



Akashic Books and LIVE from the NYPL Present a Pre-Fathers' Day Special: *Go the Fk to Sleep* author Adam Mansbach, illustrator Ricardo Cortés, and Special Guests**

Conversation with the Library's Paul Holdengräber on Children, Sleep Deprivation and Insomnia

Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the New York Public Library

Akashic Books in partnership with LIVE from the NYPL celebrate the official launch of Adam Mansbach's highly anticipated new book with illustrator Ricardo Cortés entitled *Go the F**k to Sleep*, a bedtime book for adults. The program takes place on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Celeste Bartos Forum of the Library's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building (Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street.)

Tickets – \$25 general admission and \$15 for friends of the Library, seniors and students with valid identification – are available through <http://www.showclix.com> or via phone at 1.888.718.4253.

*Go the F**k to Sleep* is a bedtime book for parents who live in the real world; profane, affectionate, and radically honest. California Book Award-winning author Adam Mansbach's verses perfectly capture the familiar—and unspoken—tribulations of putting our little angels to bed for the night. He begins a conversation about parenting in the process, granting us permission to admit our frustration, and laugh at its absurdity. Bright and whimsical hand-painted illustrations by Ricardo Cortés evoke the traditional bedtime story in clever contrast to Mansbach's hilarious verses. *Go the F**k to Sleep* is beautiful, subversive, and pants-wettingly funny—a book for parents new, old, and expectant.

*Go the F**k to Sleep* has already received an extraordinary amount of attention worldwide: prior to publication, the book skyrocketed to the top of Amazon's best-seller lists in both the U.S. and U.K., causing Akashic Books to advance its publication from October to June, generating buzz in the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, *New York Magazine*, *UK Daily Mail*, the *Today Show's* Mom blog, and many other international and national outlets. As Peter Maravelis of City Lights Bookstore in San Francisco told the *New York Times*: "It's the zeitgeist."

About Adam Mansbach

Mansbach's novels include *The End of the Jews*, winner of the California Book Award, and the best-selling *Angry Black White Boy*, a *San Francisco Chronicle* Best Book of 2005. His fiction and essays have appeared in the *New York Times Book Review*, the *Believer*, *Granta*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and many other publications. He is the 2010-2011 New Voices Professor of Fiction at Rutgers University. His daughter, Vivien, is three.

About Ricardo Cortés

Cortés has illustrated books about marijuana, electricity, the Jamaican bobsled team, and Chinese food. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *New York Magazine*, the *Village Voice*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and on the O'Reilly Factor and CNN. He lives in Brooklyn, NY, where he is working on a book about the history of Coca-Cola and cocaine. To see more of his work, visit: Rmcortes.com.

About Akashic Books

Akashic Books is an award-winning Brooklyn-based independent publisher established in 1997, dedicated to reverse gentrification of the literary world. Akashic specializes in urban literary fiction and political nonfiction . . . and children's books for adults.

About LIVE from the NYPL

LIVE from the NYPL is a series of vigorous and provocative conversations, debates, and performances at The New York Public Library, curated by Paul Holdengräber, Director of LIVE from the NYPL.

Participating speakers in the recent seasons have included Ferran Adrià, Reza Aslan, Paul Auster, Tina Brown, Edwidge Danticat, Angela Davis, Shepard Fairey, Umberto Eco, Frank Gehry, Werner Herzog, Christopher Hitchens, Jay-Z, Maira Kalman, Spike Lee, Lawrence Lessig, Bernard-Henri Lévy, Norman Mailer, Javier Marías, Frank McCourt, W.S. Merwin, Toni Morrison, Nandan Nilekani, Keith Richards, Salman Rushdie, Patti Smith, Zadie Smith, Derek Walcott, John Waters, The Velvet Underground, Slavoj Žižek, and many others. For more information, please visit www.nypl.org/live or email live@nypl.org.

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