

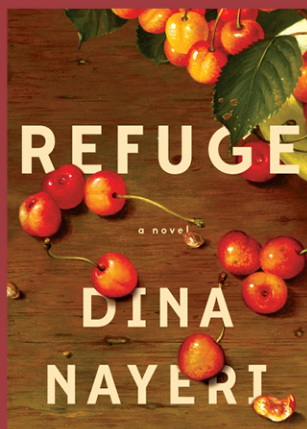
# ONE BOOK ONE WATERTOWN

BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW!

*Refuge* by Dina Nayeri is our One Book, One Watertown selection for 2018. *Refuge* charts the deeply moving lifetime relationship between a father and a daughter, seen through the prism of global immigration.

We have chosen *Refuge* in this time of uncertainty for immigrants in our country and around the world. The staff of the WFPL invites you to join us in celebrating the refugee (and broader immigrant) experience—the bravery and perseverance needed to overcome the obstacles of language, culture, and bureaucracy, while striving to find a feeling of belonging and home.

This year, we're also including a "read-along" title for younger readers and English language learners: *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas.



## EVENTS

### MEET THE AUTHOR: DINA NAYERI

**Thursday, March 1**

**Tasting at 6:00 p.m. tickets required**  
**Discussion begins at 7 p.m. no tickets**

Sample delicious, traditional Persian foods provided by Roksana's, then hear Dina Nayeri speak. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning February 1 at the Circulation Desk. Price TBA.



### PERSIAN MUSIC CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND

**Sunday, March 4 | 2 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of music in celebration of *Refuge*. The performance will feature a selection of Persian music styles including traditional and folk pieces from a variety of local artists.

### COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

**Wednesday, March 7 | 7 p.m.**

Share your impressions of *Refuge* with your neighbors.

### AFTAB IRANIAN DANCE TROUPE

**Saturday, March 10 | 3 p.m.**

Aftab is an Iranian dance group run by students and young professionals. Aftab hopes audiences can experience the beauty of Iran's diverse and rich culture through a medley of traditional and modern Iranian dance.



### DEMOCRACY TALKS: DEMOCRACY IN IRAN

**Tuesday, March 13 | 7 p.m.**

Pouya Alimagham, historian of the modern Middle East at MIT, will explore the roots of U.S.-Iran antagonisms via the history of democracy in modern Iran.

### PSYCHOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION & ADAPTATION

**Thursday, March 15 | 7 p.m.**

Sarina Kaivani will explore the psychological aspects of the immigration experience, particularly factors that facilitate or impede an immigrant's adjustment and mental health. Issues around sense of self and social identities will be discussed.

### READING: KATHLEEN SPIVACK

**Sunday, March 18 | 3 p.m.**

Award-winning local author Kathleen Spivack will read from her debut novel *Unspeakable Things*, which uses magical realism to tell the stories of refugees fleeing the Holocaust and relocating in New York City.

### FAMILY BOOK DISCUSSION:

#### *IT AIN'T SO AWFUL, FALAFEL*

**Tuesday, March 20 | 7 p.m.**

Families with children are welcome to discuss.



### PANEL: NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS SHARE THEIR IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCES

**Thursday, March 22 | 6:30 p.m.**

Project Literacy students from countries such as Iran, Russia, Armenia, and Brazil will share their experiences and emotions at moving away from their home countries in search of a new life in the United States.

### PROGRAM ON ADDICTION

**Thursday, March 29 | 7 p.m.**

Please see our website and the next newsletter for details.

