

NEA BIG READ:2020 Fox Cities Reads

# Kao Kalia Yang

Sunday, October 11, at 6:00 pm  
Monday, October 12, at 1:30 pm

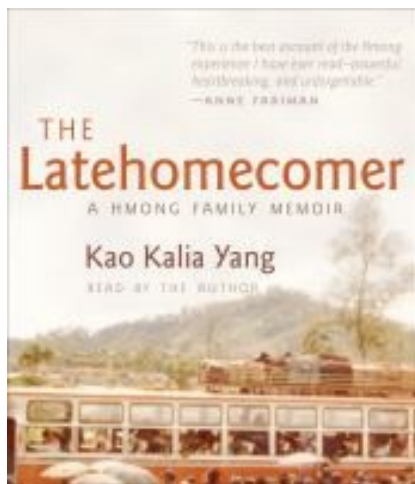


This year's festival begins with a virtual visit with NEA Big Read: 2020 Fox Cities Reads author Kao Kalia Yang, postponed from April.

Join us on Sunday, October 11, at 6:00 pm. Or meet her on Monday, October 12, at 1:30 pm. Register at [foxcitiesbookfestival.org/fox-cities-reads/](http://foxcitiesbookfestival.org/fox-cities-reads/) to receive the links to join us on Zoom. Sunday's event will be streamed live on Facebook and then available there later. Find it at @FoxCitiesBookFestival



If you have any trouble connecting, feel free to call your public library for assistance.



Ms. Yang's *The Latecomer* was the perfect book for us to read together. She is also the author of *The Song Poet* and the children's picture book *A Map into the World*. Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong-American.

Her story is a moving and inspirational tale. Find links to interviews at [foxcitiesbookfestival.org/who-is-kao-kalia-yang/](http://foxcitiesbookfestival.org/who-is-kao-kalia-yang/)



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## Festival Reading Challenge

Take the challenge! Read as many books as you can by this year's Fox Cities Book Festival authors for a chance to win books by the authors. Visit your public library's website for information on signing up for the challenge and how to track your reading. The challenge is sponsored by the Fox Cities Book Festival and Fox Cities public libraries.



## Fox Cities Book Festival 2020 Schedule October 11 — October 18

### An Online Festival

In the interest of public health, this year's Fox Cities Book Festival will take place online. We invite you to visit with the authors on your device or smartphone. To receive links to join, register for the events on our website:

[www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org](http://www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org)

Click on an author, scroll down to View Event, and then register to participate in their Zoom presentation. Events will also be streamed on Facebook @FoxCitiesBookFestival and available there until a few days later.

While current circumstances are making it difficult for us to provide the festival as we usually do, we hope you are able to join us online to meet with the authors, ask them questions, and enjoy their work.

**The 2020 Fox Cities Book Festival is dedicated in memory of our beloved board member and author Christopher "Tuffer" Kunz.**

**Tuffer will never be forgotten.**



All events are online. Go to [www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org](http://www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org) for links to these events.

## Sunday, October 11

- 4:30 The Mill's 2020 Award Ceremony (The Mill: a place for writers)
- 6:00 NEA Big Read:2020 Fox Cities Reads Author Kao Kalia Yang (see back)
- 7:30 The Unforgettable Life & Writing of Christopher Kunz

## Monday, October 12

- 9:00 Johanna Garton — *Edge of the Map* (nonfiction)
- 10:30 Amy Engel — *The Familiar Dark* (mystery)
- 12:00 Gary Jones — *Ridge Stories* (nonfiction)
- 1:30 Anne Basting — *Creative Care* (nonfiction)
- 1:30 NEA Big Read:2020 Fox Cities Reads Author Kao Kalia Yang (see back)
- 3:00 Andrea Bartz — *The Herd* (thrillers)
- 4:30 Shawn Brook Williams — *Poor Decisions: Mostly True Hunting & Fishing Stories* (illustrator) and *Five Pounds & Screaming* (graphic)
- 6:00 Baptiste Paul — *The Field* (children's picture books, nonfiction)
- 7:30 Steve Hannah — *Dairylandia* (Wisconsin nonfiction)

## Tuesday, October 13

- 9:30 Tall Poppy Event for writers with Weina Dai Randel (*The Moon in the Palace*), Amy Reichert (*The Coincidence of Coconut Cake*), Heather Webb (*Meet Me in Monaco*), and Hank Phillippi Ryan (*First to Lie*)
- 10:30 Sarah Read — *Out of Water* (young adult horror)
- noon Charles Hagner — *American Birding Association Field Guide to Birds of Wisconsin* (nonfiction)
- 1:30 Jaime Jo Wright — *The Haunting at Bonaventure Circus* (suspense)
- 3:00 Justina Ireland — *Deathless Divide* (young adult)
- 4:30 Allen Eskens — *Nothing More Dangerous* (mystery)
- 6:30 Sonali Dev — *Recipe for Persuasion* (romantic comedy fiction)
- 8:00 Short Story Night with Richie Zaborowski, discussion leader

## Wednesday, October 14

- 9:30 Kathy Buchen — *Marriage is Murder: The Door County Special* (ninth in the Rhiannon Nolan cozy mystery series) and *Bless Me Father for I Have Sinned* (mysteries)
- 11:00 Lesley Kagen — *Every Now and Then* (fiction)
- 12:30 Gregory Lee Renz — *Beneath the Flames* (fiction)
- 2:00 R. Richard Wagner — *Coming Out, Moving Forward* (nonfiction)
- 4:00 Liza Wiemer — *The Assignment* (young adult)
- 5:30 Emily Carpenter — *Reviving the Hawthorn Sisters and Until the Day I Die* (suspense)
- 7:00 Cole Nagamatsu — *We Were Restless Things* (fantasy)
- 8:00 Thriller Writers Panel with Andrea Bartz (*The Herd*), Jennifer Hillier (*Little Secrets*), and E.A. Aymar (*They're Gone*)

## Thursday, October 15

- 9:30 Stephanie Feuerstein — *Ella, Eddie, and Egg* (picture book)
- 10:00 Stephanie Feuerstein — *The Monarch's Gift: A Journey Through the Life of a Monarch* (picture book)
- 11:00 Jerry Apps — *When the White Pine Was King* (Wisconsin nonfiction)
- 12:30 Robert Silbernagel — *The Cadottes: A Fur Trade Family on Lake Superior* (Wisconsin nonfiction)
- 2:00 Gavin Schmitt — *Murder and Mayhem* (Wisconsin nonfiction)

## Thursday, October 15 (continued)

- 4:00 Nicole Kronzer — *Unscripted* (young adult)
- 5:00 Christina Clancy — *The Second Home* (fiction)
- 6:30 E.G. Scott — *In Case of Emergency* (fiction)
- 8:00 Women in Writing Panel with Roselle Lim (*Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop*), Jeni McFarland (*The House of Deep Water*), Kalynn Bayron (*Cinderella is Dead*), and Lora Hyler (*Our Bodies Stay Home, Our Imaginations Run Free*)

## Friday, October 16

- 10:00 Claire Swinarski — *What Happens Next* (children's fiction)
- 1:00 John Galligan — *Dead Man Dancing* (second in mystery series)
- 3:00 Roselle Lim — *Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop* (fiction)
- 4:30 Tiffany D. Jackson — *Grown* (young adult)
- 6:30 Michael Zapata — *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* (fiction)
- 8:00 Debut Authors Panel with Christina Clancy (*The Second Home*), Laura Jamison (*All the Right Mistakes*), Jeni McFarland (*The House of Deep Water*), and Gregory Lee Renz (*Beneath the Flames*)

## Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 Picture Book Panel with Jill Esbaum (*We Love Babies*), Lori Degman (*Travel Guide for Monsters*), and Baptiste Paul (*The Field*)
- 10:15 Michael Zapata (about small press) — *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* (fiction)
- 11:30 Teen Panel with Lori M. Lee (*Forest of Souls*), Nicole Kronzer (*Unscripted*), Justina Ireland (*Deathless Divide*), and Kalynn Bayron (*Cinderella is Dead*)
- 1:00 Matt Forbeck — *Minecraft Dungeons: The Rise of the Arch-Illager and Shotguns & Sorcery: The Roleplaying Game*
- 2:00 Poetry Event with Ruth Awad (*Set to Music a Wildfire*), Abaymoi Animashaun (*Sailing for Ithaca*), Matthew Graham (*The Geography of Home*), Leota Ester (*Crossing: A Caregiver's Journey*), and Cathryn Cofell (*Stick Figure with Skirt*)
- 2:30 Joy Ribdar — *Deep Bitter Roots* (mystery)
- 4:00 Judy DuCharme — *Lainey of the Door Islands* (fiction)
- 5:15 Cadwell Turnbull — *The Lesson* (science fiction)
- 6:15 Stephen Graham Jones — *The Only Good Indians* (fiction)
- 7:30 Jeni McFarland — *The House of Deep Water* (fiction)

## Sunday, October 18

- 9:00 Jen Waite — *Survival Instincts* (fiction), *A Beautiful, Terrible Thing* (memoir)
- 10:30 Natalie Frank — *When Sea Becomes Cemetery* (young adult)
- noon Lora L. Hyler — *Our Bodies Stay Home, Our Imaginations Run Free* (a COVID story for children)
- 1:30 Luke Geddes — *Heart of Junk* (mystery)
- 3:00 r. r. campbell — *Imminent Dawn, Mourning Dove* (science fiction)
- 4:30 Janie Chang — *The Library of Legends* (historical fiction)
- 6:00 Christopher "Tuffer" Kunz — *Doing Time, Letting Go, Struggling Readers, Missing Pieces* (fiction, science fiction, essays)

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