

News Release

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Watermark Partners with Penguin for Author Series in Wichita: Four award-winning authors will make appearances in the coming months

Wichita, Kans. - Watermark Books & Café and Penguin Publishing Group have partnered to create a Penguin Author Series, featuring book events with prize-winning authors beginning in January 2012 and ending in May 2012. The authors include Deborah Harkness, Stewart O’Nan, T.C. Boyle, and Geraldine Brooks. All events are ticketed and will be held at Watermark, 4701 E. Douglas, Wichita.

“We are excited about our Penguin Author Series with Watermark Books . We’ve done individual events in the past and have always been pleased with the results,” said Maureen Donnelly, VP, Director of Publicity, Penguin Books. “We think this is an excellent opportunity to continue to brand our Penguin imprint as well as highlight an exceptional independent bookseller. I wouldn’t be surprised to see the 'author series' adopted by other smart booksellers.”

The authors and books included in the series are:

Deborah Harkness, author of “A Discovery of Witches” – Harkness will be at Watermark on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 for a 7:00 p.m. reading and signing.

For the past twenty-eight years Deborah Harkness has been a student and scholar of history, with degrees from Mount Holyoke College, Northwestern University, and the University of California at Davis. During that time she researched the history of magic and science in Europe, especially during the period from 1500 to 1700. Her wine blog, Good Wine Under \$20, has been applauded by the American Wine Blog Awards, Saveur.com, Wine & Spirits magazine, and Food & Wine magazine.

Stewart O’Nan, author of “The Odds” and “Emily, Alone” – O’Nan will be at Watermark on Thursday, January 26 for a 7:00 p.m. reading and signing.

Stewart O’Nan's award-winning fiction includes "Snow Angels," "A Prayer for the Dying," "Last Night at the Lobster," and "Emily, Alone." Granta named him one of America’s Best Young Novelists. He lives in Pittsburgh.

T.C. Boyle, author of “When the Killing’s Done” – Boyle will be at Watermark on Monday, March 12 for a 7:00 p.m. reading and signing.

T. Coraghessan Boyle is the author of twenty-two books of fiction, including, most recently, "After the Plague" (2001), "Drop City" (2003), "The Inner Circle" (2004), "Tooth and Claw" (2005), "The Human Fly" (2005), "Talk Talk" (2006), "The Women" (2009), "Wild Child" (2010) and "When the Killing's Done" (2011). He received a Ph.D. degree in Nineteenth Century British Literature from the University of Iowa in 1977, his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop in 1974, and his B.A. in English and

History from SUNY Potsdam in 1968. He has been a member of the English Department at the University of Southern California since 1978, where he is Distinguished Professor of English. His work has been translated into more than two dozen foreign languages and his stories have appeared in most of the major American magazines, including The New Yorker, Harper's, Esquire, The Atlantic Monthly, Playboy, The Paris Review, GQ, Antaeus, Granta and McSweeney's, and he has been the recipient of a number of literary awards. He currently lives near Santa Barbara with his wife and three children.

Geraldine Brooks, author of "Caleb's Crossing" – Brooks will be at Watermark on Thursday, May 17 for a 7:00 p.m. reading and signing.

Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an author and journalist who grew up in the Western suburbs of Sydney, and attended Bethlehem College Ashfield and the University of Sydney. She worked as a reporter for The Sydney Morning Herald for three years as a feature writer with a special interest in environmental issues. In 1982 she won the Greg Shackleton Australian News Correspondents scholarship to the journalism master's program at Columbia University in New York City. Later she worked for The Wall Street Journal, where she covered crises in the Middle East, Africa, and the Balkans. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 2006 for her novel "March." Her first novel, "Year of Wonders," is an international bestseller, and "People of the Book" is a New York Times bestseller translated into 20 languages. She is also the author of the nonfiction works "Nine Parts of Desire" and "Foreign Correspondence." She currently lives on Martha's Vineyard with her husband, author Tony Horwitz, and their two children.

"Penguin has put their confidence in Watermark and the community of Wichita Readers in partnering with us this one-of-a-kind author series," said Sarah Bagby, owner of Watermark Books & Café. "The response so far has been inspiring and we plan to build on the success of this year to provide the same kind of author events in the future."

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