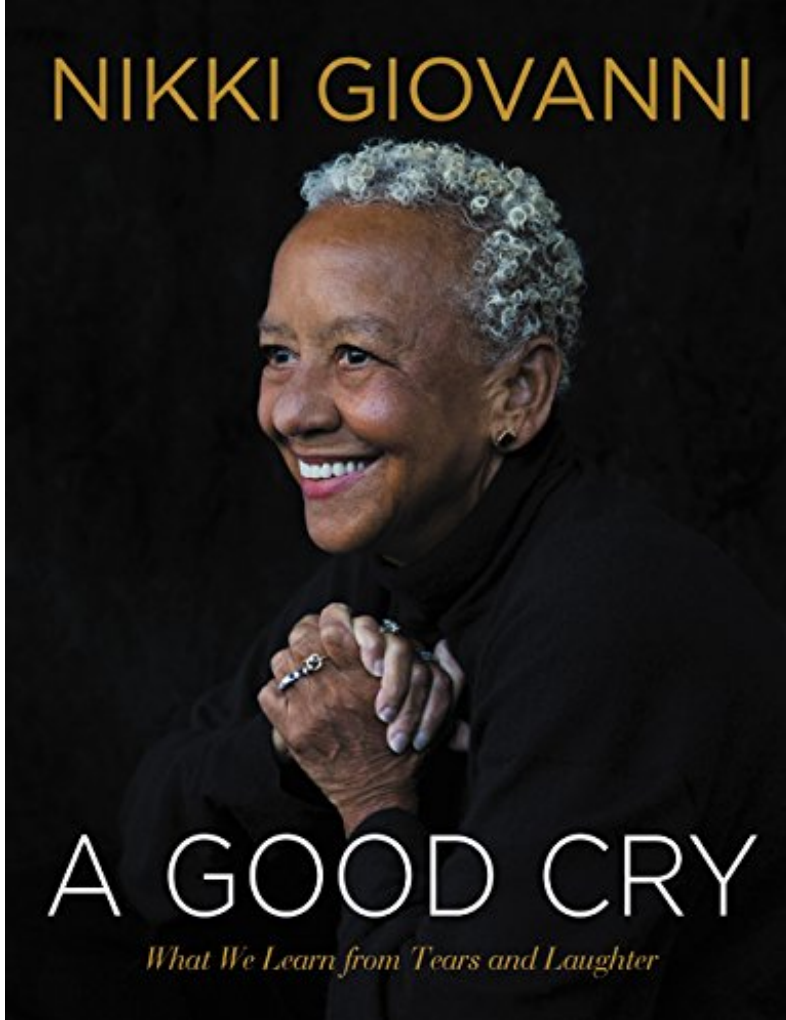


Busboys and Poets Books Presents: Nikki Giovanni

Busboys and Poets 5th & K

Saturday, February 10, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm

Please join Busboys and Poets Books for an evening with poet Nikki Giovanni at our 5th & K location.



Nikki Giovanni gained initial fame in the late 1960s as one of the foremost authors of the Black Arts Movement. Influenced by the Civil Rights Movement and Black Power Movement of the period, her early work provides a strong, militant African-American perspective, which led her to be dubbed the "Poet of the Black Revolution." Her unique and insightful poetry testifies to her own evolving awareness and experiences: from child to young woman, from naive college freshman to seasoned civil rights activist, from daughter to mother.

Her latest venture, "A Good Cry", shares with the reader a powerful inward exploration and a rumination on her life and the people who have shaped her.

The poetry of Nikki Giovanni has spurred movements, turned hearts and informed generations. She's been hailed as a firebrand, a radical, a healer, and a sage; a wise and courageous voice who has spoken out on the sensitive issues, including race and gender, that touch our national consciousness. Frequently anthologized, Giovanni's poetry expresses strong racial pride and respect for family. Her informal style makes her work accessible to both adults and children. In addition to collections such as *Re: Creation* (1970), *Love Poems* (1997), and *The Collected Poems of Nikki Giovanni* (2003), Giovanni has published several works of nonfiction, children's literature and recordings, including the Emmy-award nominated *The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection* (2004). A frequent lecturer and reader, Giovanni has taught at Rutgers University, Ohio State University, and Virginia Tech.

Books will be available for purchase and signing during the event. Please contact books@busboysandpoets.com with any questions or concerns.



ABOUT BUSBOYS AND POETS

Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bookstore, bar, events venue and community gathering place for people who believe that social justice and peace are attainable goals. First established in 2005, Busboys and Poets was created by owner Anas "Andy" Shallal, an Iraqi-American artist, activist and restaurateur. Busboys and Poets is now located in six distinctive neighborhoods in the Washington Metropolitan area and is a community resource for artists, activists, writers, thinkers and dreamers.

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Busboys and Poets is a community where racial and cultural connections are consciously uplifted... a place to take a deliberate pause and **feed your mind, body, and soul...** a space for **art, culture and politics** to intentionally collide... we believe that by creating such a space we can **inspire social change** and begin to transform our community and the world. - Tribal Statement

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