

Meet the Author
Adina Hoffman



Ben Hecht
Fighting Words, Moving Pictures

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

6:00 pm Author Talk; 7:00 pm Book Signing

In Adina Hoffman's *Ben Hecht: Fighting Words, Moving Pictures*, Chicago becomes its own character. Hoffman writes in detail about Hecht's years there, his involvement both with the city's newspapers and with the Chicago Renaissance. Even after Hecht left Chicago, he stayed loyal to the city in lots of ways. A good deal of his important Hollywood work, including *Underworld* and *Scarface*, is grounded in the city, as is his play *The Front Page*.

This book is a part of the Yale University Press Jewish Lives series, designed to explore the many facets of Jewish identity through interpretative biographies.

The Ben Hecht papers are stored at the Newberry. **Consult the inventory of the collection**, including letters, artifacts, and papers ranging from 1879 to 1983:
<https://tinyurl.com/BenHecht>



After the talk, the author will sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase.

Adina Hoffman is an essayist and biographer focusing on the Middle East, approaching it from unusual angles and shedding light on overlooked dimensions of the place, its people, and their cultures. She lives in Jerusalem and New Haven.

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