

## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

On **JANUARY 16** our guest will be **JAQUIRA DIAZ**. **Registration closes on January 13** – 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.

### Brickell Avenue Literary Society

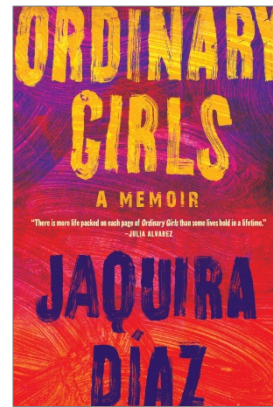
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## Brickell Avenue Literary Society

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



### Jaquira Diaz, *Ordinary Girls*

Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM

**The registration deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Register online or by email / phone / mail

*Ordinary Girls* is a fierce, beautiful, and unflinching memoir from a wildly talented debut author. While growing up in housing projects in Puerto Rico and Miami Beach, Jaquira Díaz found herself caught between extremes: as her family split apart and her mother battled schizophrenia, she was surrounded by the love of her friends; as she longed for a family and home, she found instead a life upended by violence. Drawing from her own struggles, Ms. Diaz imbues every page of *Ordinary Girls* with music and lyricism and maps her journey from despair toward the girl she always wanted to be.

## A Bit About the Book | *Ordinary Girls*

For siblings as different as Plum and Ginny, getting on each other's nerves is par for the course. But when the family's finances hit a snag, sending chaos through the house in a way only characters from a Jane Austen novel could understand, a distance grows between them like never before.

Plum, a self-described social outcast, finally has something in her life that doesn't revolve around her dramatic older sister. But what if coming into her own means Plum isn't there for Ginny when she, struggling with a hard secret of her own, needs her most?

Publisher: HarperTeen

Photo: Maria Esquinca

### Upcoming 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

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*

**\*ANNOUNCING\*** Monday, April 27: Julia Alvarez with *Afterlife*

*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.