

CRAZY 8s AUTHOR TOUR

Corvallis

October 15, 2015, 7:00pm

Where: Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis

Bookseller: Grass Roots Books and Music

FEATURING

DAN DEWEESE

Dan DeWeese's story collection, *Disorder*, was the inaugural pick of the Oregon Book Club. His novel, *You Don't Love This Man*, was nominated for an Oregon Book Award. He is Editor-in-Chief of *Propeller*, a web magazine of books and culture, and oversees the magazine's publishing imprint, Propeller Books. Learn more at www.dandeweese.net.



K.B. DIXON

K. B. Dixon's work has appeared in numerous magazines, newspapers, and journals. The recipient of an OAC Individual Artist Fellowship Award, he is the winner of both the Next Generation Indie Book Award and the Eric Hoffer Book Award. He is the author of seven novels: *The Sum of His Syndromes* (a finalist for an Oregon Book Award), *Andrew (A to Z)*, *A Painter's Life* (also a finalist for an Oregon Book Award), *The Ingram Interview*, *The Photo Album*, *Novel Ideas*, and *Notes* as well as the short story collection, *My Desk and I*. Learn more at www.kbdixonbooks.com.



CAI EMMONS

Cai Emmons is the author of the novels *His Mother's Son* and *The Stylist*. *His Mother's Son* was translated into French and German, was a Booksense and Literary Guild selection, and it won the Ken Kesey Award for Fiction. Emmons' short work has appeared in *TriQuarterly*, *Arts and Letters*, *Narrative Magazine*, *The Santa Monica Review*, *The New York Post*, and *Portland Monthly*, among others, and she has a selection in *Now Write: Writing Exercises from Today's Best Writers and Teachers*. Emmons holds degrees from Yale University, New York University, and the University of Oregon. Before turning to fiction she wrote for theater, film, and television, and since 2002 she has been teaching creative writing and screenwriting at the University of Oregon. Her most recently completed novel is called *Weather Woman*. Learn more at www.caiemmons.com.



LAUREN KESSLER

Lauren Kessler is an award-winning author, (semi) fearless immersion reporter and self-designated guinea pig journalist who combines lively narrative with deep research to explore everything from the wild, wild west of the anti-aging movement to the stormy seas of the mother-daughter relationship. Her eight works of narrative nonfiction include two Oregon Book Award winners, a Pacific Book Award winner and a book that landed her on David Letterman. Twice. Her new book, *Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts and My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker*, chronicles her journey to reclaim the daring of her girlhood by dancing the world's most popular ballet with a professional company. It's about shaking things up, taking risks and ignoring good sense. Learn more at www.laurenkessler.com.



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LISA OHLEN HARRIS

Lisa Ohlen Harris is a writer and editor living in Newberg. Her books include *The Fifth Season: A Daughter-in-Law's Memoir of Caregiving*, which was a finalist for an Oregon Book Award, and the *Middle East Memoir, Through the Veil*. Lisa teaches advanced essay and memoir writing classes online for Creative Nonfiction Foundation and is on the faculty of Southern New Hampshire University's online MA in English and Creative Writing. Learn more at www.lisaohlenharris.com.



ISMET PRICIC

Ismet Prcic was born in 1977 in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina and immigrated to the US in 1996. He holds an MFA in Writing from the University of California in Irvine. His debut novel, *Shards*, was published in 2011 by Grove Press to critical acclaim, winning the Sue Kaufman Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the LA Times, the Oregon Book Award and many others. It was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year and has been translated into nine languages. The author received a 2010 NEA award and co-wrote the screenplay for *Imperial Dreams*, which premiered in 2014 at the Sundance Film Festival and won the audience award in its category. Prcic lives in Portland. Learn more at www.ismetprcic.com.



PHILLIP MARGOLIN

Phillip Margolin grew up in New York City and Levittown, New York. In 1970, he graduated from New York University School of Law. His first job after law school was a clerkship with Herbert M. Schwab, Chief Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals. From 1972 until 1996, he was in private practice in Portland, specializing in criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels. *Heartstone* was his first novel, which was nominated for an Edgar for best original paperback mystery of 1978. His second novel, *The Last Innocent Man*, was made into an HBO movie. Since 1996, Phillip has been writing full-time and 17 of his novels have been *New York Times* bestsellers. His latest novel, *Woman with a Gun*, was published in December 2014. Learn more at www.phillipmargolin.com.



ELLEN WATERSTON

Ellen Waterston is poet, author and literary arts advocate. *Via Láctea* is Waterston's most recent title, a verse novel based on walking the Camino de Santiago in 2012; it will be premiered as an opera in June 2016. Her poetry awards include the WILLA and the Obsidian Prize for Poetry. Other titles include *Where the Crooked River Rises*, a collection of Waterston's award-winning essays, and a memoir, *Then There Was No Mountain*, rated one of the top ten books of 2003 by the Oregonian. After founding The Nature of Words, a non-profit for the literary arts, she passed the baton to focus on the Writing Ranch, which offers writing workshops and retreats. Waterston is at work on a second memoir and on *High Road*, which examines land use issues in the high desert. Learn more at www.writingranch.com.



GEORGE BYRON WRIGHT

George was born in The Dalles, Oregon, lived there until age seven, followed by short periods in Baker City, Tillamook and Roseburg. After a career in the nonprofit sector, he began work on novels set in those towns of his youth. His first novel, *Baker City 1948*, was followed by *Tillamook 1952*, and *Roseburg 1959*. George then moved on to contemporary fiction with his fourth novel, *Driving to Vernonia* before writing *Newport Blues, A Salesman's Lament. In the Wake of Our Misdeed* is his sixth novel. He and his wife Betsy live in Portland. Learn more at www.c3publications.com.



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An OREGON AUTHOR TOUR: 8 TOWNS • 8 BOOKSTORES • 8 EVENTS, and 27 AMAZING AUTHORS

EUGENE

September 12, 2015 • 3:00 p.m.
Eugene Public Library
100 W 10th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401
The Duck Store

SALEM

September 24, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.
Salem Public Library
585 Liberty Street SE
Salem, OR 97301
The Book Bin

STAYTON

October 22, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.
Stayton Public Library
515 N First Avenue
Stayton, OR 97383
Friends of the Library Used Book Store

BEAVERTON

November 5, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.
Beaverton City Library
12375 SW 5th Street
Beaverton, OR 97005
Jacobsen's Books

COTTAGE GROVE

September 18, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.
Cottage Grove Public Library
700 E Gibbs Avenue
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
Books on Main

CORVALLIS

October 15, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97330
Grass Roots Books

SEASIDE

October 29, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.
Seaside Public Library
1131 Broadway Street
Seaside, OR 97138
Beach Books

ALBANY

November 14, 2015 • 2:00 p.m.
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Avenue SE
Albany, OR 97322
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