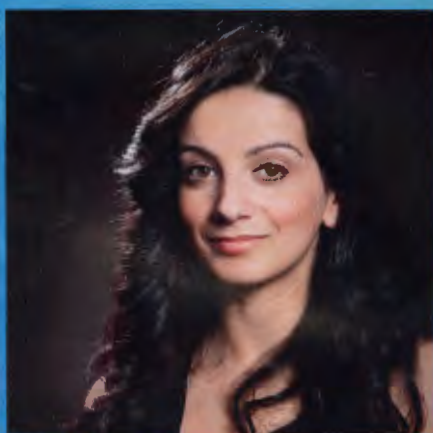


EHSAAS South Asian Readers and Writers Festival



Anosh Irani is the author of the acclaimed novels *The Cripple and His Talismans* and *The Song of Kahunsha*, which was a finalist for CBC Radio's Canada Reads and the Ethyl Wilson Fiction Prize, was published in thirteen countries, and was a best seller in Canada and Italy. Anosh will be headlining this event by reading from his latest book *Dahanu Road*. The story centres on Zairos, a dissolute young landowner's son living in the town of Dahanu, just outside Bombay. Soon Zairos has fallen in love with a tribal worker's daughter Kusum, and finds himself defying taboos with their relationship. At the same time his grandfather, Shapur, reveals to him the story of their family and of the land that Zairos stands to inherit. Violence and hatred echo through history, and Zairos learns the terrible truth his grandfather has spent a lifetime hiding.



Gurjinder Basran is the winner of the Search for the Great B.C. Novel contest. Gurjinder will be reading from her debut novel, *Everything was Goodbye* which centres around Meena, a young Indo Canadian woman growing up in the lower mainland of British Columbia. Raised by her tradition bound widowed mother, Meena knows the freedoms of her Canadian peers can never be hers, but unlike her sisters, she is reluctant to submit to a life that is defined by a suitable marriage. Through a narrative moving between race and culture, it is ultimately a story of love, loss and self acceptance amidst shifting cultural ideals.



Tariq Malik is the author of the acclaimed *Rainsongs of Kotli*. He will be reading from his recently released book, *Chanting Denied Shores*, which contains the narrative threads of the dislocated and disillusioned passengers of the Komagata Maru. His exploration of the possibilities and limits of hope and endurance spans two continents during the tumultuous decade from 1911 to 1921. It includes the startling revelation of deported passengers walking the railway tracks from Calgary to Vancouver barely ahead of the onset of winter.

Local Fraser Valley authors will also share their works

Tuesday, March 29 at 7pm
Room B101 - Theatre
UFV, Abbotsford campus
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