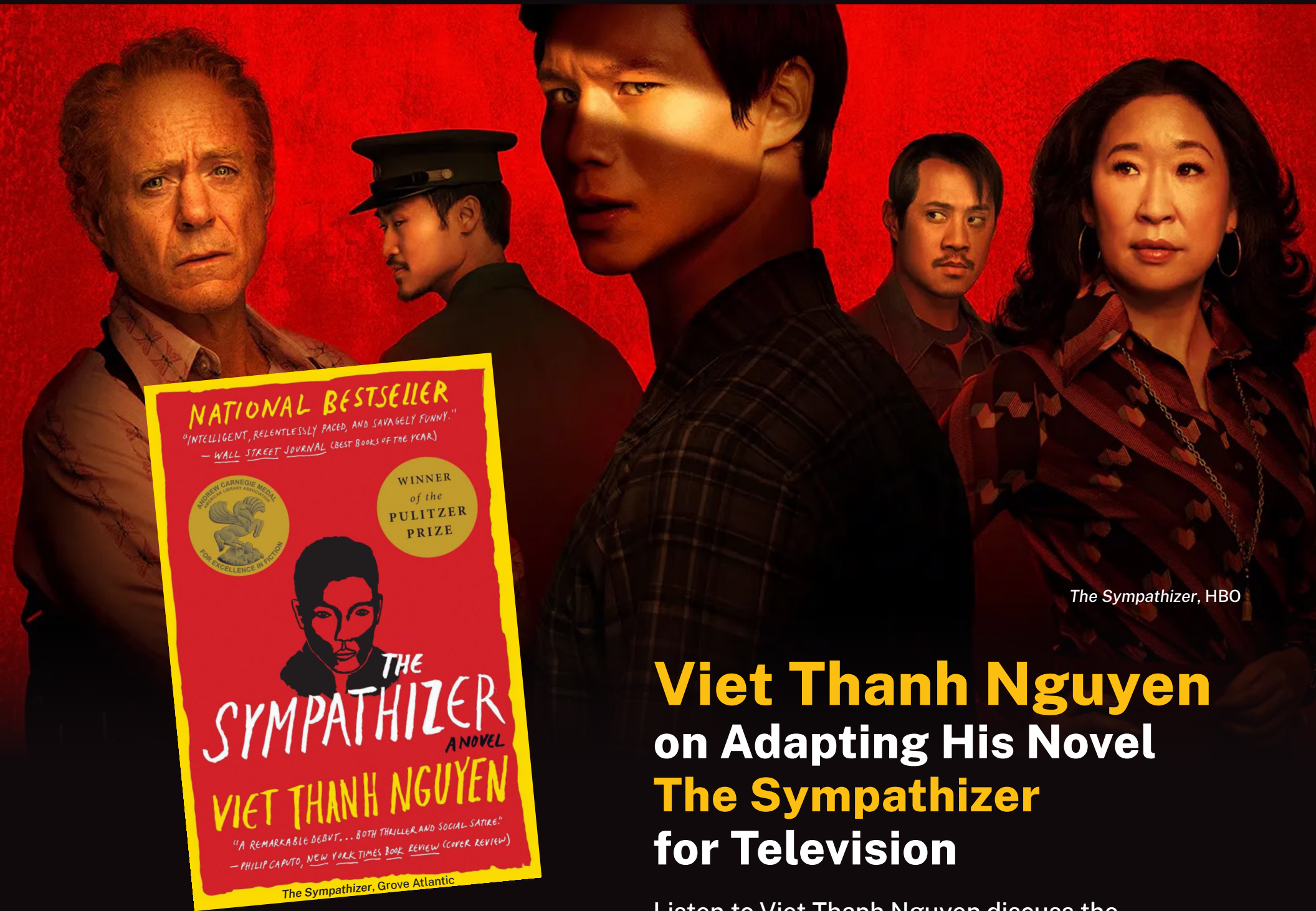


THE RUNSTAD LECTURE SERIES



The Sympathizer, HBO

Viet Thanh Nguyen on Adapting His Novel The Sympathizer for Television

Listen to Viet Thanh Nguyen discuss the challenges and rewards of adapting his Pulitzer Prize-winning spy novel about a half-Vietnamese, half-French communist double agent in the aftermath of the Vietnam War into a hit miniseries on HBO. The series stars Hoa Xuande, Robert Downey Jr., and Sandra Oh, with showrunner Park Chan-wook. A question-and-answer period after the talk will be moderated by Thomas Dai, assistant professor of English at University of Idaho. Viet's talk is free and open to the public.



VIET THANH NGUYEN and his family came to the United States as refugees during the Vietnam War in 1975. Viet is the author of *The Sympathizer*, *The Committed*, *The Refugees*, *Nothing Ever Dies:*

Vietnam and the Memory of War, the memoir *A Man of Two Faces*, the children's book *Simone*, and editor of *The Displaced*, among others. Regarding *The Sympathizer*, The New York Times says that it "fills a void...giving voice to the previously voiceless while it compels the rest of us to look at the events of forty years ago in a new light." Viet was the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Grant, with the MacArthur Foundation noting that Viet's work "not only offers insight into the experiences of refugees past and present, but also poses profound questions about how we might more accurately and conscientiously portray victims and adversaries of other wars." Viet lives in LA with his wife and two children.

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