the inaugural **PEN World Voices Festival**. Over the week of April 16 to 22, you will have a unique opportunity to cross literary borders into territory generally unvisited by American readers. This exclusion arises not from conflicts between nations or the censorship that in other contexts PEN seeks to redress, but from the combination of historical circumstances and market forces that keeps most of the world's literatures from being published in English.

We believe this situation impoverishes our own literature, and we are also convinced that its consequences extend far beyond the literary sphere. The United States needs, as never before, to hear voices from beyond its own borders. Writers are the indispensable intermediaries in this international dialogue, as well as the custodians of the unique artistic patrimony represented by every language. We cannot expect this conversation to be conducted entirely and always in English.

This book includes descriptions of the Festival's numerous programs throughout the City—from large scale to intimate, from The New York Public Library, The Town Hall, museums, and universities to downtown clubs and bars—every one of which will give you an exhilarating view of the world's literary riches. It also includes short biographies of our extraordinary guest writers from abroad and an impressive array of American and U.S.-resident authors who are joining them in these programs. You'll also find information about the remarkably generous and energetic coalition of corporations, cultural agencies and consulates, foundations, and individuals who have joined together to help launch what we hope will be an annual event.

Our Festival Co-Directors invoke a supreme literary talent and PEN leader sadly gone on the eve of this gathering: Arthur Miller. Another great writer whose presence will be sorely missed not long ago called translation "the circulatory system of the world's literatures." Susan Sontag saw that the genius of any one language could thrive only in a continuous interchange with the great works of other tongues and times. She, too, would surely have joined us in this celebration of the diversity of world literature and relished the chance, as she did on so many occasions, to meet both unknown and famous talents from every part of the globe. As a celebrant of the manic cultural energy that is New York, she also would have appreciated the appropriateness of our assembling in a city whose residents represent 180 of the world's 192 nationalities and speak more than 200 of its languages.

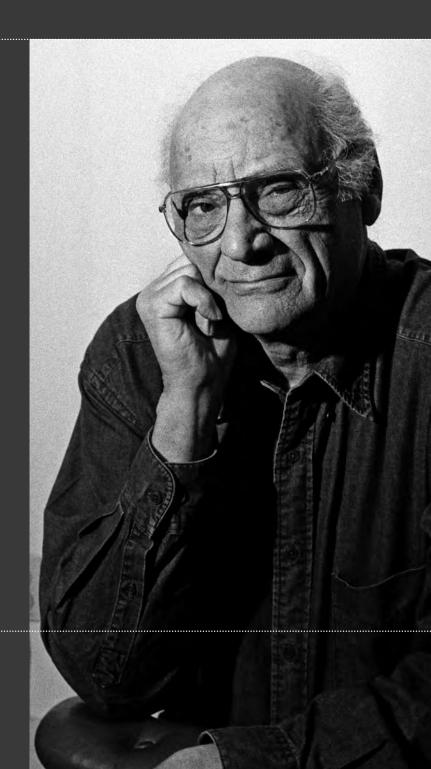
To these two great tutelary spirits of PEN, we dedicate this first World Voices Festival.

Sincerely,

Salman Rushdie

President, PEN American Center





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April 2005

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the debut of **PEN World Voices: the New York Festival of International Literature**, a confluence of remarkable writers from more than 45 countries who will come together for seven days of discussions, tributes, readings, and conversations that will expand the literary horizons of American audiences.

As Arthur Miller said at a PEN gathering of world authors almost 40 years ago, "None of us comes here as the representative of a country." PEN World Voices hopes to open a global conversation in which the shared human concerns that are central to literature take precedence over issues of ideology or nationality.

PEN World Voices grows out of more than 80 years of work by PEN American Center to promote international cultural exchange and literary translation. PEN members have long been dismayed by the striking dearth of translated writing in this country. Translations account for less than three percent of all literary books published annually in the United States. It is difficult not to connect this phenomenon, in which we stand apart from almost every other country, with increasing American cultural and political isolation. A recent anonymous gift has enabled PEN to create a program of grants to promising translation projects and to focus greater efforts on raising American awareness of the extraordinary breadth of literary talent available to us from beyond our national and linguistic borders. PEN World Voices represents a major phase in this campaign.

This year's festival will be the first in what is planned as a series of annual events that will take on new dimensions as each year's new group of writers is assembled. No single festival can be entirely representative of the vast spectrum of world literature, but we do hope, from year to year, to be as fully inclusive as all the arbitrary external factors that affect an event of this magnitude will allow us to be.

PEN is deeply grateful to the dozens of institutions and hundreds of individuals whose time, resources, and hard work have made this Festival possible, many of whom are acknowledged elsewhere in this Program. PEN is a worldwide organization of writers, editors, and translators, with a mission to advance literature and defend the free expression that is its essential prerequisite. This mission depends upon and radiates out to the much larger community of all those who read and care about books. We gratefully present this Festival to that community.

Sincerely,

Esther Allen

Chair, PEN Translation Committee

Co-Director, PEN World Voices Festival Co-Director, PEN World Voices Festival

Michael Roberts

Executive Director, PEN American Center

Please check the PEN web site or Festival Guide to confirm schedules, participants, and locations!

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SATURDAY

2:00-3:30

Conversation: Paul Auster and Chico Buarque

The New York
Public Library,
South Court
Auditorium:
5th Ave. & 42nd St.
(Enter on 5th Ave.)

Co-sponsored by LIVE from the NYPL

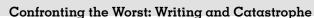
Ticketing

\$10 general admission; \$7 for Library donor groups Tickets available from Smarttix on-line at www.smarttix.com or by phone at (212) 868-4444



4:00-5:30

The New York
Public Library,
South Court
Auditorium:
5th Ave. & 42nd St.
(Enter on 5th Ave.)



Svetlana Alexievich, François Bizot, Carolin Emcke, Philip Gourevitch, Natsuki Ikezawa, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Elena Poniatowska; moderated by Susie Linfield

Some of the best writers of the late twentieth century (and the early twenty-first) have documented extremities of human suffering, including war, torture, genocide, and famine. What is the writer's role as documentarian, scourge to conscience and action, and moral witness? How has that role been affected by changing technologies, particularly photo- and video-journalism and the Internet? A diverse group of writers who have made distinguished contributions to this literature share reflections on writing about—and on trying to grasp—some of the most extreme horrors of recent history.



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Ticketing:

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APRIL 16

7:00-9:00

The New York
Public Library,
Celeste Bartos Forum:
5th Ave. & 42nd St.
(Enter on 42nd St.)

Don Quixote at 400: A Tribute

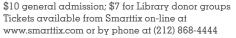
Margaret Atwood, Paul Auster, Assia Djebar, Claudio Magris, Norman Manea, Antonio Muñoz Molina, Laura Restrepo; introduced by Salman Rushdie

First published in 1605, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra's novel about a man under the spell of fiction has been casting its own spell on readers everywhere for four centuries. The story of Don Quixote has become a kind of natural resource, not only for writers but also for filmmakers, musicians, and artists of all kinds. In this celebration of the first modern novel, internationally renowned writers talk about its continuing global impact, and film clips and musical interludes present some of its many metamorphoses.

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Co-sponsored by LIVE from the NYPL, the Instituto Cervantes, and the Centenario del Quijote de Castilla La Mancha







SUNDAY

12:00-1:30

Dactyl Foundation: 64 Grand St., Ground Floor Conversation with Ha Iin

Co-sponsored by Dactyl Foundation

2:00-3:30

Housing Works Used Book Café: 126 Crosby St. World Literature Today:
Writers from Three Hemispheres

Achmat Dangor, Cees Nooteboom, Jordi Puntí Garrig Laura Restrepo; hosted by *World Literature Today*

Co-sponsored by Housing Works Used Book Ca

2:00-4:00

National Museum of the American Indian: I Bowling Green Crossing Borders: Universal Themes in Children's Literature

Cornelia Funke, Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton, Pat Mora, Kyoko Mori, Salman Rushdie; moderated by Lois Lowry

All books reflect the impact of their authors' emotional and cultural worlds, but which themes and stories are universal in children's books? A panel of distinguished writers from Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, and the United States will discuss their work in fantasy, autobiography, poetry, and realistic fiction. They will exchange views on what makes work universal, while remaining true to its own unique reality.

Co-sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

4:00-6:00

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Instituto Cervantes: 211–215 East 49th St.

The Global Quixote: Reinventing Cervantes

Edith Grossman, Susanne Lange, Aleksandra Mancic, Aline Schulman, Barber van de Pol



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Borges's Pierre Menard could not be with us, but this gathering does include translators into English, Dutch, German, Serbian, and other languages who all share Menard's experience of transforming and re-creating Cervantes's masterpiece for a different place and time. These virtuoso literary performers will discuss their art, and the specific issues of rendering the Quixote into their particular context.

Co-sponsored by the Instituto Cervantes and the Centenario del Quijote de Castilla La Mancha

APRIL 17

4:00-6:00

National Museum of the American Indian: I Bowling Green

> Lower Manhattan

Cultural Council Literature and Power

Bernard-Henri Lévy, Tomás Eloy Martínez, Francine Prose, John Ralston Saul, Shashi Tharoor, Oksana Zabuzhko

Festival participants engage for the first time with a theme certain to recur throughout the week: the writer's vexed relation to political power. Does the history of the last century offer much support for the view that the literary imagination brings any special purchase on political wisdom? Can literature mitigate the pressures of ideology and nationalism, or is it destined to be their servant and apologist? Do writers have any special responsibilities beyond those of other citizens?

Co-sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

7:00-9:00

National Museum of the American Indian: 1 Bowling Green

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International Noir

Jakob Arjouni, Rubem Fonseca, Natsuo Kirino, Luc Sante; moderated by Robert Polito

Most American readers are familiar with the notion of noir as "secret history." From Dashiell Hammett through Chester Himes, Jim Thompson, Charles Willeford, and on to James Ellroy and Walter Mosley, crime novels inscribed a black-mirror twentieth-century America far more dishonest and bloody than the country of official chronicles. But much as once all politics famously were local, from now on most crimes will be global. This evening we present some distinguished exemplars of "International Noir" along with some notable noir cognoscenti.

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Co-sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and New York Review Books

9:00-10:30

KGB Bar: 85 East 4th St.

Reading: Banned Voices

Margaret Atwood, Antoine Audouard, Anouar Benmalek, Rick Moody, and other Festival authors read from writers who were not able to attend the Festival.

o-sponsored by KGB Bar



12:00-1:30

16 Washington Mews

Française of NYU:

Conversation: Adam Gopnik and Andreï Makine

Co-sponsored by New York University and La Maison Française of NYU

12:30-2:00
India House:

1 Hanover Square

Lunch and Conversation: Hanan al-Shaykh and Fadhil al-Azzawi, moderated by Khaled Mattawa

Co-sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

Lower Manhattan Cultural Ticketing: \$20; for more info: www.lmcc.net/pen_lunch or (212) 219-9401 ext.124

3:30-5:00

A Reading and Q&A for Young Adults: Cornelia Funke and Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton

Deutches Haus at NYU: 42 Washington Mews

Co. sponsored by Now York University and Doutabes House at NYU

APRIL 18

7:00-9:30

The Town Hall: 123 West 43rd St.

The Politics of the Pen: Does Writing Change Anything?

The twentieth century was a long quarrel between those determined that the answer should be yes and others who feared that the writer's engagement in the world would diminish art without improving politics. The goal of this evening is not to answer the question but to find the words with which we can begin to think it through.

For more information:

(212) 840-2824

The New Yorker hosts an evening of readings by Margaret Atwood, Nuruddin Farah, Jonathan Franzen, Ha Jin, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Antonio Muñoz Molina, Salman Rushdie, Wole Soyinka, and others; introduced by David Remnick.



Co-sponsored by The New Yorker

TUESDAY

11:00-12:00 Virtual Forum

Moderated by Lawrence Venuti

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12:00-1:30	Conversation: Assia Djebar and Lyonel Trouillot
La Maison Française of NYU: 16 Washington Mews	Co-sponsored by New York University and La Maison Française of NYU
2:00-3:30	Conversation: Nancy Huston and Siri Hustvedt
La Maison Française of NYU: 16 Washington Mews	Co-sponsored by New York University and La Maison Française of NYU
3:00-4:30	Reading and Conversation: Elena Poniatowska,
The King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center at NYU: 53 Washington Sq. South, Suite 201	Iordi Puntí Garriga, Laura Restrepo Co-sponsored by New York University and the King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center at NYU

Hemmerdinger Hall, NYU: 100 Washington Sq. East

Writers and Iraq, presented by The New York Review of Books

The 2003 invasion and subsequent occupation of Iraq by a U.S.-led coalition have polarized opinion in this country and created rifts between America and many other countries. They have also engaged writers around the world as few other international issues have done since the Vietnam War. How have writers in the U.S. and abroad perceived the war and assessed its consequences?

A panel co-sponsored by The New York Review of Books and the New York Institute for the Humanities and moderated by NYR Co-Editor Robert Silvers, with Mark Danner, Pankaj Mishra, Kanan Makiya, and Dunya Mikhail.

Tishman Auditorium, Vanderbilt Hall: 40 Washington Sq. South

Africa and the World: The Writer's Role

Elizabeth Alexander, Breyten Breytenbach, Tsitsi Dangarembga, Achmat Dangor, Nuruddin Farah, Zakes Mda, Pedro Rosa Mendes, Wole Soyinka, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, and Uwe Timm

Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka will join writers from Africa and beyond in a reading and discussion about African literature considered in both a local and global context.

Co-sponsored by the NYU Creative Writing Program, the NYU Africana Studies Program, and the Institute of African American Affairs

Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany: 871 United Nations Plaza. ID required.

Reporting on Transnational Migration: Ian Buruma and Carolin Emcke

The Accompanied Library at the National Arts Club: 15 Gramercy Park South, Studio 6C

Late Night, Love and Hate: Writing in/from Hostile Surroundings, hosted by Words Without Borders

KGB Bar: 85 East 4th St.

Reading with Victor Erofeyev and Lilian Faschinger



9:00-5:00 Community and School Programs

Sponsored by PEN's Readers & Writers Program

12:00—1:30 W Hotels of New York: 541 Lexington Ave.	Conversation: Hanan al-Shaykh and Salman Rushdie
HOTELS	
12:30—2:00 India House: 1 Hanover Square Lower Manhattan Cultural Council	Lunch and Conversation: Tsitsi Dangarembga and Achmat Dangor, interviewed by Yvette Christianse Co-sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Ticketing: \$20; for more info: www.lmcc.net/pen_lunch or (212) 219-9401 ext.124
6:00—7:30 The Accompanied Library at the National Arts Club: 15 Gramercy Park South, Studio 6C	Reading: Nuria Amat and Uwe Timm, hosted by TWO LINES: A Journal of Translation With translators reading from TWO LINES' new issue, Bodies. Co-sponsored by TWO LINES and The Accompanied Library
6:00—7:30 Poets House: 72 Spring Street, Second Floor	Reading and Conversation: Fadhil al-Azzawi, Durs Grünbein, Joan Margarit Consarnau A reading followed by a conversation on the role of poetic heritage in the poets' work. Co-sponsored by Poets House

6:30-8:00 New York: 1109 Madison Ave.

Conversation with Patrik Ourednik

Tishman Auditorium: 66 West 12th St.

A Believer Nighttime Event

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Natsuki Ikezawa, Katja Lange-Müller, Minae Mizumura, Patrick Roth

A literary "variety show" presented by The Believer—a monthly books and culture magazine published by McSweeney's—and hosted by novelist and performer Jonathan Ames. In addition to screening a film by artist Shirin Neshat, Tom Bissell will moderate a conversation called "Translating America," and surprise guests will add international music and art to the Festival mix.

Co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Writing Program

10:00—11:30 Conversation:
Gary Shteyngart and José Manuel Prieto

THURSDAY

11:00—12:00 Virtual Forum

Moderated by Esther Allen www.wordswithoutborders.org

Conversation: Gish Jen with Bei Dao and Shan Sa

Strand Book Store (Rare Book Room): 828 Broadway

2:00-4:00

66 West 12th St.

The Post-National Writer

Lilian Faschinger, Francisco Goldman, José Manuel Prieto, Yuri Rytcheu, Salman Rushdie, Yoko Tawada, Eliot Weinberger, Adam Zagajewski

Literary writers work as individuals, expressing an individual and entirely unique perspective; much great literature is about the clash between the individual and the collective. Nevertheless, we seem perpetually unable to keep from reading writers as representatives of their nations. The writers assembled for this panel each test the limits of nationalist definitions of literature in his or her own way, and they will discuss the issues of identity and nationalism they confront in their work and their lives.

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The New Voices from Europe

The New School: 66 West 12th St.

Rafael Chirbes, Victor Erofeyev, Cees Nooteboom, Patrik Ourednik, Antonio Tabucchi

Europe has undergone significant transformations since the so-called "Eastern enlargement," in which 10 additional member states entered the European Union last year. Both Eastern and Western Europe are experiencing struggles of national identity, currently most apparent in the Ukraine. Literature plays a part in these processes, the precise shape of which remains to be seen. This panel focuses on the author's role and responsibility in reshaping Europe and redefining its national identities; it poses the question of the writer's commitment today. In the face of the overpowering cultural influence of television and other visual media, do writers have an actual chance of making their voices heard?

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Co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Writing Program and internationales literaturfestival berlin

The New School: 66 West 12th St.

"Strange Times, My Dear": The PEN Anthology of Contemporary Iranian Literature

Ahmad Karimi Hakkak, Nahid Mozaffari, Azar Nafisi

Azar Nafisi joins editors Nahid Mozaffari and Ahmad Karimi Hakkak, and publisher Richard Seaver, in presenting selections of contemporary Iranian poetry and fiction in celebration of the Anthology's publication. This book was published despite U.S. Treasury Department regulations restricting the publication of materials from countries under United States trade embargo.

Co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Writing Program

7:00-9:00

The New School: 66 West 12th St.

Ticketing: \$10, free for New School students and faculty For more info: (212) 229-5488

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The Way We Love Now

Antoine Audouard, Orly Castel-Bloom, Hanif Kureishi, Natsuo Kirino, Peter Stamm; moderated by Wayne Koestenbaum

Eroticism, intimacy, amorousness: how does "sex"—that ancient game—function in the contemporary world? What new or old paradigms dominate modern love? How, in our different cultures and social contexts, does eroticism bewilder, enchain, and embolden its practitioners and victims? Love—Circean and protean—may acquire new forms in a new age, and threaten to become unrecognizable. These novelists, who have written eloquently about love's trials, will speak to the roles eroticism plays in their works and in their worlds.

Co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Writing Program and internationales literaturfestival berlin

7:00

Goethe-Institut New York: 1014 5th Ave.

Durs Grünbein and Uwe Timm: New Translations

9:00-10:30 St. Mark's Church:

131 East 10th St.

UniVerse: World Literary Voices



11:00-12:00 Virtual Forum

Moderated by Andre Aciman

www.wordswithoutborders.org

McNally Robinson Booksellers: 50 Prince St.

Reading: Rafael Chirbes, Patrick Roth, Yuri Rytkheu, Peter Stamm, Antonio Tabucchi

2.00-4.00

The Leona and Marcy Chanin Language Center at Hunter College: 695 Park Ave., B126, West Building

Writing in a Different Language

Kader Abdolah, Nancy Huston, Minae Mizumura, Shan Sa, Elif Shafak, Ngugi wa Thiong'o; moderated by Elizabeth Klosty-Beaujour

Many writers—Joseph Conrad, Vladimir Nabokov, Samuel Beckett have chosen to write in a language that was not their first, but this seems to be happening more frequently now than ever before. This panel brings together writers who have—or could have—switched languages to talk about what factors might lead a writer to make that decision, how the language you write in affects what you write, and various other pleasures and perils of moving from one linguistic space into another.

For more information: (212) 772-5095

Co-sponsored by The Hunter College School of Arts and Sciences and MFA Program in Creative Writing

Hunter College: 695 Park Ave., 8th Floor. West Building Conversation: Michael Ondaatje and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, introduced by Peter Carey

7:00-9:00

Kaye Playhouse, **Hunter College:** East 68th St. between Park and Lexington Aves.

Czeslaw Milosz and the Conscience of Literature

Bei Dao, Durs Grünbein, Robert Hass, Edward Hirsch, Eva Hoffman, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Azar Nafisi, Leon Wieseltier, Adam Zagajewski

At the end of a week much engaged with the subject of the writer's struggle to assert humane values in a "Ruined World," the first PEN World Voices appropriately concludes with a tribute to the great Polish Nobel laureate who died last August at the age of 93. Friends, former colleagues, and fellow artists come together to celebrate a poet who spoke out many times against authoritarianism, yet was diffident in his claims for the authority of letters: "I know what was left for smaller men like me: / A feast of brief hopes, a rally of the proud. / A tournament of hunchbacks, literature."

Co-sponsored by The Hunter College Office of the President, School of Arts and Sciences, and MFA Program in Creative Writing; the Polish Cultural Institute; the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland; and the Consulate General of Lithuania

Ticketing:

\$10; free for Hunter students & faculty Kaye Playhouse: (212) 772-4448

Words Without Borders Programs

From April 16–22, 2005, Words Without Borders will provide on-line access to PEN World Voices: The New York Festival of International Literature. The Festival will capitalize on New York's status as a crossroads in the global literary community to heighten public awareness of contemporary literary and cultural issues beyond United States borders. Words Without Borders will extend the Festival's reach beyond the New York City area, making it accessible to the global community.

Join PEN World Voices on-line by visiting www.wordswithoutborders.org to read from a special issue featuring newly translated work from festival participants, as well as for Web casts of selected events.

Special Events

Converse and debate literary translation issues on the topic "Why Translate? (In a World Dominated by English)" in three live on-line discussions with distinguished authors and translators at www.wordswithoutborders.org:

Lawrence Venuti

looks at translation in American culture from ethnic newspapers to menus to novels and explores with readers whether America translates or Americanizes as it encounters the foreign. Can there be a true multiculturalism that does not involve Americanization, or is all translation a form of domestication?

Tuesday, April 19, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Esther Allen

discusses censorship of translation in the United States, both explicit (due to recently relaxed regulation by the Office of Foreign Assets Control) and de facto (mainstream commercial U.S. publishing does not support translation). Simply acting as if translations are not worth reading, publishing, or reviewing can be a far more devastating form of censorship than anything any government can impose.

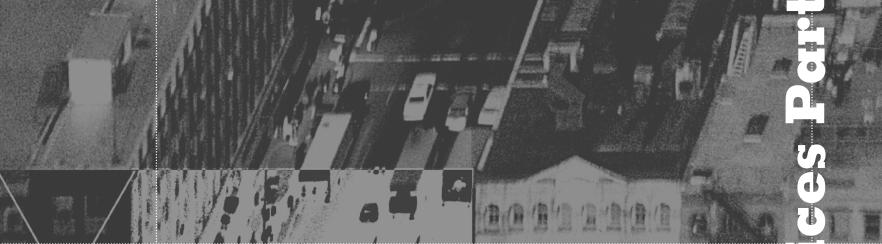
Thursday, April 21, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Andre Aciman

holds a discussion on inner translation, examining the process of being born into one language, speaking in another, and writing (or translating into) a third.

Friday, April 22, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Words Without Borders is an official partner of the PEN American Center. These events are made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the International Institute of Modern Letters.



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Kader Abdolah

Kader Abdolah published two novels about life under the Khomeini regime before fleeing his homeland in 1985. Three years later he came to the Netherlands. He has written and published four books in Dutch: De adelaars, De meisjes en de partizanen, De reis van de lege flessen, and in 2000, the novel Spijkerschrif (Cuneiform), which will be published in the United States by HarperCollins.

In 1997, he received the Dutch Media Prize for his collected columns from the Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*.



Chinua Achebe

Chinua Achebe, the renowned Nigerian novelist and poet, is Charles P. Stevenson Jr. Professor of Languages and Literature at Bard College.

Achebe is the author of *Things Fall Apart, Arrow of God, A Man of the People*, and *Anthills of the Savannah*. He has won numerous prizes and awards such as the Commonwealth Poetry Prize, the Lotus Award for Afro-Asian Writers, the Campion Medal, and the German Booksellers Peace Prize.

Achebe has been McMillan-Stewart Lecturer at Harvard University and Presidential Fellow Lecturer at the World Bank. He lives in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.



Andre Aciman

Andre Aciman is the author of Out of Egypt: A Memoir, False Papers: Essays on Exile and Memory, and the co-author and editor of The Proust Project and Letters of Transit.

Aciman is the recipient of a Whiting Writers' Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a fellowship from The New York Public Library's Center for Scholars and Writers. He has written for *The New York Times, The New Yorker, The New Republic, The New York Review of Books*, and Commentary.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born in Nigeria in 1977 and has studied at Connecticut State University and Johns Hopkins University.

Her short stories have been published in literary journals including *Granta*, *Zoetrope*, and *Iowa Review*. *Purple Hibiscus*, her first novel, was shortlisted for the Orange Prize and was winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy award.

She will be a Hodder fellow at Princeton University for 2005–2006.



Fadhil al-Azzawi

Fadhil al-Azzawi was born in 1940 in Iraq. In 1977, al-Azzawi left Iraq and settled in Berlin where he still lives.

He has edited many newspapers and magazines and founded the poetry magazine Shi'r 69. His publications include 10 volumes of poetry in Arabic and one volume in German, novels, short-story collections, criticism, and numerous works of translation from English and German. His collection In Every Well a Joseph Is Weeping was published in 1997 and in 2003, BOA Editions published Miracle Maker: Selected Poems.



Hanan al-Shaykh

Hanan al-Shaykh was born in Lebanon and grew up in Beirut. After leaving Lebanon in 1975, she lived between England and the Gulf States and has lived in London since 1984.

Her novels include Suicide of a Dead Man, The Praying Mantis, The Story of Zahra, The Women of Sand and Myrrh, and Beirut Blues. She also published a short-story collection, I Sweep the Sun Off Rooftops, and two plays, Dark Afternoon Tea and Paper Husband.





Elizabeth Alexander

Elizabeth Alexander is the author of three books of poems, *The Venus Hottentot, Body of Life,* and *Antebellum Dream Book*. Her essay collection, *The Black Interior*, was published in 2004. Her work has appeared in publications such as *Signs, American Literary History*, *Callaloo, The Paris Review*, and *American Poetry Review*. Her verse play, *Diva Studies*, was produced at the Yale School of Drama in 1996.

Alexander has taught at the University of Chicago, NYU, and Smith College. She currently teaches English and African American Studies at Yale University.



Svetlana Alexievich

Svetlana Alexievich was born in the Ukraine in 1948.

Alexievich's awards include the Swedish PEN prize for "courage and dignity as a writer." She constructs narratives from interviews with witnesses to the most shattering national events. Twenty-one documentary films have been based on her screenplays.

In 1989, Boys in Zink, banned from publication for 10 years, blew up the myth of the Soviet-Afghan war. She authored Enchanted with Death in 1993 and The Chernobyl Prayer in 1997. Voices from Chernobyl, translated by Keith Gesson, will be published by Dalkey Archive this spring.



Esther Allen

Esther Allen's translations include *The Selected Writings of José Martí*, Lands of Memory by Felisberto Hernández, Dark Back of Time by Javier Marías, *The Tale of the Rose* by Consuelo de Saint Exupèry, and, most recently, Alma Guillermoprieto's Dancing with Cuba: A Memoir of the Revolution. She chairs the PEN Translation Committee and is an assistant professor at Seton Hall University.

Nuria Amat

Nuria Amat was born in Barcelona in 1951. She has since lived in Colombia, Mexico, Berlin, Paris, and the United States.

Amat teaches courses on Archival Sciences and Technology and is a professor of Library Studies at the University of Barcelona. She oversees the *Vidas Literarias* series, a collection of biographies of the most celebrated authors.

Her novel *El país del almazas* was a Rómulo Gallegos Award finalist in 2001; *Reina de América* won Barcelona's Premio Ciutat in 2002 and is coming out in English this year under the title *Queen Cocaine*.



Jonathan Ames

Jonathan Ames is the author of I Pass Like Night, The Extra Man, What's Not to Love?, My Less Than Secret Life, and Wake Up, Sir!.

Ames is the winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a former columnist for *New York Press*. His *The Extra Man* is in development as a movie with Killer Films, and Ames has adapted *What's Not to Love?* as a TV series for the Showtime network.

Ames contributes to the radio show *The Next Big Thing* and has been a recurring guest on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.



Jakob Arjouni

Jakob Arjouni was born in Frankfurt in 1964.

He has written novels, plays, screenplays, and the mystery series *Happy Birthday*, *Turk!*, *One Man*, *One Murder*, and *Kismet*. His other publications include his urban novel *Magic Hoffmann*, which was shortlisted for the IMPAC Award, and the story collections *Ein Freund* and *Idiots: Five Fairy Tales and Other Stories*, which will be published in the United States in a translation by Anthea Bell.

In 1992, Arjouni received the German Thriller Prize for *One Man, One Murder*. Arjouni divides his time between Germany and France.





Margaret Atwood

Margaret Atwood is the author of more than 40 books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Her most recent novel, *Oryx and Crake*, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Giller Prize in Canada. Her other books include the 2000 Booker Prize-winning *The Blind Assassin*, *Alias Grace*, which won the Giller Prize in Canada and the Premio Mondello in Italy, *The Robber Bride*, *Cat's Eye*, and *The Handmaid's Tale*.

Atwood lives in Toronto with writer Graeme Gibson.



Antoine Audouard

Antoine Audouard was born in Paris in 1956.

Audouard spent six years as publishing director of Laffont-Fixot. His novel *Farewell*, *My Only One* was published in English in 2004, shortlisted for the Goncourt Prize, and translated into 14 languages. His forthcoming novel, *A Bridge of Birds*, set in Vietnam, will be published in September 2005.



Paul Auster

Paul Auster is the author of numerous novels, screenplays, essays, and books of poetry. His most recent novel is *Oracle Night*. His books *The Book of Illusions* and *Timbuktu* were national best-sellers, as was *I Thought My Father Was God*, the NPR National Story Project anthology, which he edited.

He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

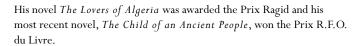
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Elizabeth Klosty Beaujour is the author of The Invisible Land: The Artistic Imagination of Iurii Olesha and Alien Tongues: Bilingual Russian Writers of the "First" Emigration.

She is a professor in the Division of Russian and Slavic Languages at Hunter College, where she has also served as Acting Provost and Chair of the Academic Senate and is the long-term chair of the College's interdisciplinary Thomas Hunter Honors Program. She is also a member of the faculty of the Doctoral Program in Comparative Literature at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Anouar Benmalek

Anouar Benmalek was born in Casablanca in 1956 and now lives in France. After the 1988 riots in Algeria in protest of government policies, he became one of the founders of the Algerian Committee Against Torture.





François Bizot

François Bizot was born in 1944.

His memoir *The Gate*, published in English in 2003, chronicles his long experience as an ethnologist in Cambodia, where he was taken captive by the Khmer Rouge in 1971. He is the author of the novel *Les Déclassés* and the art book *Underground*, *l'histoire*.

Bizot is also the co-founder of Radio Nova, *Nova Magazine*, and TSF, a jazz radio station.





Breyten Breytenbach

Breyten Breytenbach is a writer, painter, and activist of South African origin.

He lives on Gorée Island, Dakar, where he is the Executive Director of the Gorée Institute, a Pan-African Center for Democracy, Development and Culture in Africa, and for part of the year in New York where he teaches in the Creative Writing Program of NYU.

His most recent publications are *Dog Heart*, a travel memoir, and *Lady One*, a volume of poems. His recent one-person exhibitions are in La Maison Française (New York, 2003) and in Galerie Espace, Amsterdam, 2005.



Chico Buarque

Francisco Buarque de Hollanda was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1944.

Both a singer and composer, he has written the plays *Roda viva*, *Calabar*, *Gota d'água*, and *Ópera do malandro*, and the novella *Fazenda modelo*. His novels *Turbulence* and *Benjamim*, both published by Companhia das Letras, were translated into English, German, Danish, Spanish, Catalan, Dutch, French, and Italian.

His novel Budapest was published in English in 2004.

Ian Buruma

Ian Buruma is currently Luce Professor at Bard College.

His books include God's Dust, Behind the Mask, The Missionary and the Libertine, Playing the Game, The Wages of Guilt, Anglomania, Bad Elements, and Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of Its Enemies.

Peter Bush

Peter Bush has translated the work of Nuria Amat, Juan Goytisolo, Juan Carlos Onetti, Senel Paz, and Luis Sepulveda. He has selected and edited *The Voice of the Turtle: An Anthology of Cuban Short Stories*, and he teaches at Middlesex University.

Roberto Calasso

Roberto Calasso was born in Florence and currently lives in Milan.

Calasso's K. is the fourth part of a work-in-progress, which so far includes The Ruin of Kasch, The Marriage of Cadmus and Harmony, and Ka. Calasso is also the author of the novel L'Impuro Folle and two collections of essays, The Forty-Nine Steps and Literature and the Gods.

In 2004, he edited Aforismi di Zürau by Franz Kafka.



Peter Carey

Peter Carey was born in Australia in 1943.

He is the author of eight novels, including the Booker Prize-winning Oscar and Lucinda and True History of the Kelly Gang, and, most recently, My Life as a Fake.

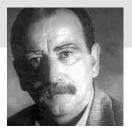
Orly Castel-Bloom

Orly Castel-Bloom was born in 1960 in Tel Aviv, where she lives today.

Castel-Bloom studied film at Tel Aviv University and began publishing in 1987. She received the 1990 Tel Aviv Prize for Literature for *Where I Am*, and the Alterman Prize in 1993. She was also twice awarded the Prime Minister's Prize, and in 2003 she received the Newman Prize.

Her book *Dolly City* has been included in the *UNESCO Collection of Representative Works*.





Rafael Chirbes

Rafael Chirbes was born in Spain in 1949.

His first novel *Mimoun* (1988) was followed by a series of novels tackling the Franco regime and its aftermath: *Los disparos del cazador*, *La buena letra*, *La larga marcha*, and *La caída de Madrid*.

His most recent book, *Los viejos amigos*, reflects upon the end of the Civil War generation and their ideals. Rafael Chirbes also writes travel reports for a gourmet food magazine.

He lives in a village between Valencia and Alicante.



Yvette Christianse was born in South Africa under apartheid and emigrated with her parents via Swaziland to Australia at the age of 18.

She is the author of *Castaway*. In addition to writing poetry, Christianse teaches English and postcolonial studies at Fordham University.



Tsitsi Dangarembga

Tsitsi Dangarembga was born in Zimbabwe.

Her novel *Nervous Conditions* won the African Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

She has also studied filmmaking, graduating with honors from the German Film and Television Academy in Berlin. Her first feature, *Kare Kare Zvako: Mother's Day* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2005.

Dangarembga lives in Harare, Zimbabwe, where she owns a film production company. She is also at work completing her second novel.

Achmat Dangor

Achmat Dangor was born in Johannesburg in 1948.

In the 1980s, Dangor, one of the co-founders of the Congress of South African Writers, published stories, poetry, and novels, including *Kafka's Curse*, which called attention to the complex problems of the many ethnic and religious groups in South African society.

At the request of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dangor took over the direction of the Kagiso Trust, the largest foundation directed by blacks in South Africa. He was the director of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund until the end of 2001 and since has lived in Johannesburg and New York.



Mark Danner

Mark Danner, a longtime staff member and writer at *The New Yorker*, published *Torture and Truth: America, Abu Ghraib, and the War on Terror* in 2004.



Bei Dao

Bei Dao was born in Beijing in 1949.

Since 1987, Bei Dao has lived and taught in England, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, and the United States. His work has been translated into over 30 languages, including five poetry volumes in English, *Unlock, Landscape Over Zero, Forms of Distance, Old Snow, The August Sleepwalker*, the story collection *Waves*, and two collections of essays, *Blue House* and *Midnight's Gate*.

He lives in Davis, California.





Assia Djebar

Assia Djebar was born near Algiers in 1936.

She published her first novel, La Soif, at the age of 20. Her film La Nouba des femmes du mont Chenoua won the International Critic's Prize of the Biennial in Venice. Her chronicle of life in the Maghreb during the first half of the 20th century, La Zerda ou les chants de l'oubli, won the prize for best historical film of the Berlinale in 1982. Several of her novels are available in English, including Women of Algiers in Their Apartment, Fantasia: An Algerian Cavalcade, and A Sister to Scheherazade.

In 1996, she was awarded the Neustadt International Prize for Literature.

Djebar lives in New York and Paris.



E. L. Doctorow

E. L. Doctorow is the author of *The Book of Daniel, Ragtime, World's Fair, Billy Bathgate, The Waterworks*, and *City of God.*He has also published *Lives of the Poets*, a story collection, and *Selected Essays: Jack London, Hemingway, and the Constitution.*

Doctorow is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Book Award, two National Book Critics' Circle Awards, the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Commonwealth Award, the William Dean Howells Medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a presidentially conferred National Humanities Medal. His story collection *Sweet Land Stories* was published in 2004.



Carolin Emcke

Carolin Emcke has studied philosophy, political science, and history in London, Frankfurt, and the United States. She has been a staff writer at the German newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* since 1998, covering humanrights violations and war crimes in Lebanon, Colombia, Nicaragua, Kashmir, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

She has been a visiting professor of political theory at Yale University, teaching seminars on theories of violence, war crimes, and cosmopolitanism. Her publications include *Kollektive identitäten*, sozialphilosophische grundlagen in 2000 and Von den kriegen: briefe an freunde in 2004.

Victor Erofeyev

Victor Erofeyev is the author of the novel Russian Beauty and the editor of The Penguin Book of New Russian Writing.

He lives in Moscow.

Martín Espada

Martín Espada was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1957.

His seventh poetry collection, *Alabanza: New and Selected Poems* (1982–2002), received the Paterson Award. An earlier collection, *Imagine the Angels of Bread*, won an American Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Critics' Circle Award. Espada's other awards include the Robert Creeley Award and two NEA Fellowships.

Espada is a professor in the Department of English at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where he teaches creative writing, Latino poetry, and the work of Pablo Neruda.

Nuruddin Farah

Nuruddin Farah was born in Somalia in 1945.

In exile for more than 25 years, Farah's main work is divided into two trilogies. The first focuses on the family unit as a safe refuge and as the antithesis to the threats of the dictatorship. The second trilogy, consisting of *Maps*, *Gifts*, and *Secrets*, which largely came into being during the turmoil of the Somali civil war, takes the orphan as the central metaphor for the increasing distance to his country of origin. In 1998, he was awarded the Neustadt International Prize for Literature.





Lilian Faschinger

Lilian Faschinger was born in Austria in 1950.

Since her 1983 debut, *Selbstauslöser: Lyrik und Kurzprosa*, Faschinger has written three novels, two radio plays, two short-story collections, a book of poetry, and several translations. In 1990, she won the Austrian National Award for Literary Translation. Her novels *Magdalena the Sinner* and *Woman with Three Aeroplanes* have been published in English.

She has been a writer-in-residence in the United States at Dartmouth College, Deutsches Haus of NYU, and Washington University.

Faschinger lives in Vienna.



Rubem Fonseca

Born in 1925 in the city of Juiz de-Fóra, Minas Gerais, and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Rubem Fonseca has worked as both a lawyer and a writer.

He has published several novels and collections of short stories, such as *Vast Emotions and Imperfect Thoughts* and *The Lost Manuscript*, which have been translated into English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Danish, and Dutch.

In 2003, he was awarded the Premio Juan Rulfo.



Jonathan Franzen

Jonathan Franzen is the author of the novels *The Twenty-Seventh City*, *Strong Motion*, and *The Corrections*, and a collection of essays, *How to Be Alone*.

Cornelia Funke

Cornelia Funke was born 1958 in Westphalia. After studying education theory, she worked for an educational project while completing a course in book illustration at the Hamburg State College of Design. She then worked as a board-games designer and illustrator of children's books, and has since written over 40 children's books.

Her works available in English include the novels *Dragonrider* and *Inkheart*, as well as *The Thief Lord*, which is currently being shot as a film on location in Venice.

Funke lives with her family on the outskirts of Hamburg.



John Godfrey

John Godfrey was born in New York in 1945.

His publications include Push the Mule, Private Lemonade, Midnight on Your Left, Dabble, and How to Give Yourself a Clean Shot.

Francisco Goldman

Francisco Goldman is the author of *The Long Night of White Chickens*, which won the Sue Kaufman Award for First Fiction and was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner award, and *The Ordinary Seaman*, which was a finalist for the International IMPAC Dublin Fiction Prize and the PEN/Faulkner award, and *The Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books*, and *The New York Times Magazine*. His most recent novel, *The Divine Husband*, was published in 2004.



Adam Gopnik

Adam Gopnik has been writing for *The New Yorker* since 1986. His book *Paris to the Moon* was published in 2000, and his new book *The King in the Window*, an adventure story for children, will be published this fall.

He has twice won the National Magazine Award for Essays, as well as the George Polk Award for Magazine Reporting.



Philip Gourevitch

Philip Gourevitch covered the 2004 presidential campaign for *The New Yorker*, where he is a staff writer. He is the author of the books *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda* and *A Cold Case*. He is the recipient of National Book Critics' Circle Awards, a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, a PEN/Martha Albrand Award, and a Guardian First Book Award.

He is the chair of PEN's International Committee.

Edith Grossman

Edith Grossman is a prizewinning translator of writers such as Gabriel García Márquez, Mario Vargas Llosa, and Alvaro Mutis. She is the author of *The Antipoetry of Nicanor Parra* and her translation of *Don Quixote* was published in 2003.



Durs Grünbein

Durs Grünbein was born in Dresden in 1962.

Grünbein's collections of poetry include *Grauzone morgens* and *Schädelbasislektion*. In 1995, he received the Peter Huchel Prize for Poetry. That same year, he became the youngest recipient of the Georg Büchner Prize. He has also published several essay collections and new translations of plays from antiquity, among them Aeschylus' *The Persians*, and Seneca's *Thyestes*. His work, which also includes contributions to catalogues and a libretto for opera, has been translated into many languages.

Durs Grünbein lives in Berlin.

Ahmad Karimi Hakkak

Ahmad Karimi Hakkak is Associate Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at the University of Washington and the author of numerous essays and books of scholarship including, most recently, From Translation to Appropriation: Poetic Cross-Breeding in Early Twentieth-Century Iran, Recasting Persian Poetry: Scenarios of Poetic Modernity in Iran, Language Reform Movement and Its Language: The Case of Persian, and Censorship in Persia.

Robert Hass

Robert Hass was born in San Francisco in 1941.

His books of poetry include *Sun Under Wood*, *Human Wishes*, *Praise*, and *Field Guide*, which was selected by Stanley Kunitz for the Yale Younger Poets Series. He has co-translated several volumes of poetry with Czeslaw Milosz, most recently *Facing the River*.

Hass served as Poet Laureate of the United States from 1995 to 1997 and is currently a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. He lives in California and teaches at the University of California-Berkeley.



Václav Havel

World-renowned playwright and human-rights activist Václav Havel was the last President of Czechoslovakia and the first President of the Czech Republic.

Havel's first publicly performed play was *The Garden Party* followed by *The Memorandum* and *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration*. After the suppression of the Prague Spring in 1968, Havel was banned from the theater and became more politically active.

His publications in English include Letters to Olga, Open Letters, Disturbing the Peace, and The Art of the Impossible, a collection of speeches addressing all the relevant questions facing modern Europe today.





Jordi Puntí Garriga

Jordi Puntí Garriga is a regular contributor to *El País* in Barcelona. He has published short-story collections such as *Pell d'armadill* and *Animals tristos*, and his work has been included in several anthologies of new Spanish writers, such as *After Hours*, *Mar y montaña*, and *Pequeñas resistencias*.

He has also translated work by Daniel Pennac, Amélie Nothomb, Marie Darrieussecq, and Paul Auster, among others.



David Remnick

David Remnick was named editor of The New Yorker in July 1998.

He is the author of *Lenin's Tomb*, which received both the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction and a George Polk Award for excellence in journalism. His other publications include *Resurrection*, *The Devil Problem (and Other True Stories)*, and *King of the World: Muhammad Ali and the Rise of an American Hero*.



Laura Restrepo

Laura Restrepo is the author of several prizewinning novels, published in over a dozen languages, such as *Leopard in the Sun*, which won the Premio Arzobispo San Clemente, *The Angel of Galilea*, which won the Premio Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz in Mexico and the Prix France Culture in France, *The Dark Bride*, and *A Tale of the Dispossessed*. Her new novel, *Delirio*, won the 2004 Alfaguara Prize (with a jury headed by Nobel winner José Saramago). Her first novel, *The Isle of Passion*, will be published here in the fall of 2005.

Restrepo lives in Bogotá.

Patrick Roth

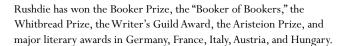
Patrick Roth was born in Germany in 1953.

Roth has received prizes such as the Rauriser Literaturpreis and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Literature Prize. His publications include *Johnny Shines oder Die Wiedererweckung der Toten, Riverside, Corpus Christi*, the trilogy *Resurrection*, and *Riding with Mary*.



Salman Rushdie

Salman Rushdie's novels include Midnight's Children, Shame, The Satanic Verses, Haroun and the Sea of Stories, The Ground Beneath Her Feet, Fury, and the forthcoming Shalimar the Clown. His latest book is Step Across This Line: Collected Nonfiction 1992–2002.



He has served as honorary Vice-President, Member Trustee-at-Large, and now President of PEN American Center. He was also a founder and first President of the International Parliament of Writers.

He lives in New York City.



Yuri Rytkheu

Yuri Rytkheu's novels and short stories about the Chukotka of Siberia introduced generations of readers to the history and mythology of those who call one of the most majestic and inhospitable environments on earth their home. Rythkeu's works have been translated into Japanese, Finnish, Danish, and French. He has authored more than 10 novels and collections of stories, including *A Dream in Polar Fog*, which will be published in the United States in April 2005.





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