

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

On **DECEMBER 18** our guest will be **MAMTA CHAUDHRY**.
Registration closes on December 15 – 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:** Guests are welcome to attend two luncheons per season as non-members. See our website's [JOIN US](#) page for details and to learn about our Spring 2020 Promotion offered for new BALS memberships.

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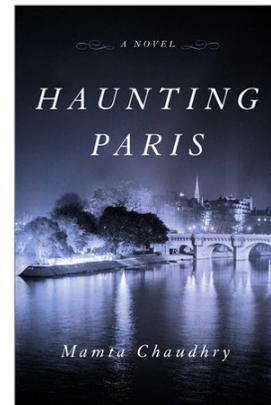
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Miami's Best Book Club Since 1988 – For Lovers of Good Literature



Mamta Chaudhry, *Haunting Paris*

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12:00 PM

The registration deadline is December 15th

Register online or by email / phone / mail

A timeless story of love and loss, *Haunting Paris* takes a mysterious turn when a bereaved pianist discovers a letter among her late lover's possessions, launching her into a decades-old search for a child who vanished in the turbulence of wartime Paris. Ms. Chaudhry's fiction, poetry, and feature articles have appeared in such publications as *The Illustrated Weekly of India*, *The Telegraph*, *The Statesman*, and *Writer's Digest*. *Haunting Paris* is her first novel.

A Bit About the Book | *Haunting Paris*

In the summer of 1989, while all of Paris is poised to celebrate the bicentennial of the French Revolution, Sylvie mourns the loss of her lover, Julien, and is unable to find solace in the music that has always been her refuge. But when she accidentally dislodges an envelope concealed in Julien's desk, she finds an enigmatic note from a stranger and feels compelled to meet this woman who might hold the key to Julien's past. Julien's sister and one of her daughters perished in the Holocaust; but Julien held out hope that the other daughter managed to escape. Julien had devoted years to secretly tracking his niece, and now Sylvie picks up where he left off.

Sylvie sets out on her quest for knowledge, unaware that she is watched over by Julien's ghost, whose love for her is powerful enough to draw him back, though he is doomed to remain a silent observer in the afterlife. Sylvie's journey leads her deep into the secrets of Julien's past, shedding new light on the dark days of Nazi-held Paris and on the character of the man Sylvie loved.

Mamta Chaudhry's profoundly moving debut matches emotional intensity with lyrical storytelling to explore grief, family secrets, and the undeniable power of memory, while using vivid imagery and deep historical understanding to capture a city in breathtaking new ways.

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Upcoming 2019-2020 Luncheons

We meet at noon at

Temple Israel of Greater Miami – Wolfson Auditorium
(enter at BridgePrep gate)
137 NE 19th Street
Miami, FL 33132

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

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

NEW DATE Monday, February 10: Jeanine Cummins with *American Dirt*
Jeanine Cummins was originally scheduled for February 13

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

April details are pending

For additional event details and to register, please visit 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.