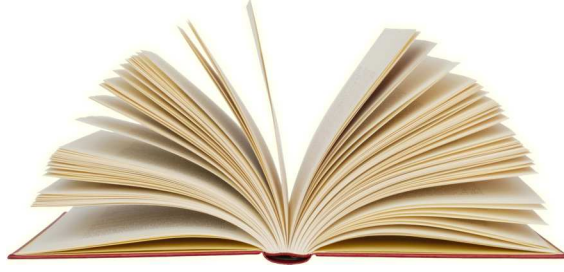


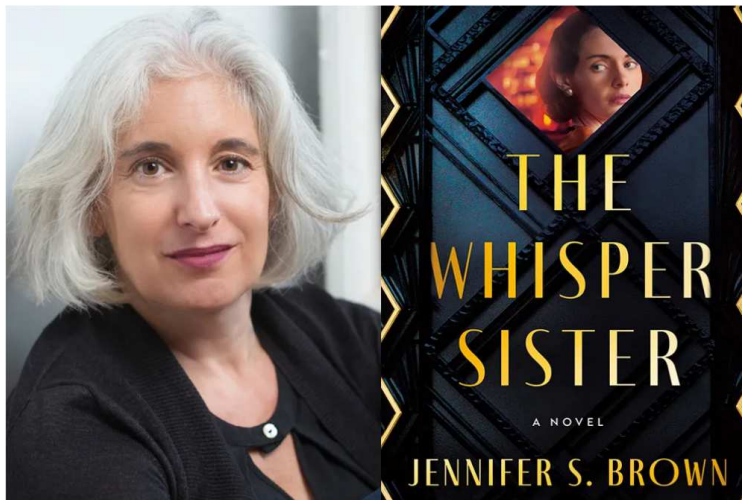
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## CONGREGATION TORAT EL

**Sunday, January 11, 11:00am**

**Meet Jennifer S. Brown, author of *The Whisper Sister***



The author of *Modern Girls* delivers an atmospheric coming-of-age story set in Prohibition-era New York, tracing one immigrant family's fortunes and a young girl's journey from the schoolyard to the speakeasy.

The streets of New York in 1920 are most certainly not paved with gold, as Minnie Soffer learns when she arrives at Ellis Island. Her father, who left Ukraine when Minnie was a toddler, feels like a stranger. She sleeps on a mattress on the kitchen floor. She understands nothing at school. They came to America for this?

As her family adjusts to this new life, Minnie and her brother work hard to learn English and make friends. When her father, Ike, opens his own soda shop, stability and citizenship seem within reach. But the soda shop is not what it seems; it's a front for Ike's real moneymaker: a speakeasy.

When tragedy strikes the Soffers, Minnie has no choice but to take over the bar. She's determined to make the speakeasy a success despite the risks it brings to herself, her family, and her freedom. At what price does the American dream come true? Minnie won't stop until she finds out.

Jennifer S. Brown's debut novel, *Modern Girls*, was a USA Today bestseller, a Massachusetts Book Award "Must Read," and a 2016 Goodreads Choice semifinalist for Historical Fiction. Her second historical novel, *The Whisper Sister*, takes place in the time of Prohibition. Jennifer teaches writing, both in person in the Boston area and online through the Loft Literary Center.

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