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Summer 2021 Update

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Dear Members & Friends of Prologue,

I hope you all agree with me that our Spring 2021 virtual author presentations were a huge success. Simon Winchester, Janice Nimura, Rachel Holmes and Ross King gave excellent presentations of their terrific new books, moderated by our own Bud Park, JoAnne Bander, Rachel Blechman and yours truly. We all understand, of course, that virtual presentations are no substitute for having lunch with our friends and meeting the authors in person, but in the absence of any alternative, they were a lifesaver!

We were all hoping as you were that we would be able to resume our lunches in the fall. Unfortunately, the rise of the Delta variant has meant that authors and publishers are not yet ready to resume in-person author appearances. Also, The University of Miami Newman Alumni Center, our venue for in-person lunches, is not scheduling any external events at this time. With all this in mind, we've decided that we will continue our virtual presentations this fall with the hope that we will be able to resume our lunches in the spring of 2022.

Although we're not quite ready to announce our full fall lineup of authors, I can tell you that we have some wonderful possibilities and a confirmed, exciting opening event, so watch your e-mail and, most importantly, renew your membership as soon as possible. Your membership will entitle you to attend all our events, both virtual and hopefully in-person in the spring of 2022, and to receive by mail all of our featured books at no additional cost.

Now to our exciting announcement! Thanks to the amazing efforts of Cristina Nosti and Mitch Kaplan at Books & Books, The Prologue Society is joining with Miami Book Fair, Books & Books and a number of other independent book stores around the U.S. to sponsor a virtual event with **Anderson Cooper on Friday, September 24 at 6 pm EDT**. Cooper and historian Katherine Howe have written ***Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty***, the story of the amazing family his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt, was born into. This is a paid event, but **Prologue members will be entitled to attend and receive the book at no additional cost.**

The story of the Vanderbilts is an American epic of achievement and success—a saga of a staggering fortune built and squandered, of high society and salacious scandals, of public fame and private pain.

As both a distinguished journalist and the great, great, great grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who died the richest man in America in 1877, Cooper is uniquely qualified to tell this extraordinary family history. So please mark your calendars now for **6 pm on Friday, September 24**. Registered 2021-2022 members will receive Cooper's new book in the mail as soon as it's released on September 21 and will automatically be registered for the virtual event on September 24.

Please see the information on the reverse of this letter to renew your membership and verify your contact information for 2021-2022. Do it now so you don't miss Anderson Cooper and the terrific authors we're lining up for you this season.

Stay safe!

Regards,

Jim Herron, Vice Chair