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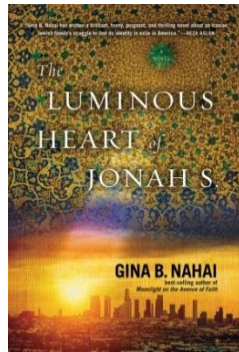
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AN AFTERNOON WITH BEST-SELLING AUTHOR GINA NAHAI

Gina Nahai Discusses her Latest Novel “The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.” with Facilitator Judith Palarz



Beverly Hills, Calif. – Gina Nahai, Los Angeles area resident and best-selling author, columnist, and full-time lecturer at University of Southern California’s Master of Professional Writing Program, will discuss her latest novel, *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.*, with Facilitator Judith Palarz at the Beverly Hills Public Library Auditorium on Tuesday, July 21 at 2 p.m. The event is free and parking is available in the Library Civic Center lot.

The Luminous Heart of Jonah S., is a multi-generational epic of Iranian Jews. Starting in 1952 Tehran, Nahai’s tale follows a wealthy Jewish-Iranian family through the reign of the Shah of Iran, the tumultuous Iranian Revolution, and into exile in California

The Luminous Heart of Jonah S. was a finalist for the Jewish Book Council's 2014 JJ Greenberg Memorial Award; one of *Jewish Journal's* Noteworthy Books for the New Year; one of *Jewish Woman Magazine's* 8 Great Fall Reads; and received praise from *Forbes*, *LA Weekly*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, the *San Francisco Book Review*, *Lilith Magazine*, the BBC, Reza Aslan, Firozeh Dumas, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, and more.

“[A] riveting tale . . . eye-opening . . . readers will be well rewarded.” – *Publisher’s Weekly*

Nahai’s critically-acclaimed novels, *Cry of the Peacock*, *Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith*, *Sunday’s Silence* and *Caspian Rain*, have been translated into 18 languages and have been hailed “best books” by the *Los Angeles Times* and *Chicago Tribune*.

Nahai is a frequent lecturer on contemporary politics of the Middle East, has been a guest on PBS and CNBC, as well as a number of local television and radio news programs, and has guest-hosted on NPR affiliate KCRW (*The Politics of Culture*). She has been a judge for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Awards (Fiction, First Fiction), she has lectured at a number of conferences nationwide and served on the boards of PEN Center USA West, The International Women’s Media Foundation, and B’nai Zion Western Region.

For more information on free events at the Beverly Hills Public Library, see www.bhpl.org.

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