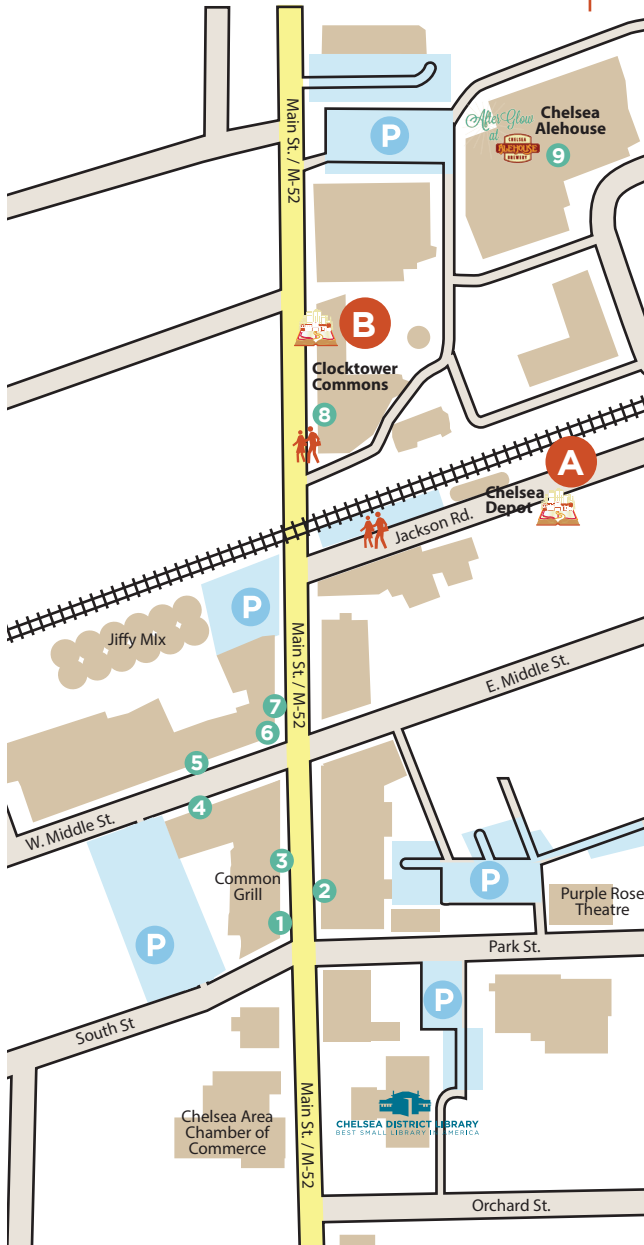


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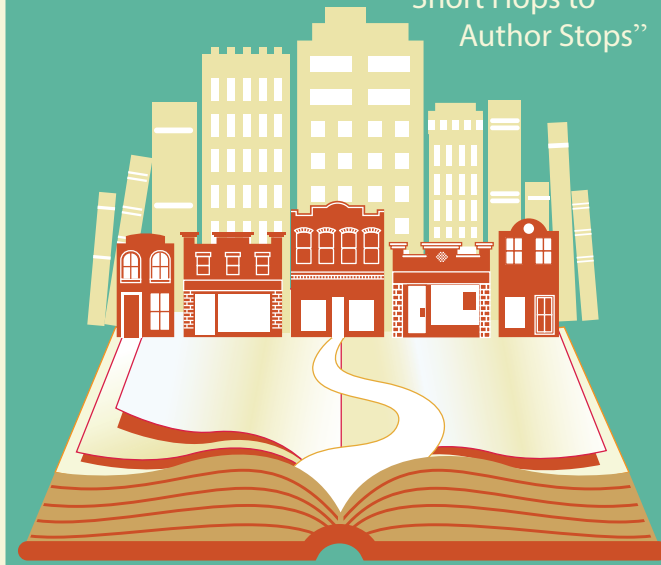
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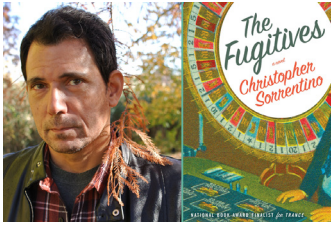


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1PM | Christopher Sorrentino is the author of five books, including his latest, *The Fugitives*, and *Trance*, which was a National Book Award Finalist for fiction. Sorrentino's work has been widely anthologized, and has appeared in *Esquire*, *Fence*, *Granta*, *Harper's*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *McSweeney's*, *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review*, and other publications. He has been the recipient of fellowships from the Lannan Foundation, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation, and he was Writer-in-Residence at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2011. He has taught at Columbia University, New York University, the New School, Fairleigh Dickinson, and at the Unterberg Poetry Center of the 92nd Street Y, where he is a core faculty member.

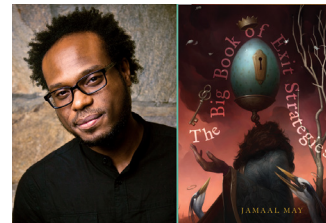


2PM | Claire Vaye Watkins's debut novel, *Gold Fame Citrus*, was recently named a Best Book of the Year by countless publications including *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, and *Vanity Fair*. Born in Bishop, California in 1984, Watkins was raised in the Mojave Desert, first in Tecopa, California and then across the state line in Pahrump, Nevada. A graduate of the University of Nevada Reno, Claire earned her MFA from Ohio State University, where she was a Presidential Fellow. A Guggenheim Fellow, Claire is on the faculty of the Hell Zell Writers' Program at the University of Michigan. She is also the co-director, with Derek Palacio, of the Mojave School, a free creative writing workshop for teenagers in rural Nevada. In addition to *Gold Fame Citrus*, Watkins is the author of *Battleborn*, an award-winning collection of stories that earned her the National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" honor.

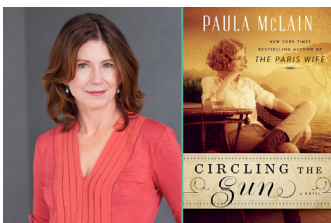
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3PM | Robin Coste Lewis's debut collection of poetry, *Voyage of the Sable Venus* is an electrifying meditation on the cultural depiction of the black female figure and was awarded the 2015 National Book Award for Poetry. Coste Lewis is a Provost's Fellow in Poetry and Visual Studies at the University of Southern California and is also a Cave Canem fellow and a fellow of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities. She received her MFA in poetry from NYU, and an MTS in Sanskrit and comparative religious literature from the Divinity School at Harvard University. She has taught at Wheaton College, Hunter College, Hampshire College, and the NYU Low-Residency MFA program in Paris. Lewis was born in Compton, California; her family is from New Orleans.



3PM | Jamaal May was born in 1982 in Detroit, MI where he taught poetry in public schools and worked as a freelance audio engineer. His new book of poetry is *The Big Book of Exit Strategies*. His first book, *Hum*, was a 2014 Notable Book Award from the American Library Association, a finalist for the NAACP Image award and Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and was named one of *The Boston Globe's* Best Books of 2013. May has also been on the faculty of the Vermont College of Fine Arts MFA program. He has served as an associate editor of West Branch and the series editor, graphic designer and filmmaker for the *Organic Weapon Arts Chapbook and Video Series*. May is also a member of six national poetry slam teams, including five from Detroit and the NYC-based LouderARTS.



4PM | Paula McLain is the author of *New York Times* bestseller, *The Paris Wife* (2011) and her latest bestselling novel, *Circling the Sun* (2015), named one of NPR's best books of the year. Born in Fresno, California in 1965, McLain became a ward of the California Court System after being abandoned by both parents. After she aged out of the system, McLain supported herself with a variety of jobs before discovering she could (and very much wanted to) write. McLain received her MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan in 1996. She is the recipient of fellowships from Yaddo, The MacDowell Colony, the Cleveland Arts Prize, the Ohio Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. McLain is also the author of two collections of poetry; a memoir, *Like Family: Growing up in Other People's Houses* (1994); and a first novel, *A Ticket to Ride* (2008). She lives with her family in Cleveland.



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