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The Southwest Florida Reading Festival Authors Announced in time for Christmas Shopping!

Nationally acclaimed authors to visit Lee County!

FORT MYERS, Fla., Dec. 19, 2011 – The Lee County Library System is pleased to announce the Best Seller List of authors who will participate at the lucky 13th annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. The Reading Festival brings in nationally known authors from all over the country to stimulate the community with a culture of reading and literacy. The Festival is a day-long event filled with fascinating authors, dynamic presentations, cool programs and activities for kids, the latest library technology, contests, booksellers and book signings and good food, rain or shine! The Festival draws an average of 18,000 people annually. Some of the award-winning authors scheduled to speak at the festival include Erik Larson, Zane, Iris and Roy Johansen, Michael Palmer, Anna Godbersen and Michael Buckley. The complete list can be found below. The Reading Festival is free to the public and caters to all ages.

“This is exciting to announce. We hope that folks will shop for these author’s books and give the books as gifts then extend that gift by attending the Festival together!” says Margie Byers, Reading Festival Coordinator. “This is an outstanding event for families and people of all ages. There is an author for all tastes!” In addition to the author presentations there will be activities & entertainment, e-library demonstrations, kids’ and teens’ programs, a book for every child and a Festival marketplace full of vendors.

The Reading Festival is 100% community supported through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation. Complete author information, schedules of Festival activities, dates of partner events, directions to the event and more, are available for your convenience 24 hours a day at www.readfest.org or call 239-337-READ (7323).

Biographies and photos available on request.
Entire author list follows.

ADULT

Diana Abu-Jaber

Birds of Paradise (latest release)
Origin; The Language of Baklava

Lisa Black

Defensive Wounds (latest release)
Evidence of Murder

Deborah Crombie

No Mark Upon Her (latest release)
Necessary As Blood

Jane Green

Another Piece of My Heart (latest release)
Jemima J

Iris Johansen

Eve Duncan series – **most recent *Bonnie***
Shadow Zone

Roy Johansen

Shadow Zone (latest release)
Storm Cycle

Alex Kava

Maggie O'Dell series – **most recent *Hotwire***
One False Move

Erik Larson

In the Garden of Beasts
Devil in the White City

Daisy Martinez

Daisy's Holiday Cooking: Delicious Latin Recipes for Effortless Entertaining
Daisy: Morning, Noon and Night: Bringing Your Family Together with Everyday Latin Dishes

Michael Palmer

Oath of Office
A Heartbeat Away

Erica Spindler

Watch Me Die
Breakneck

Caroline Todd

A Lonely Death: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery

Thrity Umrigar

The World We Found (latest release)
The Space Between Us

Zane

Addicted
The Sex Chronicles: Shattering the Myth

TEEN

Anna Godbersen

Beautiful Days (latest release)

The Luxe

Nancy Holder

Crusade series – most recent *Crusade*

Possessions series

Lauren Oliver

Before I Fall

Delirium

Obert Skye

Leven Thumps series

Wonkenstein (latest title)

Debbie Viguie

Wicked Series- most recent *Wicked: Witch and Curse*

Wolf Springs Chronicles: Unleashed

KIDS

Michael Buckley

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society

The Sisters Grimm series

Christopher Paul Curtis

The Mighty Miss Malone

Bud, Not Buddy

Sara Pennypacker

Clementine

Clementine, Friend of the Week

Judith Schachner

Skippyjon Jones, Class Action (latest release)

Skippyjon Jones

David Ezra Stein

Interrupting Chicken

Love, Mouserella

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