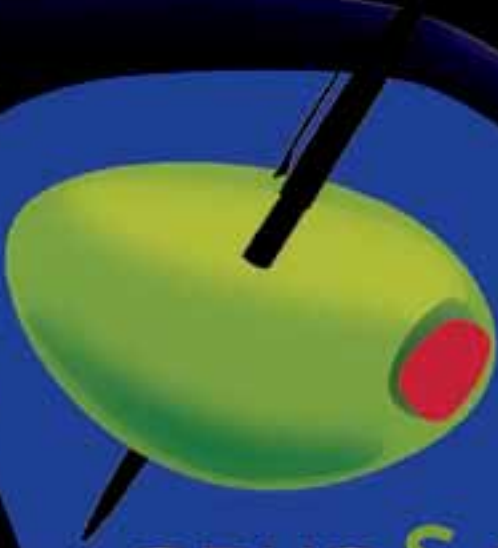


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## **6th Annual Opus & Olives**

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### **Welcome to the 6th annual Opus & Olives gala!**

Each year it is our pleasure to put together an evening that you will remember for a long time! We hear from our guests that Opus & Olives is an event like no other in the Twin Cities. This year, we promise to present an evening of mingling with hundreds of other book lovers, sharing a delicious dinner and listening to a blockbuster lineup of authors.

Opus & Olives is the major fundraising event for The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. Proceeds from Opus & Olives support the work of The Friends and the local literacy programs of our co-host, the *Pioneer Press*.

We have been intentional in keeping Opus & Olives an event without fundraising as part of the program – there are no silent or live auctions, no raffles or other fundraising activities tonight. We do encourage you to take the information provided at your table and consider making a gift to support the work of The Friends in its critical role of providing funding to the Saint Paul Public Library.

It is not accidental that Saint Paul is one of most literate cities in the country. It is the result of a wonderful synergy between the Library, The Friends, sponsors like the *Pioneer Press* and other corporations – and individuals like you and all our Opus & Olives guests.

We thank you for coming to Opus & Olives and hope you have a spectacular evening!

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# The Evening

## Cocktails

## Book Sales & Autographs

### Welcome

Mike Dickson, RBC Wealth Management  
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### Dinner

Key lime grilled salmon and beef tenderloin with balsamic wild mushrooms; Yukon Gold rutabaga piped potatoes; haricot vert; baked Parmesan Roma tomato; chocolate chalet cake with espresso cream.

### Introduction

Kit Hadley, Saint Paul Public Library Director  
Mike Walsh, Emcee

### Authors

Michael Connelly  
Julia Glass  
Jeffrey Toobin  
Ronald Cotton & Jennifer Thompson-Cannino

### Closing Remarks

Tanya Bell, Wellington Management, Inc.  
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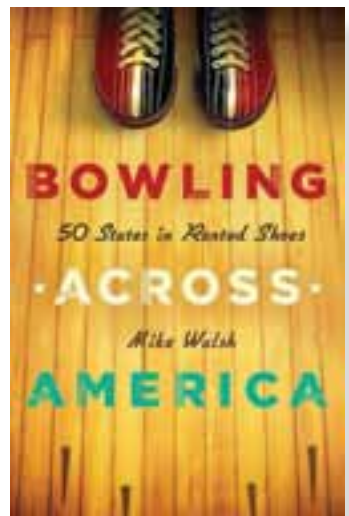


## Mike Walsh, Emcee

This year's emcee, Mike Walsh, is a Chicago ad man with a big heart and a gift for telling stories.

When his father died several years ago, Walsh found an interesting way to memorialize him. He took up his father's dream of playing handball in all 50 states, morphed it a little, and turned it into his own quest to bowl in every state in the country. He borrowed his mother's car and set out on a mission that his colleagues dubbed "career suicide."

Walsh was long on passion for his bowling alley tour and short on funding. He managed to parlay his quest into radio and television interviews and major-league sponsorships that supported his trip. Along the journey he encountered a book-full of characters including World War II vets, recovering addicts, lingerie saleswomen, and even a few love interests. *Booklist* described ***Bowling Across America: 50 States in Rented Shoes*** as "an epic journey that is...hilarious, insightful and moving."



Walsh did what many of us dream of doing: he took a wild-eyed dream and turned it into reality in a tribute that would make any Dad proud.

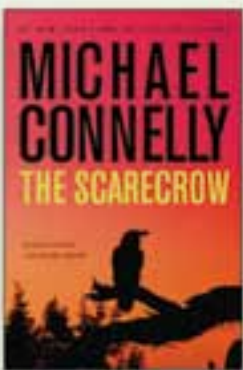
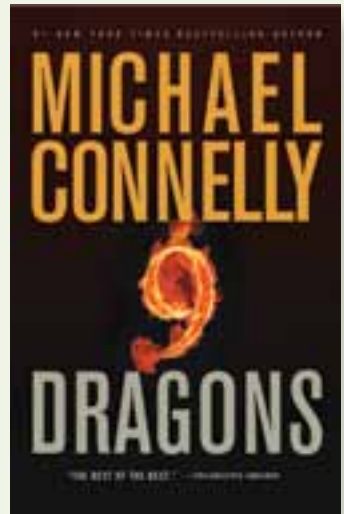




## Michael Connelly

Michael Connelly writes and travels at break-neck speed, leading a reader to suspect that his characters all have a little bit of Connelly in each of them. This year, Connelly has written two new novels that immediately jumped to the bestseller list, ***The Scarecrow***, and his newly-released ***Nine Dragons***, billed as the most personal Harry Bosch story yet.

Connelly started out as a crime beat reporter and turned his “day job” into a major talent as a mystery writer. He deftly manages to write books featuring three very different heroes: Hieronymous “Harry” Bosch, a Los Angeles Police Detective, Jack McEvoy, a newspaperman from Denver and LA and Mickey Haller, ***The Lincoln Lawyer***. Each hero gives us a view into worlds that are dark, thrilling and populated with characters who are very real in their goodness and evil.



Connelly’s books have been published in 35 languages and he has won every major international award for mystery writers. *Book Page* wrote “When it comes to series mysteries, there’s everybody else and then there’s Michael Connelly.”

A supporter of independent bookstores and libraries, Connelly proves that being successful and doing good are truly compatible. We all benefit from his work ethic and his super talent.



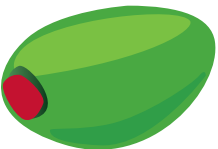
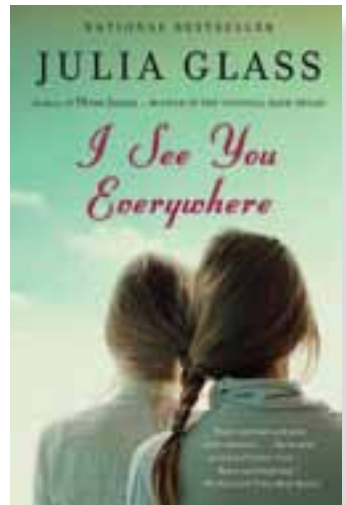
## Julia Glass

Jaws dropped when the unknown author, Julia Glass, beat out a crowd of literary luminaries to win the National Book Award in 2002 for her debut novel, ***Three Junes***. Since its publication, Glass has charmed readers and become a favorite of book clubs around the world.

Glass' fiction has also been honored with a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, three Nelson Algren Fiction Awards, the Tobias Wolff Award, and the Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society Medal for Best Novella. *The Miami Herald* wrote "Glass writes novels that you wish would go on forever."

Her books weave glorious tapestries of lives and lifetimes, places and people. She writes of the complexities of love and relationships and reveals the subtle mechanisms behind our most important, and often most fragile, connections to others. *The Atlantic Monthly* compares her writing to Trollope and Tolstoy and lauds her gift of tying a dozen story lines into one wonderfully written story.

***I See You Everywhere*** is a powerful family history focusing on the differences between two sisters who are joined but never touching. In comparing Glass to Edith Wharton, the *Pittsburgh Press Gazette* writes, "Wharton wrote more than forty-eight books in her lifetime. American literature could use a few more from Glass."



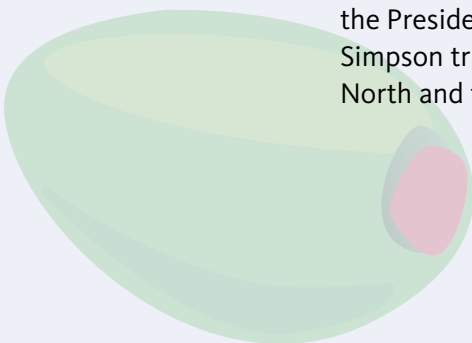
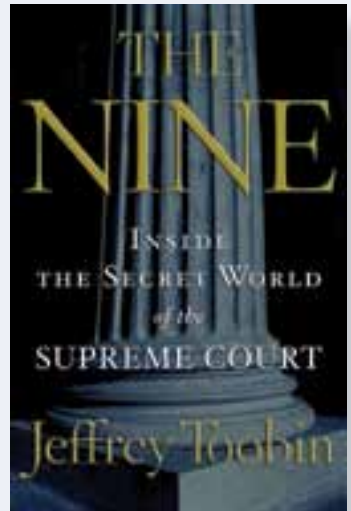


## Jeffrey Toobin

Jeffrey Toobin's latest book, ***The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court***, could not be more timely as the nation watches the Court's newest Justice, Sonia Sotomayor, take her place in history. This book was named one of the best books of the year by the New York Times Book Review. Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio correspondent said of *The Nine* that, "It is the latest and by far the best book about the Supreme Court."

Toobin is senior legal analyst for CNN and a staff writer for *The New Yorker*. He has provided analysis on some of the most provocative and important events of our time and is lauded as one of the most respected experts on the intersection of politics, media and the law.

Prior to *The Nine*, Toobin wrote the bestseller, *Too Close to Call: The 36-Day Battle to Decide the 2000 Election*, the definitive story of the Bush-Gore Presidential election that was the basis for the recent HBO movie, *Recount*. His writings have covered the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of the President, the O.J. Simpson trial, Oliver North and the Elian Gonzalez custody story.





## Ronald Cotton and Jennifer Thompson-Cannino

It is almost impossible to put down ***Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption***. That these two individuals have co-authored a true story that is honest, compelling, and an intimate portrait of the criminal justice system is truly remarkable; that their experience led to a strong powerful friendship is miraculous and inspirational!

Former U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, wrote of *Picking Cotton*, “Few people have done more to put a human face on issues involving wrongful convictions than Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton. Yet through their shared pain, they have been able to forge a friendship that most of us search our lives for.”



*Picking Cotton* has been the subject of *60 Minutes* and dozens of other high-profile television shows. It is the true story of Jennifer Thompson-Cannino who accused Ron Cotton of rape. Cotton was imprisoned when he was 22 years old. As one of the first convicted criminals to be exonerated by DNA evidence, he left 11 years of prison behind and created a new life that included a friendship with Thompson-Cannino.

Barry Scheck, co-founder of The Innocence Project, says that *Picking Cotton* is not only a book that will reshape your thinking about the criminal justice system, but it is the story “of a shared spiritual journey toward reconciliation and forgiveness that is compelling and profound.”

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