

# Literary Luncheon



*Laguna Beach Festival of Women Authors*

## Authors for 2020 Literary Luncheon

**JILL G. HALL** is the author of two historical novels, *The Black Velvet Coat: A Novel*, an international Book Award Finalist for Best New Fiction, and *The Silver Shoes*. Her poems have appeared in a variety of publications. According to one source, "Jill creates novels with unforgettable characters whose lives, though generations apart, are inexplicably intertwined, which gives you the qualities you want in great stories -- mystery, suspense, and romance." She is a seasoned presenter at seminars, readings, and community events, and also an artist and workshop facilitator. Jill lives in San Diego.

**MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD**, is the *New York Times* best-selling author of the novels *Astonish Me* and *Seating Arrangements* which won the Dylan Thomas Prize, and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for First Fiction. A third novel, *Great Circle*, is on its way. She is a graduate of Harvard and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, and she was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford. A frequent contributor to *Travel + Leisure Magazine*, Maggie is an avid traveler with a special passion for the polar regions. In 2012 and 2018, she was a National Magazine Award finalist for fiction. Maggie lives in Los Angeles.

**RUFI THORPE** grew up in Southern California, attended Eugene Lang College in New York at the age of 16 where she majored in literature and creative writing. She was accepted as a Henry Hoyns Fellow at the University of Virginia's MFA program. After some fun years of teaching composition to undergraduates, she sold her first novel, *The Girls from Corona Del Mar*, which was long-listed for the Dylan Thomas and Flaherty-Dunnan First Novel Prize. Ruffi's second novel, *Dear Fang, With Love*, came out in 2016 and her third novel, *The Knockout Queen*, is due in April 2020.