



Assistance League® of San Jose presents

Lunch with the Authors

Thursday, March 30, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Minimum donation:

\$80 In Person including lunch OR \$50 Live Stream

*This is our annual mandatory fundraiser. ALSJ members who cannot attend: \$50
Please see the Literary Line-up (below) for complete information on the authors.*

Congregation Shir Hadash at 20 Cherry Blossom Lane, Los Gatos

- 11:00 Book Salon - purchase books and chat with authors
- 11:45 Buffet lunch - plating assistance available
- 1:00 Author Presentations
- 3:00 Book Sales and Author Signing

If coming in person, please consider becoming a Bookmark.

As a Bookmark, your additional contribution supports the community programs of AL of San Jose. In addition to the luncheon, Bookmarks receive special recognition at the event AND . . .

- \$ 100 DONOR: \$5 voucher towards the purchase of a book
- \$150 UNDERWRITER: \$10 towards the purchase of a book
- \$250 EDITOR: One complimentary guest and \$10 towards the purchase of a book*
- \$500 PUBLISHER: Two complimentary guests and \$10 towards the purchase of a book*

** Editor and Publisher Bookmarks will be eligible for a drawing for a "Book Lovers Basket"*

All donations in excess of \$30 are tax deductible.



LIVE STREAM You will receive a link to your Live Stream session the day before the event. Entrance to Live Streaming is 12:45 pm -- Authors speak at 1:00 pm

Registration deadline for both In-Person and Live Stream is March 16, 2023

You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of your payment.

Make your check made payable to Assistance League of San Jose.

Mail to: AL of San Jose, P.O. Box 20174, San Jose, CA 95160

OR, [click here](#) to register online and pay by credit card (google form). *A service fee of \$3 will be added to all online transactions.*

For information, contact: Rocki Kramer (408)396-9113, rockikramer1@gmail.com or Pam Fisher, (408)269-0609, pfisher408@aol.com



Lunch with the Authors

Name(s) _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Please choose one: \$80 Minimum In Person (lunch included) \$50 Live Stream

OR Bookmark Categories (In Person option only)

\$100 Donor \$150 Underwriter \$250 Editor \$500 Publisher

I am not attending but here is my mandatory \$50 contribution.

Amount of Payment \$ _____

Seats are assigned. Please specify who you would like to sit with or we will gladly seat you:



Transforming Lives
Strengthening Community

2023 Lunch with the Authors

Literary Line-up

Nancy Churnin is the best-selling author of over 10 award-winning children's biographies that have been featured on many state reading lists. Born in the Bronx, she is a former theater critic and graduate of Harvard with a master's from Columbia. Her latest books are *A Queen to the Rescue*, *The Story of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah*, received starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly. *Dear Mr. Dickens* also received starred reviews and is currently being featured as part of the educational programming at The Charles Dickens Museum in London. She lives in Texas with her husband. <https://www.nancychurnin.com/>

Lisa Napoli is a writer, broadcaster and public speaker. She has had a long career in print, radio, T.V. and online journalism. Her latest book *Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie* is the story of NPR's founding mothers. It has received rave reviews. She is also the author of several other nonfiction works. A native of Brooklyn, Lisa lives in downtown Los Angeles with Ted Habte-Gabr, creator of LiveTalksLA. <http://www.lisanapoli.com/>

Bradley Jay Owens is a former journalist and Foreign Service Officer who served in Washington, D.C. and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His stories and essays have appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Ploughshares*, the *Threepenny Review*, the *Henfield Prize Stories* and elsewhere. He received his BA from UC Santa Barbara and his MFA from Stanford University. He has taught creative writing at Stanford, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and U.C. San Francisco. His collection of short stories, *How I Met You*, was published by *Brighthorse Books* in 2018. He lives in Pacific Grove, California, with his wife, Alka Joshi. <http://www.bradleyjayowens.com/>

Deborah Goodrich Royce's award-winning thrillers examine puzzles of identity. Her latest, *Reef Road*, probes unhealed generational scars on the lives of two women who are strangers to one another. She began as an actress on *All My Children* and in multiple films, before transitioning to the role of story editor at Miramax Films. With her husband Chuck, Deborah has restored hotels, theatres, and bookstores. She hosts an ongoing series with exceptional authors at Ocean House, a Rhode Island seaside hotel. She serves on the governing and advisory boards of a variety of institutions including the American Film Institute and New York Botanical Garden and lives with her husband and dog in Connecticut. <http://www.deborahgoodrichroyce.com/>

Alka Joshi, returns as our moderator. She is the author of the NYT Bestseller *The Henna Artist*, becoming a debut novelist at 62. The novel was a Reese Witherspoon Book Club choice, has been translated into 26 languages and is under development as a limited series at Netflix. The sequel, *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*, is also being translated into multiple languages and is being followed by a third book in the trilogy, *The Perfumist of Paris*. Alka was born in India and came to the United States at age 9. She earned her B.A. from Stanford and her MFA from the California College of Arts. She lives with her husband in Pacific Grove. <https://alkajoshi.com/>