

# Rochester Reads 2019

*American War* by Omar El Akkad



Reading and Book Signing by the Author

Wednesday, March 27

12 noon – 1:30pm

Kate Gleason Auditorium

Offered in partnership with Writers & Books.



Omar El Akkad was born in Cairo, Egypt and grew up in Doha, Qatar until he moved to Canada with his family. He is an award-winning journalist and author who has traveled around the world to cover many of the most important news stories of the last decade. His reporting includes dispatches from the NATO-led war in Afghanistan, the military trials at Guantánamo Bay, the Arab Spring revolution in Egypt and the Black Lives Matter movement in Ferguson, Missouri. He lives in Portland, Oregon. His debut novel, *American War*, was published to critical acclaim in the Spring of 2017.



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## HUGE USED BOOK SALE

Thursday-Saturday  
March 14-16, 2019

KATE GLEASON AUDITORIUM  
Central Library



## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sokol High School Literary Awards Reception and Ceremony

Thursday, May 2 • 4pm

Kate Gleason Auditorium, Central Library

Hear winning poetry, prose and performance entries from Monroe County students in grades 9 – 12.

Monroe County students in grades 9 – 12 may enter original poetry and/or prose, either written or performed, to be judged by nationally-known authors for cash prizes.

Visit [www.Sokol.ffrpl.org](http://www.Sokol.ffrpl.org) for more information.

The Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library has a 65-year history of serving at the forefront of intellectual freedom – promoting and helping to fund diverse programming for the community (including programs like *Books Sandwiched In* and *Tuesday Topics*).



In recognition of the organization's significant role in this area, the New York Library Association honored FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis with NYLA's 2018 Intellectual Freedom Award.

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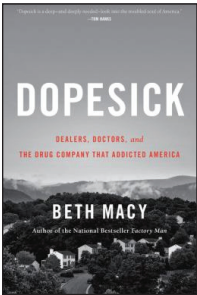
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## March 26 Becoming

By Michelle Obama  
Former First Lady Michelle Obama's #1 *New York Times* bestselling memoir gives readers a forthright, authentic view of the early years of her marriage; her approach to balancing work and family in her increasingly public roles; and her time in the White House.

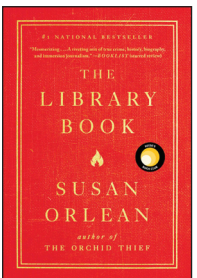
**Reviewer: Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres**  
Commissioner, Department of Recreation and Youth Services, City of Rochester



## April 2 Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and The Drug Company That Addicted America

by Beth Macy  
*New York Times* bestselling author and journalist Beth Macy has written the only book that comprehensively charts America's opioid crisis, providing portraits of families and first responders impacted across geographic and class lines.

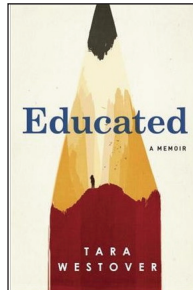
**Reviewer: Dr. Michael Mendoza**  
Commissioner of Public Health for Monroe County



## April 9 The Library Book

by Susan Orlean  
While showcasing the importance of libraries, award-winning *New Yorker* reporter and *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean spins a captivating account of the disastrous 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library, which remains a mystery thirty years later.

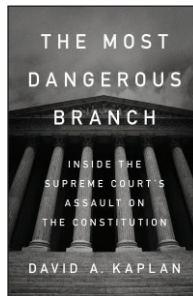
**Reviewer: Kathryn Nixon**  
Former Executive Director of the Rundel Library Foundation (now FFRPL)



## April 16 Educated

by Tara Westover  
A child of survivalists living in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen when she first sat in a classroom. Her memoir recounts how she pursued a formal education, navigated her way through college, and eventually earned a PhD in history.

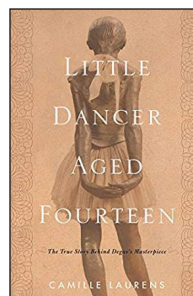
**Reviewer: Daniel J. DeMarle, PhD**  
President/Education Specialist, DeMarle Inc.



## April 23 The Most Dangerous Branch: Inside the Supreme Court's Assault on The Constitution

by David A. Kaplan  
Based upon exclusive interviews with Justices and their law clerks, *The Most Dangerous Branch* provides an incisive look into how both conservative and liberal Supreme Court Justices undermine the role of the other branches of government to the detriment of our society.

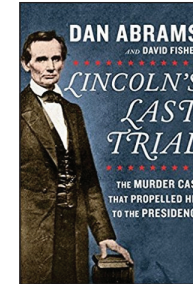
**Reviewer: Dr. Timothy W. Kneeland**  
Professor and Chair of History & Political Science; Director, Center for Public History, Nazareth College



## April 30 Little Dancer Aged Fourteen: The True Story Behind Degas's Masterpiece

by Camille Laurens  
Against the backdrop of late nineteenth-century Parisian life, *Little Dancer Aged Fourteen* draws on extensive historical material to create a portrait of the teenager who modeled for Edgar Degas and became an iconic figure in the art world.

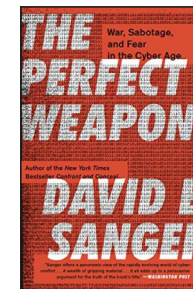
**Reviewer: Marlene Hamann-Whitmore**  
McPherson Director of Academic Programs at the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester



## May 7 Lincoln's Last Trial: The Murder Case That Propelled Him To The Presidency

by Dan Abrams  
Abrams has written a compelling account of the true story of Abraham Lincoln's last great case as a lawyer, defending 22 year old Peachy Quinn Harrison in Springfield, Illinois against murder charges for the killing of Greek Crafton.

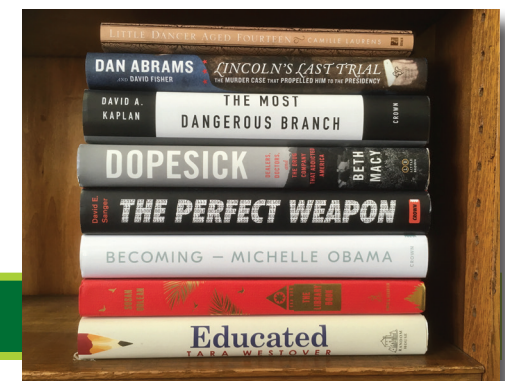
**Reviewer: Sanford R. Shapiro, Esq.**  
Senior Litigation Counsel, Forsyth, Howe, O'Dwyer, Kalb & Murphy, P.C.



## May 14 The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

by David E. Sanger  
From the White House Situation Room to the dens of Chinese government hackers to the boardrooms of Silicon Valley, *New York Times* national security correspondent David E. Sanger outlines how cyberweapons transformed world politics more than any other threat since the atomic bomb.

**Reviewer: Benjamin Banta, PhD**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts, Rochester Institute of Technology



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