

# Miami Book Fair Adds Geraldine Brooks to Headlining Events

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Geraldine Brooks

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In her career as a journalist and author, Geraldine Brooks has traveled the world. Born in Australia, Brooks became a U.S. citizen in 2002 and has ventured to the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans, and Yugoslavia in search of her next story.

And in November, she'll head to Miami to headline her own event during Miami Book Fair 2016.

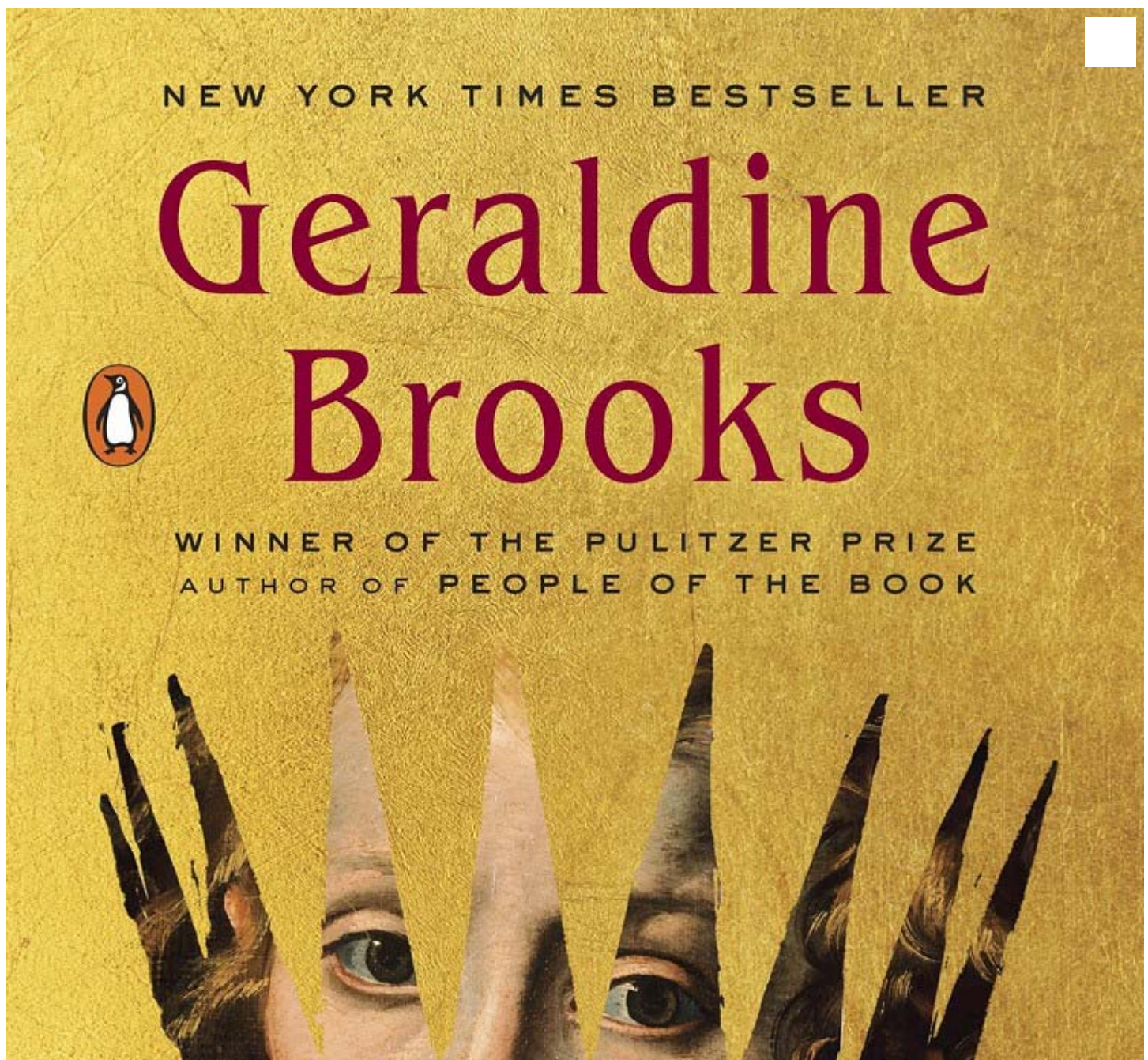
The Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist will host her own "Evenings With" event Tuesday, November 15, joining an impressive lineup of headlining writers that includes Trevor Noah, Alan Cumming, and Maureen Dowd. The news follows last week's *New Times* announcement of other talented



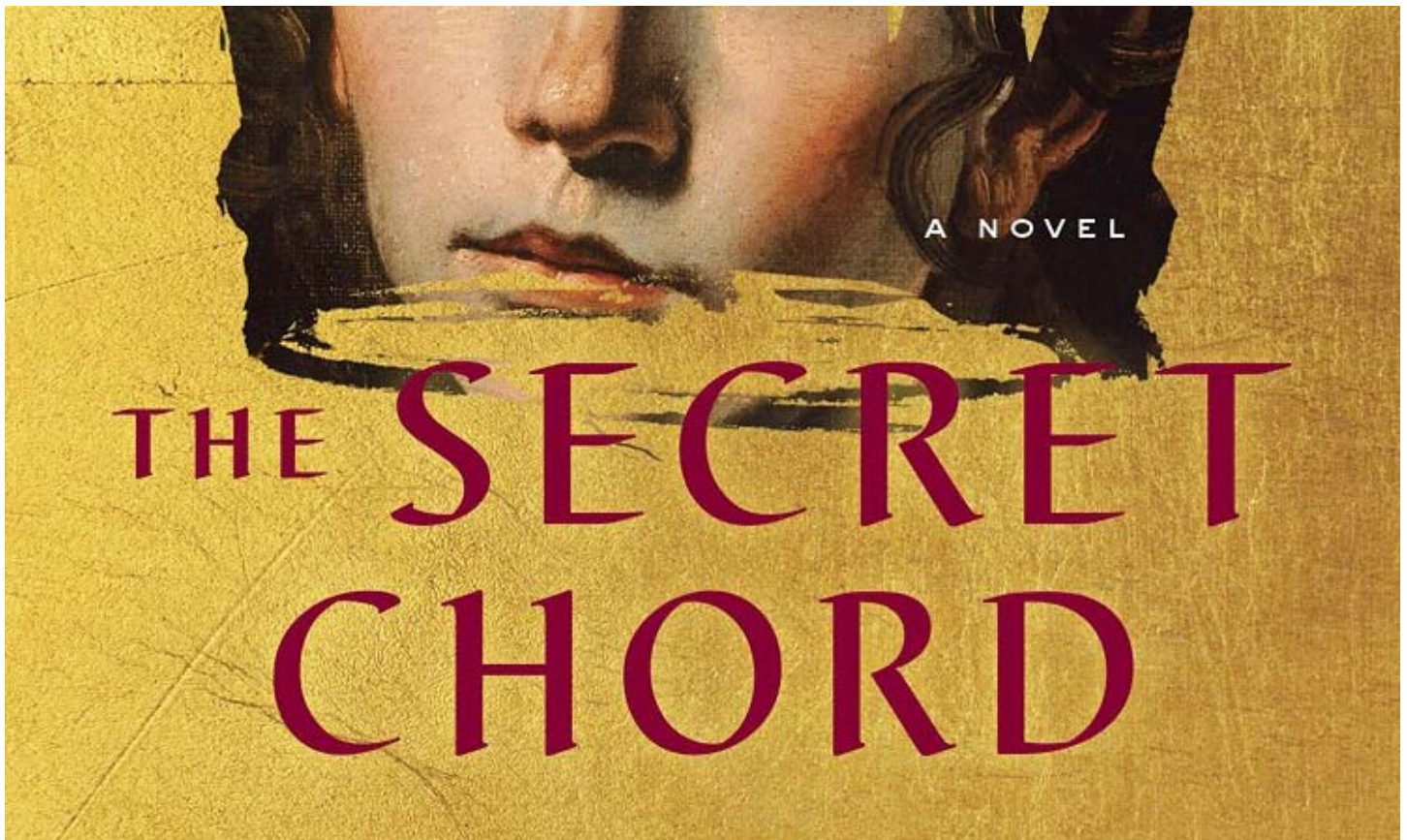
AND MARCH DOWN. THE NEWS FOLLOWS LAST WEEK'S *NEW TIMES* ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER HONORED writers, including poet Eileen Myles, trans activist Kate Bornstein, and BrainPickings blogger Maria Popova.

Brooks has penned several bestsellers, including 1994's *Nine Parts of Desire* and 2001's *Year of Wonders*. But she's best known for *March*, the 2005 novel imagining the wartime experiences of Mr. March, the patriarch of the family in Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. In 2006, *March* won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Since then, Brooks' novels have taken readers to unconventional or often-ignored settings. *People of the Book* was inspired by 1990's Yugoslavia; *Caleb's Crossing* is a fictionalized account of the first Native American to graduate from Harvard University; and her latest, 2015's *The Secret Chord*, is based on the life of the Bible's King David.







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Brooks' ability to immerse herself in research and reporting to conjure a work of fiction that rings true is perhaps her greatest asset as a novelist. It's hoped she'll share her insights about the Magic City when she visits in a couple of months.

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