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**ANDREI CODRESCU, AWARD-WINNING WRITER AND NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO COMMENTATOR, TO READ AT CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
*Andrei Codrescu will Read from his New Book, **Posthuman Dada Guide, an Impractical Guide to Living a Practical Life***

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library and San Diego Writers, Ink will host an author talk by award-winning author, poet and NPR-commentator on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Codrescu will read from his new book, *The Posthuman Dada Guide: Tzara and Lenin Play Chess*. The event is FREE to the public.

Andrei Codrescu shares a unique history of the Dada movement as told through a fictitious game of chess and offers a survival guide for all of us post-humans living our 21<sup>st</sup>-century lives.

What can an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century radical art movement tell us about life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? According to Codrescu, much like travelers in Rome or Beijing, we are tourists in this posthuman world and have a desperate need for a trustworthy guidebook that provides “the solace offered by the primal raw energy of Dada and its inhuman sources.”

Codrescu begins his manifesto-like guide with the imagined chess game between Tristan Tzara and V. I. Lenin. The poet and future mass murderer face off over the chessboard, neither realizing that they are playing for the world, but with Codrescu’s signature irreverent style, this epic battle between two poles of 20<sup>th</sup>- and 21<sup>st</sup>-century thought, politics, and life is molded into a brilliantly funny and Dadaesque guide to Dada.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Warwick’s Bookstore.

Andrei Codrescu was born in Sibiu, Romania, in 1946. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1966 and became a U.S. citizen in 1981. He is a poet, novelist, essayist, teacher, and lecturer.

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Codrescu is MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he edits *Exquisite Corpse: a Journal of Letters & Life*. He is also a regular commentator on National Public Radio and winner of the Peabody Award for the film “Road Scholar.” He received National Endowment for the Arts fellowships for poetry, and editing, the Romanian Literature Prize, the ACLU Freedom of Speech Award, and the Ovidius Prize.

San Diego Writers, Ink nurtures writers and those wishing to explore the craft of writing, in addition to fostering a literary community, promoting literature and celebrating artistic diversity. There is information about this organization online at [www.sandiegowriters.org](http://www.sandiegowriters.org).

Free parking is available at the Five Star Parking lots adjacent to the Library on the southeast corners of Broadway and on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for that evening.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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