

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Our membership packets are not quite ready, but they will be on their way to you very soon.

Meanwhile, our first luncheon of the 2018-2019 season is right around the corner and **the registration deadline is coming soon** – don't delay, contact us now to register!

TIP: Mail delivery is sometimes slow. When mailing in your luncheon reservation, it's always a good idea to call or email us to let us know it's on its way.

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Gary Shteyngart, *Lake Success* Wednesday, September 26, 2018

The registration deadline is September 19th

Register online or by email / phone / mail

The New York Times best-selling author, Gary Shteyngart, returns with a biting, brilliant, emotionally resonant novel very much of our times. *Lake Success* is the funniest book you'll read all year. But the surprise here is the novel's epic sweep, its melancholy resonance. What begins as a rollicking and zinger-filled road trip sneakily deepens into a poignant tale of a man trying to outrace his problems.

Mr. Shteyngart was born in Leningrad in 1972 and came to the United States seven years later. He has won the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize, the Stephen Crane Award for First Fiction, and the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker, Travel + Leisure, Esquire, GQ, The New York Times Magazine,* and many other publications, and has been translated into twenty-six languages.

A Bit About the Book

Narcissistic, hilariously self-deluded, and divorced from the real world as most of us know it, hedge-fund manager Barry Cohen oversees \$2.4 billion in assets. Deeply stressed by an SEC investigation and by his three-year-old son's diagnosis of autism, he flees New York on a Greyhound bus in search of a simpler, more romantic life with his old college sweetheart. Meanwhile, his super-smart wife, Seema—a driven first-generation American who craved the picture-perfect life that comes with wealth—has her own demons to face. How these two flawed characters navigate the Shteyngartian chaos of their own making is at the heart of this piercing exploration of the 0.1 Percent, a poignant tale of familial longing and an unsentimental ode to what *really* makes America great.

Publisher: Random House Photo: GaryShteyngart.com

Upcoming Luncheons

We meet at noon at Temple Israel of Greater Miami 137 NE 19th Street Miami, FL 33132

Wednesday, September 26, 2018: Gary Shteyngart, Lake Success (ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN)

Wednesday, October 31, 2018: Alexander Chee, How to Write an Autobiographical Novel

Wednesday, November 14, 2018: Tayari Jones, An American Marriage

Tuesday, December 18, 2018: Sloane Crosley, Look Alive Out There: Essays

Friday, January 18, 2019: Min Jin Lee, Pachinko

Thursday, February 14, 2019: Ayad Akhtar, Junk (THIS IS A New DATE)

Thursday, March 21, 2019: Elliot Ackerman, Waiting for Eden

Thursday, April 18, 2019: John Burhman Schwartz, The Red Daughter

Each author event carries a per-person charge to cover lunch, a signed copy of the speaker's book, and parking; for Couples and Individuals, the fee is \$50, and for Young Professionals (ages 35 and younger), the fee is \$30.