



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

The Prologue Society Newsletter

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends of The Prologue Society,

Summer is (almost) over, Autumn is (almost) in the air and the 2017-2018 season of The Prologue Society is about to start. This year we are once again offering memberships for the Full season, the Fall season and (later) the Spring season, as indicated in the enclosed Brochure and Enrollment Card. Please choose the membership you prefer, complete the Enrollment Card and return it along with your check for the proper amount using the enclosed envelope, as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE: It's now easy and convenient to choose your membership and pay your dues with your credit card on our website ([theprologuesociety.org](http://theprologuesociety.org)). If this option works for you, we really encourage you to use it, because it's much less paperwork for our dedicated staff. Of course, if you prefer, please continue to register and pay by mail as you have in the past.

Save the Dates-here is the lineup for the Fall season events, all of which will be held at the Riviera Country Club (except for November 17-see below), as well as the beginnings of our Spring season:

- Tuesday, October 10, Noon: James Holland, *The Allies Strike Back, 1941-1943: The War in the West, Volume Two* (Atlantic Monthly Press)
- Friday, November 17, Noon, Palmeiras Beach Club at Grove Isle: Walter Isaacson, *Leonardo da Vinci* (Simon & Schuster)
- Tuesday, December 5, Noon: Arlo Haskell, *The Jews of Key West: Smugglers, Cigar Makers and Revolutionaries (1823-1969)* (Sand Paper Press)
- Wednesday, January 17, Noon: Simon Sebag Montefiore, *Red Sky at Noon: A Novel* (Pegasus Books)
- Thursday, February, 22, Noon: Bijan Omrani, *Caesar's Footprints: A Cultural Excursion to Ancient France: Journeys Through Roman Gaul* (Pegasus Books)

Please note that the Walter Isaacson luncheon on November 17 will be held at the Palmeiras Beach Club at Grove Isle, which is the hotel located at 4 Grove Isle Drive in the Grove Isle complex in Coconut Grove. We will give you more information about this thrilling event in the future.

I hope you will agree that this is an outstanding lineup of authors and books for our Fall season. Thanks to Cristina Nosti at Books & Books and our Book Selection Committee for a job very well done.

Now is the time to let your friends, neighbors and fellow book lovers know about The Prologue Society. Please contact Debbie Hirshson at the [theprologuesociety@gmail.com](mailto:theprologuesociety@gmail.com) or 305-323-1154 to put them on our mailing list so they will receive our updates and newsletters.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first luncheon in October.



Jim Herron  
Chair

**Please Join Us at Our First Luncheon of the 2017-2018 Season**

Tuesday, October 10 at 12:00 Noon

**JAMES HOLLAND**

*The Allies Strike Back, 1941-1943: The War in the West, Volume Two*



James Holland's *The Rise of Germany*, the first volume in his War in the West trilogy, was widely praised for Holland's impeccable research and narrative skills. With a wealth of characters from across the western theatre of World War II, Holland told a captivating story while calling on new research to challenge our assumptions and reframe our understanding of this momentous conflict. As *The Rise of Germany* ended, the Nazi war machine looked to be unstoppable. Germany had taken Poland and France with shocking speed. London was bombed, and U-boats harried shipping on the Atlantic. But Germany hadn't actually won the Battle of Britain or the Battle of the Atlantic, and was not producing airplanes or submarines fast enough. And what looked like victory in Greece and Crete had expended crucial resources in short supply. In *The Allies Strike Back*, while Germany's invasion of Russia unfolds in the east, in the west, the Americans formally enter the war. In North Africa, following major setbacks at the hands of Rommel, the Allies storm to victory. Meanwhile, the bombing of Germany escalates, aiming to destroy the Nazi military, industrial, and economic system, and relentlessly crush civilian morale. A captivating book by a supremely skilled historian, *The Allies Strike Back* is a perfect successor to *The Rise of Germany*.

**James Holland** is the author of the bestselling *Fortress Malta*, *Battle of Britain*, and *Dam Busters*, as well as numerous works of historical fiction. Holland regularly appears on television and radio and has written and presented the BAFTA-shortlisted documentaries *Battle of Britain* and *Dam Busters* for the BBC, among others. A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has his own collection at the Imperial War Museum.

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**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Tuesday, October 3, 2017.**

**To register:**

- **Online:** Go to [www.theprologuesociety.org](http://www.theprologuesociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call 305-323-1154 and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send note with a check for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call Debbie** (or reply to this email) so that she knows to expect you!

**To pay:**

- **Enter your credit card number** on the website;
- **OR mail a check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157;
- **OR bring a check** to the luncheon.

**Note:**

- **IMPORTANT: Remember that all luncheons, unless otherwise noted, are held at Riviera Country Club (Ballroom), 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146.**
- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online).

**UPCOMING LUNCHEONS**

**Save These Dates**

**Registration is open for the Fall 2017 luncheons.  
Call, email, or visit us online.**

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**March** | *To Be Announced*  
**April** | *To Be Announced*

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Riviera Country Club  
1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146  
Doors open at 11:30AM. Luncheons begin at 12:00 Noon.

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