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FALL 2013 PROGRAMS

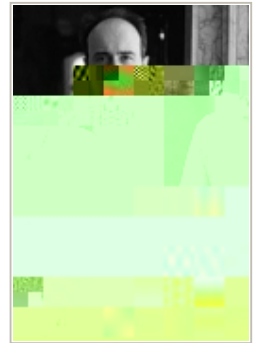
September 25, 2013

James Wood: Why? Fiction and the Biggest Question

Gasson 100

7:00 p.m.

James Wood has been a staff writer and book critic at *The New Yorker* since 2007. He was the chief literary critic at the *Guardian* in London, from 1992 to 1995, and a senior editor at *The New Republic* from 1995 to 2007. His critical essays have been collected in two volumes, *The Broken Estate: Essays on Literature and Belief* (1999) and *The Irresponsible Self: On Laughter and the Novel* (2004), which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. He is also the author of a novel, *The Book Against God* (2003), and a study of technique in the novel, *How Fiction Works* (2008). He lives in Boston, and teaches at Harvard University, where he is Professor of the Practice of Literary Criticism.



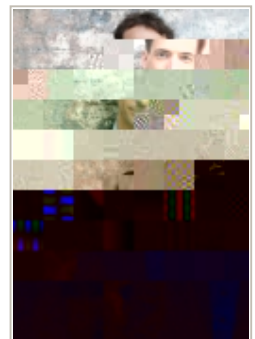
October 9, 2013

Paul Tough: *How Children Succeed*

Gasson 100

7:00 p.m.

Paul Tough is the author, most recently, of *How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Power of Character*.



, and on the op-ed page of the *New York Times*. He has worked as an editor at the *New York Times Magazine* and *Harper's Magazine* and as a reporter and producer for the public-radio program "This American Life." He was the founding editor of *Open Letters*, an online magazine.

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October 24, 2013

Bill McKibben: *350: The Most Important Number in the World*

McGuinn 121

7:00 p.m.

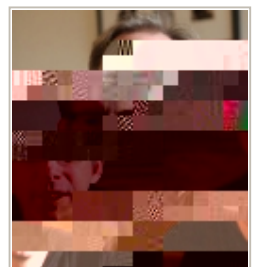
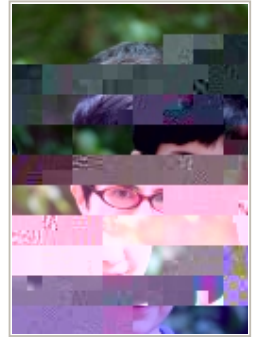
Bill McKibben is one of America's best known environmentalists. As a bestselling author, he has written books that, over the last quarter century, have shaped public perception—and public action—on climate change, alternative energy, and the need for more localized economies. McKibben is the founder of 350.org, the first big global grassroots climate change initiative. McKibben's seminal books include *The End of Nature*, widely seen as the first book on climate change for a general audience, and *Deep Economy*, a bold challenge to move beyond "growth" as the paramount economic ideal and to pursue prosperity in a more local direction—an idea that is the cornerstone of much sustainability discourse today.



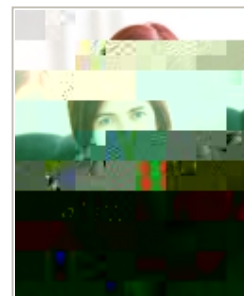
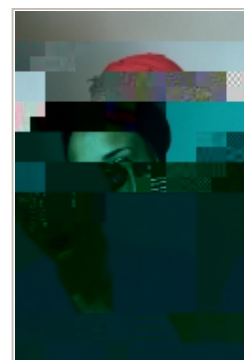
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October 30, 2013

Heather Nathans: *Seeing 6*



George Packer is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and the author, most recently, of *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America*, a *New York Times* bestseller and winner of the National Book Award for nonfiction in 2013. He has published three other works of nonfiction: *The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq* which received the



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