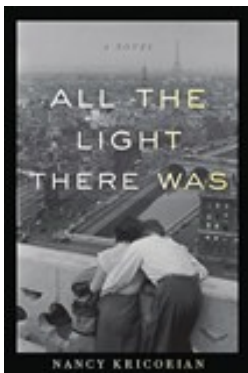


## Authors upcoming in May

Those who haven't read Ben Fountain's collection of short stories, *Brief Encounters With Che Guevara*, or his highly acclaimed National Book Award-nominated novel *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, may be familiar with him from a 2008 *New Yorker* [article](#) by Malcolm Gladwell about late bloomers in the arts.



After several years as a real-estate lawyer, Fountain quit his job and devoted himself to writing fiction. Almost twenty years later, as Gladwell relates, "the 'young' writer from the provinces took the literary world by storm at the age of forty-eight." Fountain will join us on [14 May](#) to present *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*. Dubbed "the Iraq War's Catch-22," it's an exploration of American culture, its relationship to the military and what heroism means in the 21st century.



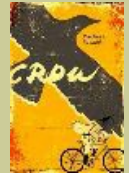
On [15 May](#), Nancy Kricorian will share with us her novel, *All The Light There Was*, set in the Armenian community in Paris during the Nazi occupation. It tells the story of a 15-year-old girl growing up in the Bellville neighborhood, experiencing love and loss in that time of terror. Kricorian's novel sheds light on a lesser-known minority's World War II experience in the French capital. Her talk will include a slideshow documenting her intense research for the novel.

## Kids and teens

**Saturday 11 May**  
**12h00-13h00 (ages 9- 12)**

*Bookworms Book Club: Crow*

During this month's book club for 9-12 year-olds,



we'll be reading and exploring *Crow* by Barbara Wright, with a special in-person visit to the Library by the author on May 18th. [Sign-up is required.](#)

**Saturday 11 May**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)**

*Away to Neverland!*

Join us for a

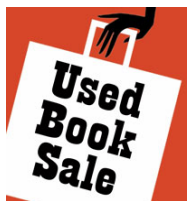


trip to Neverland, where you'll find all of your favorite characters from the Peter Pan stories, including Wendy, the Lost Boys, and that famous,

Told from the first person, Jerome Charyn's latest novel *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson* fleshes out the inner life of the 19th century reclusive poet whose name is so well known but whose secrets remain shrouded. As Charyn wrote on the [Library's blog](#), "sometimes I feel that her one great advantage was that she seemed to inhabit both sexes, depending on her mood and her will. She could be male and female, and was often both in the same poem." Charyn will tell us more about Dickinson and how he came to write this novel, on [21 May](#) at the Library.



## The May Used Book Sale



The Library's first-weekend-of-the-month book sales are getting bigger and bigger. Make a note to come to the next edition on **Saturday 4 May** and **Sunday 5 May** during regular operating hours. Most books at €3, €2, and €1!

For details on how to donate books to the Library, see the [Book Bags & Book Donations](#) page on our website.

## Special May closings

Please note that, following the French holiday schedule, the Library will be closed exceptionally on three dates in May: **Wednesday 1 May**, **Wednesday 8 May**, and **Thursday 9 May**. For directions to the Library and other holiday closures, visit our [Location and Hours](#) page.

## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Tuesday 14 May 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Ben Fountain presents *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award.

### Wednesday 15 May 19h30

hook-handed pirate. No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!

### Attention teens!

**Saturday 11 May**  
**17h00-18h0 (ages 12-18)**

*Teen Writing Group*

Join fellow aspiring writers in a



relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas and get feedback. This meeting will be hosted by Anne Heltzel, author of *Circle Nine* and *The Ruining*. [Sign-up is required.](#)

## And always...

### Mother Goose Lap Sit

**10h30 & 17h00 (ages 1-3)**

2 & 23 May

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English on Thursdays. All

children must be accompanied by an adult lap and [registration is required.](#)

### Wednesday Story

Evenings with an Author: Nancy Kricorian reveals the Armenian immigrant experience in Paris in *All the Light There Was*.

**Tuesday 21 May 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Jerome Charyn tells a tale of Emily Dickinson in *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson*.

**Wednesday 22 May 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Ann Saul presents and discusses the work of Danish-French artist Camille Pissarro in *Pissarro's Places*.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change. Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public. We are grateful to the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of Evenings with an Author.

**Hour**

**10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)**

8, 15, 22 & 29 May

Drop-in sessions on Wednesdays. Spend an hour with friends and some good books. No sign-up necessary!

Unless otherwise stated, all children and teen programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members. Find out how to [become a member](#).

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