

Rosenberg Library Announces Museum Book Club Spring Selection

Rosenberg Library is pleased to announce its selection for the Spring 2017 Museum Club series: *Caught in the Revolution* by New York Times bestselling author Helen Rappaport. *Caught in the Revolution* tells the story of the Russian Revolution through the eyewitness accounts of foreign nationals who experienced it firsthand. The book was chosen because 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, an ideal occasion to reflect back on this extraordinary historical event.

The first meeting of the Spring Museum Book Club will take place on Wednesday, April 12 from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. A second session will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. The Museum Book Club will meet in the McCullough Room located on the library's 2nd floor. Light refreshments are provided at all sessions.

About The Book

During the spring of 1917, chaos was erupting in St. Petersburg, Russia. Inhabitants of the city at that time included not only Russians but foreign diplomats, journalists, businessmen, medical workers, and wealthy expatriates. These foreign nationalists wrote letters and kept diaries, recording the events they witnessed as the drama surrounding them unfolded.

Drawing on these rich accounts—many of which have never before been published—Helen Rappaport paints a startling picture of what life was like for those living in Russia during this tumultuous and uncertain time.

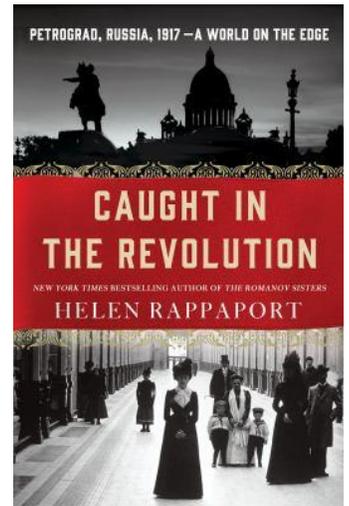
About the Author

Born in 1947, Helen Rappaport is a British historian, author, and actress. She studied Russian history and language at Leeds University where she was a member of the university's theatre group. After graduating, she launched a successful acting career, appearing in several television series.

By the late 1990s, Rappaport had transitioned from a professional actress into a full-time writer. Her works include: *An Encyclopedia of Women Social Reformers*, *The Last Days of the Romanovs*, and the *Romanov Sisters*. She has also written biographies of Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, and English monarchs Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

From the Permanent Collection

Rosenberg Library preserves an impressive array of art and artifacts from around the world, including objects from Russia. Book club participants will view WWI-era Russian dolls, a stunning 19th century Russian icon, and more.



Cover image of *Caught in the Revolution* by Helen Rappaport.

About the Museum Book Club

Rosenberg Library's Museum Book Club offers participants the chance to experience art and literature in a more interactive way. Members have the opportunity to view rarely exhibited art and historical artifacts from the library's permanent collection as they discuss related books.

Registration is required for all Museum Book Club meetings. Established book clubs are encouraged to participate. Groups of over 10 people are asked to call the Reference Desk in advance to arrange accommodations.

Caught in the Revolution is available as a [hard copy](#) at the library.