February 15 Helen Schulman
Helen Schulman is the author of the novels *This Beautiful Life*, *A Day at the Beach*, *The Reckless and Out of Time*, and the short story collections *Just a Few Showers*. She teaches in the Writing Program at The New School, where she is Fiction Coordinator.

February 22 Scott Chaskey
Scott Chaskey, farmer-poet, is the author most recently of *The Common Ground: Seasons on an Organic Farm*, documenting a life spent working the earth, and inspiration drawn from Amagansett's Quail Hill Farm.

February 29 Michael Shnayerson and David Margolick

March 7 Hilary Thayer Hamann
Hamann's self-published novel *Anthropology of an American Girl* went on to become a literary darling and a publishing sensation. The *Washington Post* praised it as "very respectable and serious descendant of the work of D.H. Lawrence."

March 14 Carl Safina
MacArthur Foundation grant recipient, Carl Safina's most recent book is *The View From Lazy Point: A Natural Year in an Unnatural World*. Co-chair of the new Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University, Safina hosts *Saving the Ocean* on PBS.

March 21 Rachel Paranz
Rachel Paranz is the author of two novels, *Lady of the Snakes* and *This Side of Married*. She teaches at the Bennington Writing Seminars and Swarthmore College and writes the blog *Dinner* for the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia.

April 11 Larry Kirshbaum with Daniel Menaker
As an author, agent and publisher over a 40-year span, Larry Kirshbaum has worked in many facets of the business. Now, as a vice-president of amazon.com, he will give us his insights into the future of publishing. Interviewed by our own Dan Menaker.

April 18 Joshua Henkin
Joshua Henkin's most recent novel is *Marriage*, named a New York Times Notable Book, a *Book Sense* Highlight Pick of the Year, and a Borders Original Voices Selection. He directs the MFA program in Fiction at Brooklyn College.

April 25 Ann Packer
Ann Packer is the author of two bestselling novels, *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* and *Songs Without Words*, and two collections of short fiction, *Meadows and Other Stories* and *Seam Back as Me*. She lives in northern California.

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