

The Ladies Library: Or, Benjamin Franklin's Sister's Books



Yale Center for British Art Lecture Hall
Friday November 8th, 5:30pm

Professor Jill Lepore, National Book Award finalist and author of *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*, will discuss her work reconstituting the lost library of Benjamin Franklin's sister Jane (1712-1794). Most of what Jane read, she borrowed, but she was an avid and discriminating reader, writing to her brother, "I Read as much as I Dare."

Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History at Harvard University and a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. Her books include *New York Burning*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; *The Name of War*, winner of the Bancroft Prize; *The Mansion of Happiness*, a finalist for the Carnegie Medal; *The Whites of Their Eyes*, a *New York Times* Book Review Editors' Choice; and *The Story of America*. Her 2008 novel, *Blindspot*, written jointly with historian Jane Kamensky, was also a *Times* Book Review Editors' Choice. In October 2013, *Book of Ages*, Lepore's landmark biography of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, was published and nominated for the National Book Award.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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