

2017's One Book, One San Diego Selection.

✘ KPBS and San Diego Public Library are proud to ✘ present *The Sandcastle Girls* by New York Times bestselling novelist **Chris Bohjalian**.

The Sandcastle Girls is a multi-generational tale that spans nearly 100 years. It is initially set in Syria during World War I and focuses on the Armenian Genocide. “These days it is very important for me to tell people that I am the grandson of two Middle Eastern immigrants,” Bohjalian said. “We are a nation of refugees and immigrants. The novel is set in Aleppo – yes, that Aleppo that has broken all of our hearts the last five years – and the city as it appears in the novel exists now only in romance and memory.”