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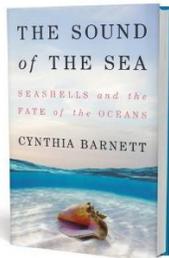
**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS AN AUTHOR TALK
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, CYNTHIA BARNETT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021, 4:00PM**

BOCA RATON, FL (October 14, 2021) – As part of its sustainability initiative for 2021, the Boca Raton Public Library is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with acclaimed environmental author, Cynthia Barnett, at its Downtown Library branch. Barnett will discuss her new book, *The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans*, a compelling history of seashells and the animals that make them, revealing what they tell us about nature, our changing oceans, and ourselves.

In *The Sound of the Sea*, Barnett blends cultural history and science to trace our long love affair with seashells and the hidden lives of the mollusks that make them. Spiraling out from the great cities of shell that once rose in North America to the warming waters of the Maldives and the slave castles of Ghana, Barnett has created an unforgettable account of the world's most iconic seashells. From the eerie calls of early shell trumpets to the evolutionary miracle of spines and spires, and the modern science of carbon capture inspired by shell, Barnett circles to her central point of listening to nature's wisdom—and acting on what seashells have to say about taking care of each other and our world.

Barnett is also the author of *Rain: A Natural and Cultural History*, longlisted for the National Book Award, and *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, which articulates a water ethic for America. Her first book, *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, won the gold medal for best nonfiction in the Florida Book Awards. Barnett has written for *National Geographic* magazine, the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications. Her numerous journalism awards include a national Sigma Delta Chi prize for investigative magazine reporting and eight Green Eyeshades, which recognize outstanding journalism in eleven southeastern states. Barnett teaches environmental journalism at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications.

This talk was made possible through a Florida Talks grant awarded to the Boca Raton Public Library. Funding for this program was provided by Florida Humanities and sponsored in part by State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Register for this free program through the calendar on the library website at bocalibrary.org. Barnett's books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.



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