



# Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education

## Stephanie Land

*New York Times* bestselling author of *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*.

## Molly Smith Metzler

Award-winning playwright and screenwriter and the Emmy-nominated creator, writer, and executive producer of the Netflix limited series *Maid*.

**Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:00 PM (on Zoom)**

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**Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:00 PM, Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education, a FAN webinar featuring Stephanie Land, in conversation with Molly Smith Metzler.**

**BONUS BOOK GIVEAWAY!** We are giving away copies of *Class* to randomly selected Zoom attendees. Details on the webinar registration page.

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When **Stephanie Land** set out to write her memoir *Maid*, she never could have imagined what was to come. Handpicked by President Barack Obama as one of the best books of 2019, it was called “an eye-opening journey into the lives of the working poor” (*People*). Later it was adapted into the hit Netflix series *Maid*, which was viewed by 67 million households and was Netflix’s fourth most-watched show in 2021. Land’s escape out of poverty and abuse in search of a better life inspired millions.

*Maid* was a story about a housecleaner, but it was also a story about a woman with a dream. In ***Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education***, Land takes us with her as she finishes college and pursues her writing career. Facing barriers at every turn including a byzantine loan system, not having enough money for food, navigating the judgments of professors and fellow students who didn’t understand the demands of attending college while under the poverty line—Land finds a way to survive once again, finally graduating in her mid-thirties.

*Class* paints an intimate and heartbreaking portrait of motherhood as it converges and often conflicts with personal desire and professional ambition. Who has the right to create art? Who has the right to go to college? And what kind of work is valued in our culture? In clear, candid, and moving prose, *Class* grapples with these questions, offering a searing indictment of America’s educational system and an inspiring testimony of a mother’s triumph against all odds.

Land will be in conversation with award-winning playwright and screenwriter **Molly Smith Metzler**, the creator, writer, and executive producer of the Netflix limited series *Maid*, which earned her an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Writing of a Limited Series. *Maid* was nominated for three Emmy Awards, three Golden Globe Awards, two Critics Choice Awards, two TCA Awards, The Humanitas Prize, and more.

This event suitable for youth 12+. It will be recorded and available on FAN’s website and YouTube channel.

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