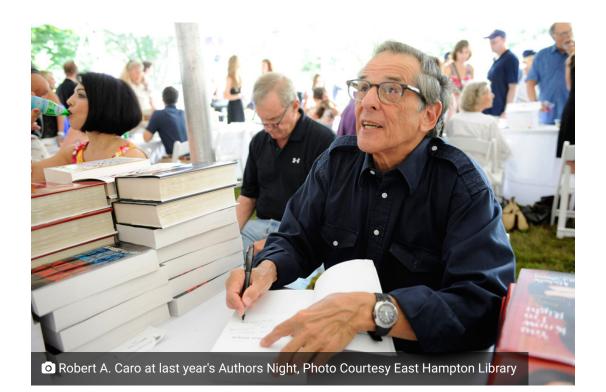
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Oh, What an East Hampton Library Authors Night 2016!

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Get your book on at the 12th Annual Authors Night on August 13! This year's event, benefitting the East Hampton Library, promises to be a fantastic evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and literary luminaries signing copies of their books.

There's sure to be a story that will satisfy every kind of reader, from the very

young to those young at heart. Whether you enjoy fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, or lifestyle, self-help and design books, you'll walk away with something (or many somethings!). Best of all? One hundred percent of the proceeds from each book sale go to the East Hampton Library, a nonprofit organization that receives more than half of its funding from private donations and events such as Authors Night.

Authors will be inscribing copies of their most recent works under the airconditioned tent—at 4 Maidstone Lane in East Hampton Village from 5–7:30 p.m.—while guests mix and mingle, rubbing shoulders with celebrities and enjoying the festive atmosphere. Following the signings, dinner parties in honor of many of the authors will be held at private homes beginning at 8 p.m.

Founding Honorary Chair Alec Baldwin proclaims, "I really love this event!" He's joined by Honorary Co-Chairs Christie Brinkley, Robert A. Caro, Dick Cavett, Mary Higgins Clark, Nelson DeMille, Gwyneth Paltrow, Eric Ripert and Dr. Ruth Westheimer. DeMille says, "This is the largest, most well attended and most elegant author event I have ever been to." DeMille will be there with *Radiant Angel*, the latest book in his best-selling John Corey series.

Many East End notables will also be in attendance, including Christie Brinkley (in *Timeless Beauty*, Brinkley shares skincare, makeup, health and anti-aging tips and tricks), Ina Garten (*Make It Ahead: A Barefoot Contessa Cookbook*, featuring recipes for Parmesan Kale Chips and Slow-Roasted Spiced Pork) and Gwyneth Paltrow (*It's All Easy: Delicious Weekday Recipes for the Super-Busy Home Cook*). Others representing the entertaining/cooking genre are Hamptonites Annie Falk (*Hamptons Entertaining: Creating Occasions to Remember*) and Holly Peterson (*Smoke and Fire: Recipes and Menus for Entertaining Outdoors*).

If fiction is more your thing, Erica Jong will be signing copies of her latest novel Fear of Dying, "a daring and delightful look at what it really takes to be human and female in the 21st century." Bridgehampton resident Talia Carner will be at Authors Night with her new thriller, Hotel Moscow, which tells the story of an American woman in Russia who becomes drawn into a web of intrigue. And East Hampton's Patricia Gussin will be promoting After the Fall, the final installment of her Laura Nelson series.

If you're looking for interior design inspiration, check out *The Four Elements of Design: Interiors Inspired by Earth, Water, Air and Fire* by Vincente Wolf. Or try *Living with Lexington* by Kristina Lindhe, founder of the international décor and fashion brand Lexington, which has a store on East Hampton's Main Street.

Giving back to the community is big in the Hamptons—in fact, it's what the whole Authors Night is about! No one exemplifies the charitable spirit more than Jean Shafiroff, author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*. Shafiroff has spearheaded fundraising efforts for many East End causes, among them Southampton Hospital and the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons.

For the little ones, certified yoga instructor Susan Verde of East Hampton will be there signing copies of *I Am Yoga*, an illustrated children's book that includes a kid's guide to 16 yoga poses. For the child in all of us, there's *Color Me Cluttered: A Coloring Book to Transform Everyday Chaos into Art* by Durrell Godfrey. It features outlines of bookshelves, a car trunk filled to the brim with plants and a kitchen island overflowing with produce just waiting to be colored in. Frequent Dan's Papers cover artist and co-creator of The Green Monkeys comic strip, Michael Paraskevas, has a new book coming out: Mr. Moon, which tells the story of all the work the moon does at night while the world is sleeping. The publish date is in October, but Paraskevas will be signing advanced copies.

Other Hamptonites expected at the soirée are Dan's Papers founder Dan Rattiner (*In the Hamptons 4Ever: Mostly True Tales from the East End*), Robert A. Caro (*The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson, Vol. IV*), Ally Hilfiger (*Bite Me: How Lyme Disease Stole My Childhood, Made Me Crazy, and Almost Killed Me*) and Dick Cavett (*Brief Encounters: Conversations, Magic Moments and Assorted Highjinks*). The 12th Annual Authors Night is one summer event you won't want to miss!

The East Hampton Library's Authors Night will take place on Saturday, August 13, from 5–7:30 p.m. under the tent in the field at 4 Maidstone Lane (across the street from the Maidstone Tennis Club) in the Village of East Hampton. Author dinner parties begin at 8 p.m. For more information visit authorsnight.org or call 631-324-0222 ext. 7. All proceeds from ticket and book sales directly benefit the East Hampton Library.



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