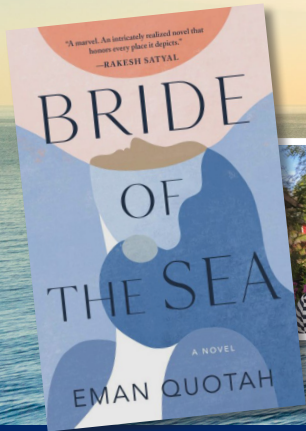


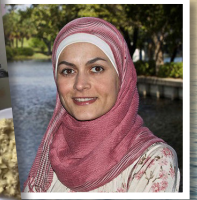
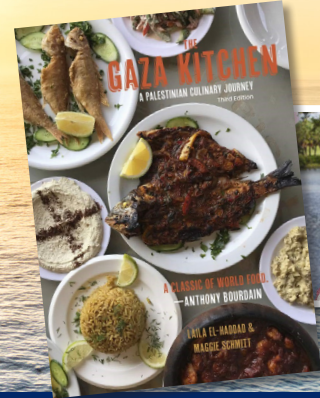
Stories to Broaden Understanding



Eman Quotah
April 19
6–7 PM



Ruby Namdar
May 10
7–8 PM



Laila el-Haddad
June 14
7–8 PM

Born in Saudi Arabia, Eman Quotah will discuss her work *Bride of the Sea*, named the best debut novel of 2021 by Booklist, while *The Washington Post* described it as a “nuanced view of the Saudi kingdom through a cast of compelling characters and a sweeping plot that spans continents and decades.”

Registration required. For more information visit

<https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6347985>

Ruby Namdar, born and raised in Jerusalem to a family of Iranian-Jewish heritage, will discuss his book *The Ruined House*, which won the 2015 Sapir Prize, Israel’s most prestigious literary prize and described by *Newsweek* as a “wildly original novel...unsettling and beautifully written.”

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<https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6348066>

Howard County author, social activist, policy analyst and journalist Laila el-Haddad will discuss her work *The Gaza Kitchen: A Palestinian Culinary Journey*, which received the “Best Arab Cuisine Book.” With photographs by Maddie Schmitt, it recounts stories about cooking, farming and family.

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