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Invite you to a presentation on Webinar, Apr 7 at 11:00 a.m.
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Thomas Dyja

On his book *New York, New York, New York
Four Decades of Success, Excess, and Transformation*



Thomas Dyja will discuss his new book, *New York, New York, New York*, a sweeping account of the city's metamorphosis from the doldrums of the 1970s to the present, a New York that is (at least pre-Covid) wealthier, healthier, safer, and greener than ever. He will speak about the excesses of New York's high and low societies and how they have affected the city of today.

A master urbanist, Dyja will dissect the multiple forces that have revitalized the city, often with surprising results. He will assess the impact of strong-willed mayors, visionary city officials, powerful philanthropists, and dedicated reformers who were catalysts for change. His study offers an analysis of initiatives to improve the quality of life: falling crime rates, cleaner more reliable subways, affordable housing, the reclamation of parks and public spaces and more. He also shows the impact of technology and big data on city management and the effects of massive immigration on neighborhoods. He also considers some of the downsides of change, such as police overreach and historic income inequality.

Dyja will also highlight the New Yorkers who made this city a de facto capital of the world: from Hip Hop crews to Wall Street bankers; from Tina Brown, Andy Warhol, Woody Allen, Donald Trump, and Michael Bloomberg, to hipsters, community organizers, immigrants, and more.

The program is structured to offer the audience ample opportunity to pose questions about this dynamic period in New York's cultural and political history.

Copies of *New York, New York, New York* are available through *Diane's Books in Greenwich*.



Thomas Dyja has written three novels, a biography of civil rights activist Walter Francis White, and an historical book on Chicago, *The Third Coast*, which won the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the American Society of Landscape Architects Best Books choice, and other accolades. A native of Chicago, he moved to New York in 1980 to attend Columbia University and today lives in the Upper West Side.

Next Week: April 14, Dr. Khalil Habib, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Politics, Hillsdale College, Michigan, "Progressivism and its philosophical Roots."

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