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@MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES ANNOUNCES FALL 2013 SEASON

Compelling authors preview their new books and are joined in conversation
by notable interviewers

(New York, NY - September 23, 2013)—Jezebel founder **Anna Holmes**, acclaimed biographer **Deborah Solomon**, and recent *Granta* editor **John Freeman** are among the writers slated to read from their new books in the second fall season of the @Macaulay Author Series. The authors in the stellar lineup will each be paired with equally distinguished interviewers, including Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist **Jennifer Egan** and outspoken essayist **Daphne Merkin**.

The monthly readings are on October 24, November 3 and December 4 at 7 p.m. at CUNY's Macaulay Honors College, 35 W. 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The events are free and open to the public. Authors will be signing their books at an informal reception following the each program. Books will be available for purchase at the events.

October 24: The audacious and provocative **Anna Holmes**, founder and former editor of the popular and influential website *Jezebel*, will read from *The Book of Jezebel: An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Lady Things*, a cleverly-designed, smart and funny reference book that includes all things feminine and feminist, ranging from pop to politics, art to sex. A panel of *Jezebel* stalwarts--current *Jezebel* editors **Jessica Coen**, **Dodai Stewart**, **Tracie Egan Morrissey**, and **Lizzie Skurnick**--will join her in what is sure to be a spicy conversation after the reading.

November 13: Following **Deborah Solomon**'s reading from her groundbreaking new biography *American Mirror: The Life and Work of Norman Rockwell*, she and the critic and novelist **Daphne Merkin** will hold a conversation on "*The Wounded Norman Rockwell*." With *American Mirror*, Solomon trains her eye on an American icon whose life and work provided twentieth-century America with a defining and comforting image of itself. But his life was far darker and more complicated than his public realized. Solomon was also "Questions For" columnist of *The New York Times* and a biographer of Jackson Pollock and Joseph Cornell.

December 4: The thoughtful and penetrating book critic and literary interviewer **John Freeman** reads from his new release *How to Read a Novelist*, which pulls together his very best profiles of the leading novelists of our time (many of them new or rewritten for this volume), sharing with us what he's learned from such international stars as Salman Rushdie, Don DeLillo, Toni Morrison, John Updike, David Foster Wallace, Amy Tan, Edwidge Danticat and Jonathan Franzen. He will be joined in conversation by novelist **Jennifer Egan**. Freeman, former president of the National Book Critics Circle and until recently editor of *Granta*, is one of the most significant voices on the literary scene today.

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