



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

# MIDWEST LITERARY WALK

11TH ANNUAL

SATURDAY  
APRIL 27, 2019

1-5PM  
DOWNTOWN  
CHELSEA



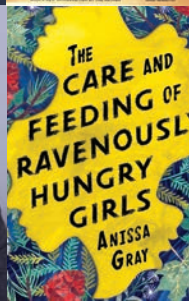
MIN JIN LEE



LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ



ANISSA GRAY



## 1:00pm | Main Street Church located in the Clocktower Commons (320 N. Main St.)



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**Min Jin Lee** is a National Book Award Finalist, *New York Times* bestselling author, and recipient of Fellowships in Fiction from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study at Harvard. Lee was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Monmouth College, and in 2018 she was named an Adweek Creative 100 for being one of the “10 Writers and Editors Who are Changing the National Conversation,” and a Frederick Douglass 200 for her work as an author. She is currently based in Boston, where she will be working on her third novel, *American Hagwon*. From 2019-2022, she will be a Writer-in-Residence at Amherst College.

Lee’s novel *Pachinko* (2017) was a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction, a runner-up for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and a *New York Times* 10 Best Books of 2017. A *New York Times* bestseller, *Pachinko* was also one of the Top 10 Books of the Year in 2017 selected by the BBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and the New York Public Library. *Pachinko* was selected for “Now Read This,” a book club organized by PBS NewsHour and the *New York Times*. The novel appeared on over 75 best books of the year lists, including NPR, PBS, and CNN. An international success, *Pachinko* will be translated into 27 languages.

**Praise for *Pachinko*** “An old-fashioned epic whose simple, captivating storytelling delivers both wisdom and truth...” ~ *Kirkus Reviews*

## 2:30pm | Chelsea Depot (125 Jackson St.)



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**Luis J. Rodriguez** is an award-winning poet, children’s book author, memoirist, youth & arts advocate, community activist, and 2014 Los Angeles Poet Laureate. He was born in El Paso, Texas, the son of Mexican immigrants. His experiences with racism, poverty, discrimination, and gang violence would later inspire his writing and social activism. Rodriguez has authored 15 books in various genres, including memoirs and collections of poetry. He won a Poetry Center Book Award, Paterson Poetry Prize, and PEN/Josephine Miles Literary Award, and was honored with a Lannan Fellowship for Poetry. Rodriguez is a National Book Critics Award nominee, and the recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature, Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Writers’ Award, a California Arts Council fellowship, and Illinois Arts Council fellowships. He was one of 50 leaders worldwide selected as “Unsung Heroes of Compassion” by the Dalai Lama.

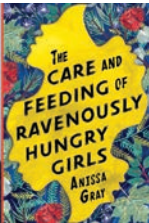
Rodriguez’s national bestselling memoir, *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* is a *New York Times* notable book and recipient of the Carl Sandburg Literary Award. The memoir explores gang life and cautions against the death and destruction that haunts its participants.

**Praise for *Always Running*** “vivid, raw... fierce, and fearless... Here’s truth no television set, burning night and day, could ever begin to offer.” ~ Gary Soto, *New York Times Book Review*

## 4:00pm | Chelsea First Congregational Church (121 E. Middle St.)



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**Anissa Gray** is an Emmy and duPont-Columbia award-winning journalist and a debut novelist. She grew up in a small western Michigan town, graduated from Western Michigan University, and earned a Masters in English from New York University. Gray began her career as a reporter at Reuters in Manhattan, and then worked for CNN as a broadcast journalist. She is currently a Senior Editor for CNN Worldwide in Atlanta, GA, where she lives with her wife. Her first novel, *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*, debuted in 2019 to wide critical acclaim, and was a 2019 LibraryReads pick for spring and an Indie Next pick.

Gray’s novel, *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*, is a gripping family saga told through the alternating voices of three sisters struggling with familial loyalty and love during a criminal trial that will decide the fate of the oldest sister, Althea, a formerly well-respected community member who is unexpectedly incarcerated along with her husband. *Entertainment Weekly*, the *Washington Post*, and *Vogue* think readers who are fans of Tamayri Jones or Celeste Ng will enjoy the new voice of Anissa Gray.

**Praise for *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*** “Gray manages a large cast of characters with ease ... A deep dive into the shifting alliances and betrayals among siblings.” ~ *Kirkus Reviews*

Don’t forget to hand in your evaluation form for a chance to win a gift certificate from Zou Zou's Cafe or Serendipity Books!

Winners will be drawn and contacted after the event.

Not ready for the fun to be over? Meet up with other fellow Walkers at one of the businesses highlighted in our Local Discount section!

# Chelsea, MA

## EVENT VENUES

- A. Main Street Church in the Clocktower Commons  
~ 320 N. Main St.
- B. Chelsea Depot  
~ 125 Jackson St.
- C. Chelsea First Congregational Church  
~ 121 E. Middle St.

## LOCAL DISCOUNTS

Show this brochure on the day of the event and receive the following discounts:

- 1. **Bumble Dry Goods**  
~ Free gift with \$10 purchase
- 2. **Garden Mill** ~ 10% off  
(cannot be used with other discounts)
- 3. **Just Imagine Books**  
~ 10% off
- 4. **Serendipity Books**  
~ 20% off
- 5. **Mike's Deli** ~ 10% off
- 6. **Zou Zou's Cafe**  
~ 20% off
- 7. **Wines on Main** ~ \$1 off glass of wine or bottled beer
- 8. **Jet's Pizza** ~ 25% off  
(dine in only)
- 9. **Thompson's Pizza** ~ 20% off  
(dine in only, not including alcohol)



# 2019 LINEUP

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