



## REIMAGINING THE AUTHORS BOOK CLUB DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

Much has changed since our spring newsletter. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our goal to bring authors and readers together. Most book clubs want to meet authors face-to-face, get their books signed by their guest authors, and take photos with them. Given that this was no longer possible, we shifted our efforts to support authors, publishers, and booksellers by reimagining what we could do. To that end, we have encouraged virtual book club meetings, partnered with other organizations to spotlight authors and publishers, and organized virtual book launches and author events.

Finally, in June, we launched our own [YouTube Channel](https://bit.ly/2XnErXM)! In the coming months we plan to add content by sharing recordings of some of our events, as well as author interviews, book reviews, and more. Visit The Authors Book Club Youtube channel and support our latest initiative: <https://bit.ly/2XnErXM>.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As authors, readers, and educators, we share in the anguish and heartbreak of our communities here and in the U.S. affected by the ongoing racial violence. We acknowledge that it exists in our neighbourhoods, in our workplaces and in our schools. We encourage our readers to read books by Black authors as well as books about anti-Black racism in Canada to understand its complex historical and colonial roots in order to understand our past and to make necessary changes moving forward. Learn about organizations and initiatives that are supporting the Black community and working to dismantle systemic racism and use your voice to stand up for what is right.

In order to enhance our ability to demonstrate allyship to authors and readers of marginalized identities, we continue to consult with our community partners and remain committed to our vision of serving readers and authors living and working in Canada.

### About us

We are two Canadian authors and a teacher-librarian interested in bringing authors and readers together to talk about all things related to books and writing!

**Our goal:** to create an online community for authors and readers and to promote engagement between them.

### Our objectives:

To celebrate Canadian and Indigenous literature by promoting authors who live and work in Canada.

To promote emerging and established authors and to connect them with readers.

To encourage readers to read and embrace works by Canadian and Indigenous authors.

To be a resource for book clubs in Canada and to connect them with authors.

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David Albertyn  
Ann Y.K. Choi  
Fiona Ross

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## Spotlight on Coach House Books | Virtual Book Launch



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For the month of May, we partnered with Coach House Books to showcase some of their new releases and their authors. For a complete list of The Spotlight Series guest posts, visit our website.



We also co-hosted our first virtual book launch with The Soap Box Press. Patti M. Hall's *Loving Large* was released by Dundurn Press in May 2020.

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## Plots & Pandemic Series: Virtual Interactive Meet & Greet

# Adnan Khan

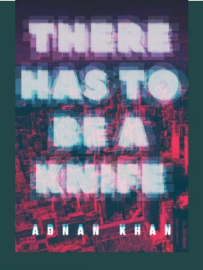

Virtual  
**Author Meet & Greet**

The Authors Book Club proudly presents Adnan Khan in an interactive meet & greet with readers

**Thurs, Aug 20, 2020; 7:00–8:00 pm EDT**  
Via Zoom

This exclusive free event is limited to 12 participants. To register, email:  
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After the success of our first two Plots & Pandemic events featuring David Albertyn and Dorothy Ellen Palmer, we're thrilled to host our third series event! Join us on Thursday, August 20, 2020, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EDT. Guests can interact with Adnan and with each other. We will begin with a short reading followed by a group discussion and Q & A. Visit our website for up-to-date info.

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