

Nightingale's Annual Literary Brunch

*With Alison Pick and Natasha Solomons
Chaired by Sara Nathan OBE*

Tuesday 28th February 2012

12 noon at Nightingale

Alison Pick the long-listed author for the Man Booker Prize for her novel *Far to Go* will be in discussion with Natasha Solomons the popular author of *Mr Rosenblum's List* which is currently being adapted for a film. Her second book *The Novel in the Viola* was a Richard and Judy bestseller and is also a New York Times bestseller. The event will be chaired by Sara Nathan OBE, a well known former BBC broadcast journalist and Editor of Channel 4 News.

Bagel brunch

Ticket price £17.50

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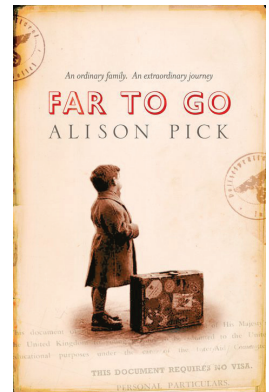
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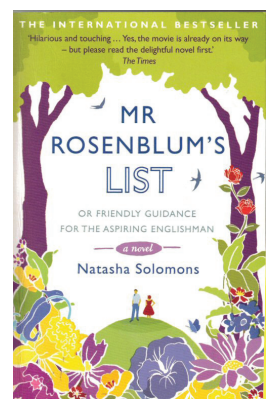
Alison Pick was born in Toronto in 1975 and grew up in Kitchener, Ontario and lives with her husband and daughter. Alison has a BA in Psychology from the University of Guelph and an M Phil from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Her first novel, *The Sweet Edge*, was a Globe and Mail Top 100 Book of 2005, and was optioned for film by Four Seasons Productions. Her first collection of poetry, *Question & Answer*, was short-listed for the Gerald Lampert Award for best first book of poetry in Canada, and for a Newfoundland and Labrador Book Award. Her most recent novel, *Far To Go* was published in February 2011 and long-listed for the prestigious Man Booker Prize. *Far To Go* is a powerful and profoundly moving story about one family's epic journey to flee the Nazi occupation of their homeland in 1939. The novel is inspired by the lives of Alison's own grandparents who fled their native Czechoslovakia for Canada during the Second World War. It won the Canadian Jewish Book Award for Fiction, and was a Top 10 of 2010 Book at NOW magazine and The Toronto Star.



Natasha Solomons

Natasha Solomons was born in 1980 and lives in Dorset. Her first job, aged nine, was as a shepherdess, minding the flock on Bulbarrow hill. Since then, she has worked as a screenwriter with her husband, and they are currently working on the adaptation of *Mr Rosenblum's List* for a screen play. Natasha is a very popular author who released *Mr Rosenblum's list*, in March 2011 and was listed as the top-selling book of the month and entered the top ten selling fiction books of the year. Her second book *The Novel in the Viola* was a Richard and Judy bestseller and is also a New York Times bestseller. A wonderful tale of an Austrian girl displaced during the onset of WWII, a Jewish girl, who takes refuge in England as a domestic worker for a family (of sorts) in a grand old home in Tyneford on the Dorset coast.



Signed copies of books will be on offer at the event.

Chaired by Sara Nathan

Sara Nathan is chair of the Animal Procedures Committee at the Home Office. She has just retired as a Judicial Appointments Commissioner, and spent last January appointing Chancery High Court judges. She is also on the Solicitors' Regulation Authority board. Before her portfolio career, Sara was a broadcast journalist at the BBC and Editor of Channel 4 News. She was a trustee of the Jewish Museum for a decade and has been associated with Nightingale through her mother, practically her whole life. Sara was a member of the UK's first mother – daughter book club and now belongs to a book club which meets in an Acton pub.

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