



NEW C-SPAN SERIES *AMERICA'S BOOK CLUB* LAUNCHES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

FIRST GUEST: JOHN GRISHAM

(Washington, DC, October 15, 2025) – **John Grisham** will be the first guest on C-SPAN's new series *America's Book Club*. The episode debuts on C-SPAN Sunday, October 19, 2024, at 6pmET and re-airs at 9pmET.

BACKGROUND:

America's Book Club is a bold new primetime series hosted by the distinguished author and interviewer David M. Rubenstein. Each week, the program welcomes influential writers and thinkers for engaging conversations about the ideas shaping our history, culture, and democracy.

C-SPAN is taping *America's Book Club* before audiences at some of the nation's most iconic public libraries and cultural landmarks—repositories of our nation's history and ideas—including the Library of Congress, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the White House Historical Association's Decatur House, and the National Archives. Each week, viewers will be invited into thought provoking conversations with leading authors, policymakers, business innovators, and cultural figures—exploring the ideas that shaped America's past, challenge the nation's present, and inspire our future.

GUESTS AND DATES:

Lineup and premier dates for *America's Book Club* episodes in the Fall of 2025:

- October 19: John Grisham

- October 26: Amy Coney Barrett
- November 02: Stacy Schiff
- November 09: David Grann
- November 16: Walter Isaacson
- November 23: José Andrés
- November 30: John Grisham
- December 07: Jodi Picoult
- December 14: Arthur Brooks
- December 21: Henry Louis Gates Jr.

AIRING INFO:

Each episode of *America's Book Club* will air on C-SPAN and will be simulcast on C-SPAN Radio weekly:

- Sundays at 6:00pm and 9:00pm ET and PT
- Sundays at 12:00am ET

In each case, episodes will re-air the following week as part of the Book TV lineup on C-SPAN2:

- Sundays at 7:00pm ET and PT

BONUS MATERIAL: *THE TREASURES*

In addition to their conversation, David Rubenstein and his guest author view priceless artifacts from the institutions that relate to the author's lives and careers. They also receive rare access to locations including the vaults of the National Archives, and the Folger Shakespeare Library. Among the *Treasures* viewers will see as series bonus material packages:

- The Treaty of Paris (viewed in the vault of the National Archives with Stacy Schiff)
- A Shakespeare First Folio (viewed in the vault of the Folger Shakespeare Library with David Grann)
- A list of John Grisham's novels graded by Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun (viewed at the Library of Congress with John Grisham)
- The full constitution, on display for the first time ever, at the National Archives (viewed with Walter Isaacson)

America's Book Club: The Treasures will be available on Sundays on C-SPAN.org, immediately following episode premieres (7pmET) and Sundays on C-SPAN 2 at 8:00 PM ET and PT.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY AND MORE INFORMATION:

Want to discuss *America's Book Club*? C-SPAN veteran Peter Slen is available for interviews. Senior executive producer of C-SPAN's Book TV for nearly two decades, Peter Slen is senior executive producer of *America's Book Club*.

See the America's Book Club [trailer here](#)

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