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THE @ MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES SPOTLIGHTS JOHN FREEMAN
AND HIS NEW BOOK, *HOW TO READ A NOVELIST*,
FOLLOWED BY A CONVERSATION WITH EDMUND WHITE

Wednesday, December 4, 7 PM, Macaulay Honors College, 35 West 67th Street

Award-winning writer, book critic and former editor of *Granta*, John Freeman reads from his dazzling new book, *How to Read a Novelist*, a wide-ranging compilation of writers on writing, and is joined in conversation by renowned novelist Edmund White.

(NEW YORK, NY – November TK, 2013) **The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES** is pleased to present **John Freeman** as he reads from *How to Read a Novelist*, his collection of interviews with and reflections on prominent writers. Culled from his contributions to more than 200 publications worldwide, they show his probing, thoughtful and empathetic scrutiny of such authors as Toni Morrison, Jonathan Safran Foer, E.L. Doctorow, Jennifer Egan, Dave Eggers, Haruki Murakami and A.S. Byatt, and more. Through encounters with some of the most gifted writers of our time, he explores with them their craft and their calling, their work habits and the little eccentricities of their lives, and triumphantly verifies that the art of the novel and the role of the novelist could not be more vital to our culture, commitments and self-knowledge. Notable among the writers in his book is leading novelist, essayist and pioneer of gay literature

Edmund White, who will pick up on Freeman’s reading as they discuss the implications of Freeman’s book and its meaning for novelists and readers everywhere.

“[Freeman writes about that complicated space between criticism and literary biography where all readers really live.” – *New York*

“Freeman’s conversations and observations uncover these authors’ obsessions, quirks, and nuances of character as if they’re characters themselves. – *The Millions*

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