



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

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## FROM THE CHAIR | JIM HERRON



At our December 5 luncheon, Arlo Haskell entertained us with a rollicking account of smugglers and tunnels and revolutionaries as he talked about his new book, *The Jews of Key West*. Arlo sent us a lovely e-mail after our lunch. Here's an excerpt: "[I] wanted to say how much I enjoyed visiting the Prologue Society ... I had heard enough about the Society ... so that I knew to expect an unusually engaged and intelligent audience ... It was an honor to be part of your impressive series."

Registration is now open for our next two events: On Wednesday, January 17, Simon Sebag Montefiore will join us for the first event of our spring season to discuss his new novel, *Red Sky at Noon*. Montefiore is a great favorite with Prologue Society members, so be sure to register early. We're expecting a large crowd.

On Wednesday, February 22, Bijan Omrani, a brilliant young British historian, will discuss his new book, *Caesar's Footprints*, a story of the conquest of Gaul and the beginning of a modern Europe.

Stay tuned for our coming announcement of March and April speakers.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah to you all!

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## OUR NEXT EVENT



### **Simon Sebag Montefiore**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
12:00-2:00pm

Riviera Country Club  
1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables FL 33146

Registration closes Wed., January 10

## *Red Sky at Noon*

Epic history meets epic literature with Simon Sebag Montefiore, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Jerusalem* and *The Romanovs*.

Montefiore discusses his stunning new *Red Sky at Noon*, set during an epic cavalry ride across the hot grasslands outside Stalingrad during the darkest times of World War II—and the incredible history behind it.

Imprisoned in the Gulags for a crime he did not commit, Benya Golden joins a penal battalion made up of Cossacks and convicts to fight the Nazis. He enrolls in the Russian cavalry, and on a hot summer day in July 1942, he and his band of brothers are sent on a suicide mission behind enemy lines—but is there a traitor among them? The only things Benya can truly trust are his horse, Silver Socks, and that he will find no mercy in the onslaught of Hitler's troops as they push East.

Spanning ten epic days, between Benya's war on the grasslands of southern Russia and Stalin's intrigues in the Kremlin, between Benya's intense affair with an Italian nurse and a romance between Stalin's daughter and a war correspondent, this is a sweeping story of passion, bravery, and survival—where betrayal is a constant companion, death just a heartbeat away, and love, however fleeting, offers a glimmer of redemption.

*"Enthralling. Montefiore, hailed for his works of history and biography, is masterly at sketching scenes—passionate, melancholy, menacing—and limning characters. In a league of its own."* - The Wall Street Journal, "Best Book of the Year" (Praise for THE MOSCOW TRILOGY)

*"Montefiore is a natural storyteller who brings his encyclopedic knowledge of Russian history to life in language that glitters. Montefiore shows that the historian seeking the truth must call upon creativity as much as upon meticulous research. Here's hoping we get more spellbinding historical fiction from him."* - The Washington Post

*"Intensely moving, with an unforgettable climax that will touch the hardest heart."* - Jung Chang, author of *Wild Swans* and *Mao*

## Author Events

Unless otherwise specified,  
all author events are  
luncheons, held from  
12:00-2:00pm

at

### Riviera Country Club

1155 Blue Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Doors open at 11:30am

*“Riveting, evocative, affecting and tragic. Montefiore is a masterful writer and a marvelous storyteller, and the way he peels back the layers propels the reader onward, eager to learn the key to the mystery.” - The Seattle Times*

Simon Sebag Montefiore’s prize-winning, bestselling novels are published in twenty-seven languages. *Red Sky at Noon* is the last of the acclaimed “Moscow Trilogy,” which includes *Sashenka* and *One Night in Winter*, which was long-listed for the Orwell Prize. Montefiore’s nonfiction books include *Jerusalem: The Biography*, a #1 Holiday Book Pick on the *TODAY* show, *Young Stalin*, winner of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for Biography, and most recently, *The Romanovs*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller. Visit him at [simonsebagmontefiore.com](http://simonsebagmontefiore.com) or on twitter [@simonmontefiore](https://twitter.com/simonmontefiore).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is open for the first few Spring 2018 author events.

Save these dates, and we will update you about our March and April events at the earliest opportunity:

Wednesday, January 17	Simon Sebag Montefiore, <i>Red Sky at Noon</i> Registration Deadline: January 10
Thursday, February 22	Bijan Omrani, <i>Caesar’s Footprints</i> Registration Deadline: February 15
March	<i>To Be Announced</i>
April	<i>To Be Announced</i>

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## HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

### To register:

- **Online:** Visit [ThePrologueSociety.org](http://ThePrologueSociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call our office and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message stating that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send us a note, along with your check for \$50.00 per person, made payable to The Prologue Society.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call or email Debbie** so that she knows to expect you!

### To pay:

- **Enter your credit card details** on the secure website;
- **OR mail your check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society;

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- **OR bring your check** to the luncheon.

**Note:**

- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online).
- **IMPORTANT: You must register before the posted deadline**, as we must guarantee our reservation with the venue ahead of time.

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## PAST EVENTS

Arlo Haskell | December 5, 2017



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# Happy Holidays!

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