

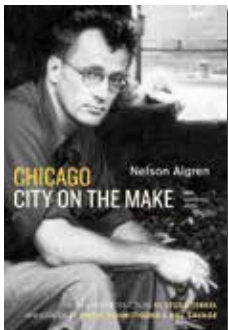


### The Pilsen Literary Walking Tour

Stuart Dybek, Ana Castillo, and Sandra Cisneros are among the legendary living Chicago writers with strong associations to the Pilsen neighborhood. On this tour, we'll place their lives and literature, along with other notable figures, in the context of this vibrant neighborhood. Stops will include the model for the fictional home on Mango Street, a mosaic that includes depictions of Castillo and Cisneros, the church featured in a classic Dybek short story, and much more.

### Nelson Algren and Wicker Park: A Literary Walking Tour

The author of *Chicago: City on the Make* and *The Man with the Golden Arm* spent much of his life near the Polish Triangle, and both he and his characters bopped about the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods for many decades. On this walking tour, we'll visit the places that featured prominently in Algren's life and work, and investigate settings related to his fiction and fictional characters. We'll also touch upon other literary associations in the area, including the Russian Baths featured in Saul Bellow's *Humboldt's Gift*, connections to the Haymarket Event, a brief history of Charles G. Wicker, information about Chopin Theater and Young Chicago authors, and more.



We schedule a select number of bus and walking tours throughout the year. For details, such as date, time, and meeting place, go to our website:

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In addition to our scheduled tours, we offer group tours throughout the year. Essentially, we'll conduct a tour for any group with a minimum of 10 people. For larger groups, especially seniors and youths, we offer discounts. Contact us, and we'll work to accommodate your preferences for dates and times. We'll even customize the route and narrative based on the needs of your group. Journalism organizations, book clubs, students, and humanities organizations all have taken the tours.

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to discuss options and schedule a tour.

General Pricing (varies slightly)

\$20 per person (Walking)

\$45 per person (Bus)



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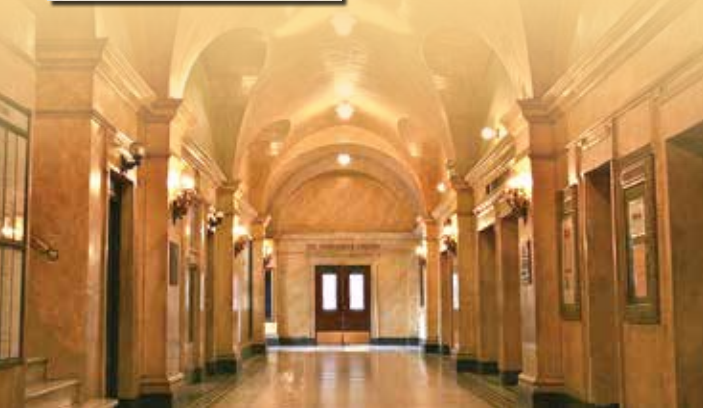
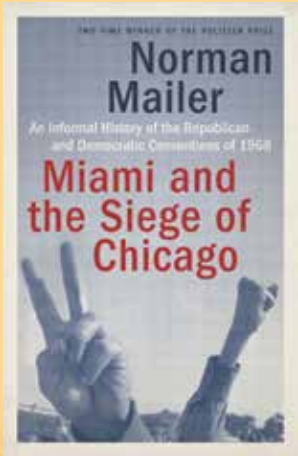
# CHICAGO LITERARY TOURS

## CHICAGO LITERARY HALL OF FAME



## Downtown Chicago Literary Walking Tour

Downtown Chicago, with important cultural institutions like the Chicago Cultural Center, Art Institute, and the Fine Arts Building, features a wide array of historic literary sites. In this part of the city, where skyscrapers and other iconic buildings dot the landscape, authors have made deep footprints. Chicago's finest authors, along with prominent national writers on tour, have frequented the cultural venues and private clubs, and also used the neighborhood as a setting for a large array of stories. Our Chicago Literary Hall of Fame tour guide will meet you at the Cultural Center to begin a two-hour walking tour that includes narration about some of downtown Chicago's literary highlights. Find out how the likes of Margaret Anderson, Theodore Dreiser, Ernest Hemingway, Norman Mailer, and others used downtown Chicago in their lives and literature. Find out which famous writers stayed at the Palmer House; learn about streetcar tycoon Charles Tyson Yerkes's relationship to Dreiser's Trilogy of Desire; find out how the Impressionist painting collection at AI influenced Hemingway's career; and much more.



## Chicago's Gold Coast Literary Walking Tour

In its heyday, when debates raged in Bughouse Square and ideas bounced about the Dil Pickle Club, Chicago's Gold Coast featured a wide array of vibrant, joyous, and culturally significant literary spots. Even today, the Gold Coast is home to a variety of world class literary institutions, including the Poetry Foundation and Newberry Library. As we visit these places, we'll discuss their history and significance, while meandering through stretches that include other interesting literary sites, such as the former location of the Playboy mansion.



## Chicago's Black Literary Renaissance: A Bus Tour

Part of the larger Chicago Black Renaissance, the literary movement started in the 1930s and continued to foster important African-America authors through the 1950s. On this bus tour, we'll visit some of the foundational cultural institutions of the movement (George Cleveland Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library, South Side Community Art Center, *The Chicago Defender*) as well as the homes of iconic authors (Richard Wright, Gwendolyn Brooks, Lorraine Hansberry). Along the way, we'll explore how these and other authors used their personal experiences and observations of the city to create literature that explored the devastating effects of prejudice during the Jim Crow era and up to the Civil Rights movement.



## The Chicago Journalists: A Literary Bus Tour

The Chicago Literary Hall of Fame's roll of inductees includes a large number of writers whose careers were made in whole or part through their work as journalists. Ben Hecht, Mike Royko, Fanny Butcher, Carl Sandburg, Ring Lardner, and Ida B. Wells represent a small sample of Chicago's literary journalists. Even some Chicago Literary Hall of Fame nominees, like Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (who got his start working for the old City News Bureau of Chicago) and Finley Peter Dunne (whose Mr. Dooley was a staple of his late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century columns) owe a debt to their journalistic training. As we visit sites like the Tribune Tower and Billy Goat Tavern, and travel to iconic places like the Criminal Courts Building (featured in *Front Page*), we'll investigate the lives and works of Chicago's finest journalists.

## Oak Park Literary Walking Tour

Oak Park, a sleepy conservative village when Ernest Hemingway was a child, has evolved in the last century to become a bedrock of liberal thought. This tour explores Oak Park's significance in literature for more than a century, and hits upon historical writers like Hemingway, Edgar Rice Burroughs, and Vincent Starrett, as well as current stars such as Elizabeth Berg, Alex Kotlowitz, and Chris Ware.

