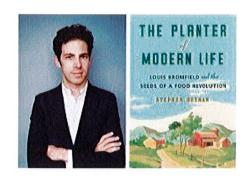
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A Zoom Author Visit with Stephen Heyman, author of THE PLANTER OF MODERN LIFE



Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Louis Bromfield was a World War I ambulance driver, a Paris expat, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist as famous as Hemingway or Fitzgerald. But he cashed in his literary success to finance a wild agrarian dream in his native Ohio, and the ideas he planted at his utopian experimental farm, Malabar, would inspire America's first generation of organic farmers and popularize the tenets of environmentalism years before Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*. This sweeping biography unearths a lost icon of American culture, a fascinating, hilarious and unclassifiable character who — between writing and plowing — also dabbled in politics and high society. Through it all, Bromfield fought for an agriculture that would enrich the soil and protect the planet. While his name has faded into obscurity, his mission is more critical today than ever.

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