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**2023 Book One Lecture with Mira Jacob, author of
'Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations'**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—Simon's Rock is pleased to welcome acclaimed novelist, memoirist, illustrator and cultural critic Mira Jacob for a talk reflecting on her award-winning graphic memoir and this year's Book One selection, *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations*, at the end of the month.

The lecture and Q&A will be held on Tuesday, August 29, at 7 p.m. in the McConnell Theater on the Simon's Rock campus. The event is open to the public and free of charge, and will be available on livestream.

Jacob's graphic memoir *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations* was shortlisted for the National Book Critics Circle Award, longlisted for the PEN Open Book Award, named a New York Times Notable Book, as well as a best book of the year by Time, Esquire, Publisher's Weekly, and Library Journal. Her previous novel, *The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing*, was a Barnes & Noble Discover New Writers pick, shortlisted for India's Tata First Literature Award, longlisted for the Brooklyn Literary Eagles Prize, and named one of the best books of 2014 by Kirkus Reviews, the Boston Globe, Goodreads, Bustle, and The Millions.

Jacob's work has also appeared in The New York Times Book Review, Electric Literature, Tin House, Literary Hub, Guernica, Vogue, and the Telegraph. She is currently the visiting professor at the MFA Creative Writing program at The New School, and a founding faculty member of the MFA Program at Randolph College. She is the co-founder of Pete's Reading Series in Brooklyn, where she spent 13 years bringing literary fiction, non-fiction, and poetry to Williamsburg.

You can join the free livestream for this event here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81866615743>

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