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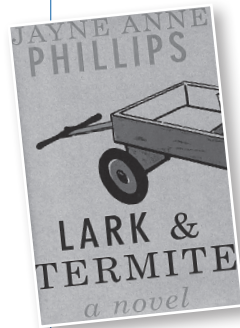
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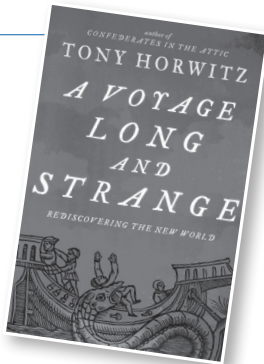
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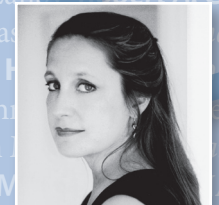
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# 40th Annual Book & Author Luncheon



**Tony Horwitz**  
*A Voyage Long and Strange:  
Rediscovering the New World*

**Jayne Anne Phillips**  
*Lark and Termite*

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse at Harbor Links  
Port Washington, NY

## Tony Horwitz

*A Voyage Long and Strange:  
Rediscovering the New World*

Henry Holt, Picador Press



On a chance visit to Plymouth Rock, Tony Horwitz made an unsettling discovery: despite all his education, he had reached middle age with only a third grader's

understanding of early America. In fact, he'd mislaid the entire period separating Columbus' landing in 1492 and the arrival of the English in Jamestown in 1620.

In *A Voyage Long and Strange*, Mr. Horwitz explores the revealing gap between what we enshrine in early American history and what we forget, displaying his trademark talent for humor, narrative and historical insight. The book revolves around Horwitz's own epic trek, a history-fueled, self-imposed mission of rediscovery following in the footsteps of the many Europeans who preceded the pilgrims to America. Horwitz's road trip takes him to all the present-day sites of the explorers' adventures where America's lost history lies just beneath the surface of daily life.

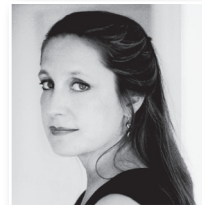
Tony Horwitz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. He worked as a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* and as a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, before he turned full-time to book writing. He is the author of the bestsellers *Blue Latitudes* (2002), *Confederates in the Attic* (1999) and *Baghdad without a Map* (1992).

Mr. Horwitz is a graduate of Brown University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He lives on Martha's Vineyard with his wife, author Geraldine Brooks, and son.

## Jayne Anne Phillips

*Lark and Termite*

Alfred A. Knopf



*Lark and Termite*, a rich many-layered novel, is a story of the power of loss and love, the echoing ramifications of war, family secrets, dreams and ghosts and the almost magical

bonds that unite and sustain us. Set in the 1950's in West Virginia and Korea, *Lark and Termite* is based in part on actual events that took place during the Korean War.

The novel focuses principally on two children—Lark, on the verge of adulthood, and her brother, Termite, a child unable to walk and talk, but filled with radiance—and the family that surrounds them. The novel invites us into the thoughts of each of the leading characters and we discover the lasting connections between past and future. We follow Lark and Termite on the night their town experiences a life-changing natural disaster and their own lives are changed forever.

Jayne Anne Phillips is the author of three novels—*Motherkind* (2000), *Shelter* (1994) and *Machine Dreams* (1984)—and two collections of stories. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, and an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She is Professor of English and Director of the MFA Program at Rutgers-Newark, the State University of New Jersey.

Ms. Phillips graduated from West Virginia University and earned an MFA from the University of Iowa.

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**Richard Dodge Whittemore** was a founder and president of the FOL. The Book & Author Luncheon was renamed in his memory in 2000.

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