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RITZ & ESCOFFIER

"A Conversation with Luke Barr about Cesar Ritz,
Auguste Escoffier, and the Invention of Modern Luxury"

Author **Luke Barr** will describe the rise and fall—and rise again—of these two singular characters, how they brought *haute cuisine* to a wider public, how Escoffier reorganized the restaurant kitchen and simplified French cooking. He will explain how the dining room at the Savoy hotel in London and, later, at the Ritz in Paris exemplified the cosmopolitanism of the 1890s--places where aristocrats mingled with the nouveau riche, Americans and opera stars were welcomed, and women dined unaccompanied in public for the first time. Barr postulates that the DNA of the modern hotel and restaurant can be traced back to this *fin de siecle* period.

Dame **Mary Beth Albright**, food attorney, Food Network Star finalist, and WashPost Food Video host, will lead the conversation with Luke.

DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2019
PLACE: The Ritz-Carlton, Washington D.C.
1150 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
202-835-0500

TIME: 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
PRICE: (Includes menu at right)
\$75 for Members of Les Dames
\$85 for non-members
(non-members' price includes a \$10 tax-exempt
donation for LDEI-DC scholarships)

RESERVATIONS: www.lesdamesdc.org
Reservation or cancellation deadline
Monday, April 29, 2019

PARKING: Valet Only at the Ritz-Carlton \$8 (no self park)

METRO: Dupont Circle or Foggy Bottom

LE MENU

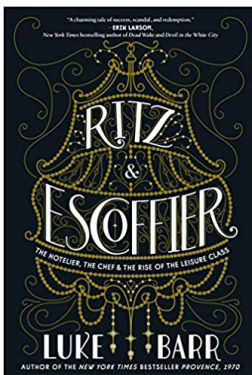
Hors d'oeuvres

Compliments of Dame Bev
Bates-Coakley and Stratford
University

Poulet "Façon Chasseur"
carottes et pommes de terre
Braised Chicken "Chasseur,"
carrots & roasted potatoes

Pêches Melba

Wine compliments of
Calvert Woodley
Fine Wines & Spirits



Luke Barr, the grand nephew of M.F.K. Fisher, is the author of *Ritz & Escoffier: the Hotelier, the Chef, and the Rise of the Leisure Class* (Clarkson Potter/Crown, 2018) and the New York Times bestseller *Provence, 1970: M.F.K. Fisher, Julia Child, James Beard, and the Re-invention of American Taste* (2013). Formerly he was the features director at *Travel + Leisure* magazine and the executive editor of *Gear*, a men's fashion magazine. He lives in Brooklyn.



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