

## NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

On **NOVEMBER 22** our guest will be **RICHARD RUSSO**.

**Registration closes on November 19** – don't delay, contact us now to register!

\* **Online Access:** Conveniently register & pay online for luncheons. See our [EVENTS](#) page.

\* **Mail Delivery:** When mailing in your luncheon registration, it's always a good idea to call or email us to let us know it's on its way.

\* **Membership:** Register or renew your 2019-2020 membership. Guests are welcome to attend two luncheons per season as non-members. See our website's [JOIN US](#) page for details.

### Brickell Avenue Literary Society

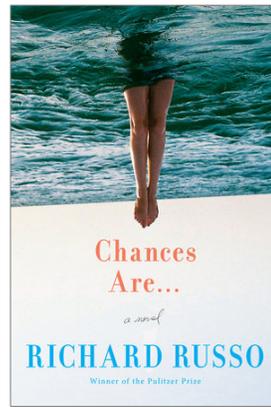
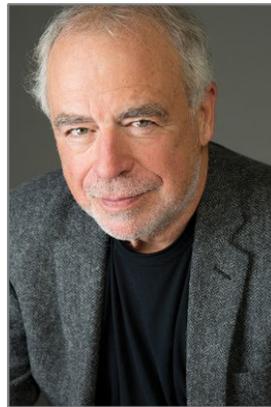
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## Brickell Avenue Literary Society

Miami's Best Book Club Since 1988 – For Lovers of Good Literature



### Richard Russo, *Chances Are...*

Friday, November 22, 2019 at 12:00 PM

**The registration deadline is November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Register online or by email / phone / mail

From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo comes *Chances Are...*, a riveting story about the complex bonds of friendship when three men return to Martha's Vineyard 40-odd years after college, bringing with them their secrets as well as mystery and suspense. Mr. Russo is the author of eight novels, two collections of stories, and the memoir *Elsewhere*. In 2002, he received the Pulitzer Prize for *Empire Falls*, which was adapted to film in a multiple-award-winning HBO miniseries. In 2016, Mr. Russo was given the Indie Champion Award by the American Booksellers Association, and in 2017 he received France's Grand Prix de Littérature Américaine.

## A Bit About the Book, *Chances Are...*

One beautiful September day, three men convene on Martha's Vineyard, friends ever since meeting in college circa the sixties. They couldn't have been more different then, or even today--Lincoln's a commercial real estate broker, Teddy a tiny-press publisher, and Mickey a musician beyond his rockin' age. But each man holds his own secrets, in addition to the monumental mystery that none of them has ever stopped puzzling over since a Memorial Day weekend right here on the Vineyard in 1971: the disappearance of the woman each of them loved--Jacy Calloway. Now, more than forty years later, as this new weekend unfolds, three lives are displayed in their entirety while the distant past confounds the present like a relentless squall of surprise and discovery. Shot through with Russo's trademark comedy and humanity, *Chances Are...* also introduces a new level of suspense and menace that will quicken the reader's heartbeat throughout this absorbing saga of how friendship's bonds are every bit as constricting and rewarding as those of family or any other community.

For both longtime fans and lucky newcomers, *Chances Are ...* is a stunning demonstration of a highly acclaimed author deepening and expanding his remarkable achievement.

Publisher: Knopf

Photo: Elena Seibert

### Upcoming 2019-2020 Luncheons

*We meet at noon at*

Temple Israel of Greater Miami – Wolfson Auditorium

(enter at BridgePrep gate)

137 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Street

Miami, FL 33132

Friday, October 18: Jeanette Winterson with *Frankissstein* (longlisted for the Booker Prize)

Friday, November 22: Richard Russo with *Chances Are...*

Wednesday, December 18: Mamta Chaudhry with *Haunting Paris*

Thursday, January 16: Jaquira Diaz with *Ordinary Girls*

Thursday, February 13: Jeanine Cummins with *American Dirt*

Wednesday, March 18: James McBride with *Deacon King Kong*

April details are pending

*For additional event details and to register, please visit [BrickellLiterary.org](http://BrickellLiterary.org).*

**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.**

**Please note that we must give a firm count of participants five days prior to each event; regretfully we cannot refund for cancellations not received without at least five days' notice.**