

Author Rachel J. Lithgow Captivates Book Report Crowd at Celebrated Signing

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Acclaimed author, historian, and cultural leader Rachel J. Lithgow hosted a book signing event on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, at Book Report in Port Washington, New York. Lithgow shared both the highs and the cringe-worthy lows of re-entering the dating world following a high-profile Hollywood marriage.

It was a full house for Lithgow as she enchanted attendees at the event which was open to the public. Copies of *My Year of Really Bad Dates* were available for purchase and signing, and the evening concluded with an interactive Q&A session. Guests gathered for a special meet-and-greet with Lithgow, where they had the opportunity to engage in thoughtful conversation about the book and have their copies personally signed. Throughout the event, attendees mingled and relaxed in a cozy ambiance while sipping red, white, and rosé wines, as well as soda and other refreshments. Guests enjoyed a selection of delicious snacks, including a charcuterie spread. It was the perfect opportunity to unwind, connect with fellow attendees, and enjoy a memorable evening.

About Rachel J. Lithgow

A New York-born mother of two now based on Long Island, has dedicated over three decades to leading prominent cultural institutions around the world. A renowned historian and former cultural institution executive, her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Time*, *The Huffington Post*, and *The Jerusalem Post*, among others. Her memoir marks a bold new chapter in a career defined by transformation, leadership, and a deep commitment to truth and



Rachel J. Lithgow at Book Report. Photo Courtesy of Stefano Giovannini

storytelling.

As a celebrated writer, Lithgow brings an unusually candid voice to the dating-memoir genre. Lithgow's latest work was inspired by a series of life-altering events, most notably her long marriage into a prominent Hollywood family. As the former daughter-in-law of legendary actor John Lithgow, she faced the complex challenge of maintaining a public identity while undergoing a deeply personal evolution. Her individual journey forms the foundation of her message: empowering women, particularly those navigating midlife, to reclaim their voices and redefine what love, self-worth, and connection truly mean.



Rachel J. Lithgow Q & A at Book Report - Photo Courtesy of Stefano Giovannini

As Lithgow continues to host book events across the country, she has also become a sought-after voice on local and national television, where she offers dating advice grounded in lived experience rather than clichés. Through her advocacy and leadership, Lithgow continues to drive meaningful conversations and inspire action on critical humanitarian issues.

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The BookReport is such a magical place. The remarkable women who opened it two months ago have created a beautiful warm space for community, conversation and cohesion. It was one of my favorite events”

Rachel J. Lithgow

The New York native has written several screenplays and is actively working across multiple formats. Rachel is developing two completed, market-ready books, along with scripts intended for television and streaming platforms, establishing herself as a versatile television writer. Her projects include two screenplays and a historical fiction novel, *King David*, set in Queens between 1957 and 1977.

She is continuously developing works of fiction that are being adapted into a serialized television concept.

About Book Report

Book Report opened with a mission to create a welcoming, community-minded space for readers and local creatives. After a former bookstore closed due to COVID, owners Mara Silverstein and Kathleen Schechter saw an opportunity to bring an independent bookstore back to the community.

Book Report is passionate about supporting women authors and creating opportunities for diverse voices to be heard. Since opening in June 2026, Boook Report has hosted a growing number of events and worked to build strong connections with local writers, businesses, and readers. Their goal is to not only sell books, but to create a place where people can come together, discover new authors, support one another, and celebrate the local literary community.

To Purchase My Year of Really Bad Dates:

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