



# BOOK INDUSTRY GUILD OF NEW YORK

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**Book Industry Guild of New York (BIGNY)  
January 2019 Event:  
“President’s Night with Valerie Merians and Dennis Johnson”**

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New York, NY – The Book Industry Guild of New York’s (BIGNY) January 17, 2019 “President’s Night with Valerie Merians and Dennis Johnson” event will be focused on the career paths of two publishing-industry presidents. The featured speakers will be the founders of independent, Brooklyn-based Melville House Publishing: Valerie Merians and Dennis Johnson.

The BIGNY session will be held at Penguin Random House, 1745 Broadway, NYC. The speaking session will begin at 7:00 pm; a professional networking event with start at 6:00 pm.

Admission for the January 2019 BIGNY event and networking reception is \$45 for BIGNY members, available only as an online purchase; \$75 for nonmembers and all at-door purchases.

## **Event Information**

### **Where**

Penguin Random House  
1745 Broadway  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Louis L’Amour Room  
New York, NY 10019

### **When**

Thursday, January 17, 2019. Beer, wine, and hors d’oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., program at 7:00 p.m.

### **Admission**

\$45 for BIGNY members (online purchase only)

\$75 for nonmembers and all at-door purchases

All major credit cards are accepted online and at the door. Cash and checks are also accepted at the door.

**For more information and online ticket purchase, go to [www.bigny.org](http://www.bigny.org).**



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#### **About Valerie Merians and Dennis Johnson**

Valerie Merians attended the Iowa Writers Workshop but went on to a career in the visual arts, showing extensively in New York's Chelsea and Williamsburg gallery districts, before forming Melville House, an independent publishing company located in Brooklyn, with her husband, Dennis Johnson, in 2001.

Dennis Johnson is a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop and a former journalist who created one of the world's first book blogs, MobyLives. He founded Melville House, an independent publishing company located in Brooklyn, with his wife, Valerie Merians, in 2001.

#### **Attachments**

#### **Photos of Valerie Merians and Dennis Johnson**

#### **About the Book Industry Guild of New York (BIGNY)**

BIGNY is a New York-based organization that serves the publishing industry and community. Since its inception in 1926, the Guild has provided professional development opportunities by hosting social and educational events, seminars, industry trips, and more. The Guild produces the annual New York Book Show, which celebrates outstanding achievements in book design and manufacturing. BIGNY also proudly organizes charitable events to promote literacy in the New York City metropolitan area.

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