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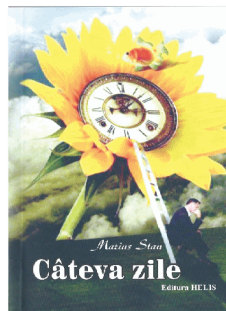
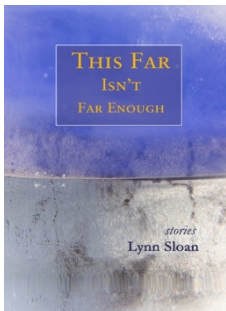



**Society of Midland Authors Meeting**


**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018. Panel discussion at 6:00 p.m.


**Where:** Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St. (Cindy Pritzker Auditorium)

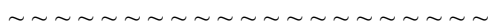
**The long and the short of  
Short story writing**



 **Lynn Sloan's** *This Far Isn't Far Enough* features 14 powerful, diverse short stories about people on the edge and ready "to leap." This includes a once-successful cook seeking a comeback with a popup restaurant; a failed actor assessing his life; a mother trying to connect with her estranged son; and a naive WWII army grunt trapped in a no-win battle with his superiors. Affecting and memorable, this collection demonstrates Lynn Sloan's penetrating understanding of loss, endurance and the undefeated spirit.

 **Marius Stan** is a scientist, author and actor, currently a Senior Scientist at Argonne National Laboratory and University of Chicago. His *Câteva Zile* ("A Few Days", published in Romanian) is a collection of short stories that capture the drama behind apparently trivial events: a birthday party, a meeting in the park or a bike tour. He is working on another collection of short stories in English. Stan is best known for playing carwash owner Bogdan in the hit TV series "Breaking Bad."

 **Maryse Meijer's** *Heartbreaker* features 13 edgy stories that cut sharp, deep and unforgiving. Her characters are a strange ensemble—including a feral child, a girl raised from the dead, a possible pedophile—who share in vulnerability and heartache, but maintain an unremitting will to survive. Meijer deals in desire and sex, femininity and masculinity, family and girlhood, while crafting a landscape of appetites threatening to self-destruct. Her writing is unflinching, exciting and ambitious.



***Free, open to the public. All welcome!***

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