

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

On **FEBRUARY 10** our guest will be **JEANINE CUMMINS**.

Registration closes on February 7 – 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

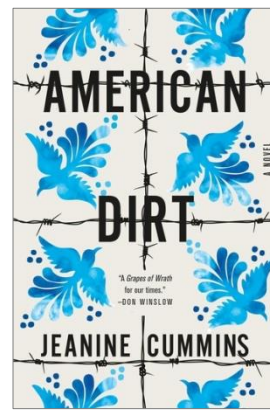
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Miami's Best Book Club Since 1988 – For Lovers of Good Literature



Jeanine Cummins, *American Dirt*

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM

The registration deadline is February 7th

Register online or by email / phone / mail

También de este lado hay sueños. On this side too, there are dreams.

Already being hailed as "one of the most important books of our times," Jeanine Cummins' *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope. It is a literary achievement, filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity that will leave readers utterly changed. Ms. Cummins is the author of three books: the novels *The Outside Boy* and *The Crooked Branch*, and the bestselling memoir *A Rip in Heaven*.

A Bit About the Book | *American Dirt*

Lydia Quixano Perez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with four books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

Publisher: Flatiron Books

Photo: Joe Kennedy

Upcoming 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

Monday, February 10: Jeanine Cummins with *American Dirt*
(*Jeanine Cummins was originally scheduled to be with us on February 13*)

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

Monday, April 27: Julia Alvarez with *Afterlife*

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.