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Meet the Author Stacy Schiff

The Witches: Salem, 1692

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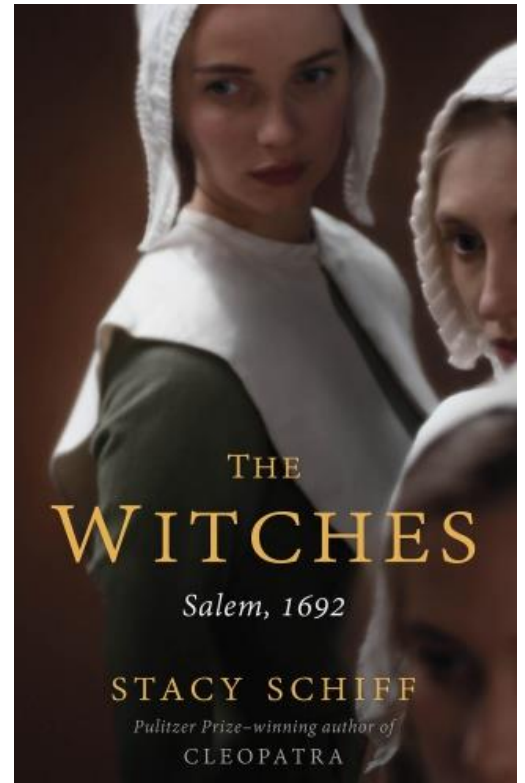
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Pulitzer Prize-winner Stacy Schiff, author of the #1 bestseller *Cleopatra*, turns her penetrating gaze and distinctive voice to a subject closer to home, as she takes on one of the most captivating episodes in American history: the Salem witch trials. Schiff returns to the Newberry (she received the Newberry Library Award for excellence in the humanities in 2015) to discuss *The Witches: Salem, 1692*.

Vividly capturing the mood of seventeenth-century Massachusetts, Schiff paints an indelible portrait of a dark, unsettled time, when anxiety rippled everywhere just under the surface. Schiff examines the legal and social ramifications of the trials, the truth about witchcraft, the adolescent mind, and how in curious ways the events of 1692 shaped America's future.



After the talk, there will be a book signing with Schiff in the Newberry's lobby. *The Witches* is available for purchase in the Newberry Bookstore. Your purchase of *The Witches* will help to support the Newberry Library, and this program's featured author.

Stacy Schiff is the author of *Cleopatra: A Life*, which won the PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for biography; *Véra (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov)*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize; *Saint-Exupéry*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist; and *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America*, winner of the George Washington Book Prize.

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