



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Presents The Sympathizer Book Talk

WHAT: Join us for a book talk hosted by the North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative. The discussion is part of the Kaleidoscope Project by the North Dakota Asian-American Arts and Cultural Initiative and made possible through a partnership with the Bismarck Veteran Memorial Public Library.

The winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as seven other awards, *The Sympathizer* is the breakthrough novel of the year. The *Sympathizer*, with the pace and suspense of a thriller, and prose compared to Graham Greene and Saul Bellow, sweeps readers into an epic tale of love and betrayal. The narrator, a communist double agent, is a “man of two minds,” a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the Fall of Saigon, and while building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam.

About the Author:

Viet Thanh Nguyen was born in Vietnam and raised in America. He is also the author of *Race and Resistance: Literature and Politics in Asian America* (2002) and co-editor of *Transpacific Studies: Framing an Emerging Field* (2014), *The Refugees* (2016), *The Committed* (2023), and *A Man of Two Faces* (2023). His essays and short stories have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, *Ploughshares*, *American Literary History*, *Asian American Literary Review*, and *The Atlantic*, among other publications. He teaches English and American Studies at the University of Southern California and lives in Los Angeles.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The discussion will be hosted by Aimee Geurts.

WHEN: Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30pm

WHERE: Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library: Missouri River Room

WHO: Free and open to all ages. Media is invited to attend.

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