

*press release - Sept 30, 2012*

**Women's National Book Association's DC Chapter and Arts Club of Washington** present a joint National Reading Group Month event **Tuesday October 16th**: Come for light refreshments at 6:30, then the program begins at 7pm, at Arts Club of Washington's historic building, James Monroe House, 2017 I Street NW, 20006. Featured authors **Leslie Maitland** (*Crossing the Borders of Time: A True Story of War, Exile, and Love Reclaimed*), former investigative reporter for *New York Times*; and **Vaddey Ratner** (*In the Shadow of the Banyan*), survivor of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia, will read vignettes from their books and then talk about what makes them good selections for a reading group. **This event is free and open to the public.**

Politics and Prose will sell copies of both books onsite following the presentation.

Women's National Book Association introduced National Reading Group Month in October 2007, in cooperation with several publishing houses, to augment WNBA's mission to promote the value of books and reading, fostering the values reading groups encourage: camaraderie, enjoyment of shared reading, and appreciation of literature and reading as conduits for transmitting culture and advancing civic engagement.

**2012 NRG M sponsors: Gold Sponsor/Premier Sponsor:** *HarperCollins Publishers (Harper, Harper Paperbacks, Harper Perennial, Amistad, Ecco, William Morrow, William Morrow Paperbacks)* (2007 Founding Sponsor)

**Silver Sponsors:** *Ingram Content Group, Other Press*

**Friends of National Reading Group Month:** *Bloomsbury USA, Red Hen Press, SONY Reader Store / SONY Style*

For more information, contact [WNBAinfoDC@gmail.com](mailto:WNBAinfoDC@gmail.com) or visit [www.wnba-books.org/wash](http://www.wnba-books.org/wash)