



**IAWA Features Gil Fagiani and NYTimes Best Selling Author Wally Lamb Sat., Sept. 10, 2016 at Cornelia St. Cafe**

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To celebrate its first 25 years, IAWA has co-sponsored events with organizations such as the Vito Marcantonio Forum's Author Series, participated in the NYC Poetry Festival on Governors Island and will be joining Bordighera Press at the Brooklyn Book Festival as well as a Bookend event on Sept. 15



at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. 2nd Saturday readings are the core of IAWA's activities and all are welcomed to read out loud.

[Wally Lamb](#) [2] [2] is the author of five New York Times' bestselling novels: *Wishin' and Hopin'*, *The Hour I First Believed*, *I Know This Much is True*, *She's Come Undone*, and most recently, *We Are Water*. Lamb also edited *Couldn't Keep It to Myself* and *I'll Fly Away*, two volumes of essays from students in his writing workshop at York Correctional Institution, a women's prison in Connecticut, where he has been a volunteer facilitator for the past 16 years. Lamb's forthcoming sixth work of fiction, [I'll Take You There](#) [3] will appear in November in both hardcover and digital form. The digital e-book will feature text, audio, music, and film. [www.wallylamb.net](http://www.wallylamb.net) [2]

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Gil Fagiani has published five books of poetry the most recent of which is *Logos* ([Guernica Editions](#) [4], 2015). Other collections include: *Stone Walls*, and *Chianti in Connecticut* published by [Bordighera Press](#) [5], *A Blanquito in El Barrio*, and *Rooks* published by [Rain Mountain Press](#) [6]; and three chapbooks, *Crossing 116th Street*, *Grandpa's Wine*, and *Serfs of Psychiatry*. Fagiani co-curates the Italian American Writers' Association's monthly reading series, co-founded the [Vito Marcantonio Forum](#) [7] and is an associate editor of [Fe \[8\]ile-Festa: A Literary Arts Magazine](#) [8]. He directed a residential treatment program for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts in downtown Brooklyn for 21 years. In February 2014, he was the subject of The New York Times' article by David Gonzalez, "[A Poet Mines Memories of Drug Addiction](#)." [9]"

The [It \[10\]alian American Writers Association](#) [10] is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Since 1991, IAWA has given voice to writers through its literary series every 2nd Saturday of the month. Readings begin with an Open Mic: IAWA-East is held even months at [Sidewalk Café](#) [11] and IAWA-West continues at [Cornelia Street Café](#) [12] on odd months. Visit and join us at [iawa.net](http://iawa.net)

COVER: \$10 includes complimentary drink.

CONTACT: [www.corneliastreetcafe.com](http://www.corneliastreetcafe.com); or 212-989-9319.

DIRECTIONS: Trains: A, B, C, D, E, F, and M to West 4th St. or 1 to Christopher St.-Sheridan Sq.

IAWA: [iawa.net](http://iawa.net) IAWA Newsletter: [newsletter@iawa.net](mailto:newsletter@iawa.net)

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#### Next IAWA Events & Readings

Sept. 15-18 [Brooklyn Book Festival](#) [14]

IAWA and [Bordighera Press](#) [5]

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Sept. 15 Thursday Brooklyn Book Festival:

[Bookend Panel BEYOND ELLIS ISLAND](#) [15]

Featuring Dr. Anthony Julian Tamburri, Mark Ciabattari, Louisa Ermelino, Maria Lisella, Mark Rotella and Robert Viscusi

212-642-2094

@ Calandra

25 W. 43rd St., NYC

October 8: Embroidered Stories -Edvige Giunta and Joseph Sciorra  
@Sidewalk Café

November: 12 Chuck Joy and Jennifer Militello @Cornelia St. Café

December 10, 2016: Emerging Writers Forum



#### Our Mission

IAWA promotes Italian American literature by encouraging the writing, reading, publication, distribution, translation, and study of writing by Italian American authors.

#### Circolo Letterario, Online Poetry Circle

Initiated in 2014 by Gil Fagiani and Nick Matros. Members are welcomed to join this online poetry workshop. Contact [fagianella@aol.com](mailto:fagianella@aol.com) [16]

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