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## **AUTHORS NIGHT WITH ROBERT ISENBERG EXPLORES TRAVEL WRITING AND LIVING IN COSTA RICA**

*Kick off your summer with stories of travel inspiration June 7th in downtown  
Phoenix*

**Phoenix, AZ** – The public is invited to join Arizona Humanities for a talk with local author Robert Isenberg. Isenberg will kick off your summer travels with stories and inspiration from his works, including his newest book, *The Green Season* about his life as a journalist in Costa Rica. The Authors Night takes place at the historic Ellis-Shackelford House in downtown Phoenix (1242 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004) on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. The program is free and light refreshments are included.

Isenberg describes his many years as a travel writer and journalist, scouring the globe for provocative stories. Hear about his rustic New England origins, life as a freelancer, and the evolving nature of long-form nonfiction. Considering a trip to Costa Rica? Ask him anything. This author night promises lively discussion about adventure in the age of the smartphone.

Seating is limited and guests are encouraged to RSVP at <https://robertisenbergauthorsnight.eventbrite.com> or call 602-257-0335.

**About *The Green Season*:** "A dynamic collection of essays and reportage, *The Green Season* illustrates daily life in Costa Rica, a tiny Central American nation dedicated to peace and teeming with tropical life. With his trademark humor and observation, Robert Isenberg describes the people, culture, and biodiversity that make Costa Rica so unique—from a centuries-old indigenous ceremony to a remote jungle crisscrossed by crocodile-filled canals. Isenberg explores the country head-on, fighting his way through San José traffic, mingling with venomous snakes, and even making a cameo in an epic soccer film at the height of World Cup fever. Richly detailed and tenderly written, *The Green Season* is one expat's love letter to his adoptive homeland."

**About Robert Isenberg** is a freelance writer, filmmaker, and stage performer. Most recently, he is the author of *The Green Season*, about his life as a journalist in Costa Rica. His work includes five books, 17 produced plays, dozens of short documentaries, a hundreds of articles for various magazines and newspapers. He created two one-man shows, *The Archipelago* (about his travels in postwar Bosnia) and *One Million Elephants* (about the Secret War in Laos). Isenberg is a past Whitford Fellow, Brackenridge Fellow, and recipient of two Golden Quill Awards, as well as a Pushcart Prize nominee. Visit him at [robertisenberg.net](http://robertisenberg.net).

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