CRAZY 8s AUTHOR TOUR

Cottage Grove

September 18, 2015, 6:00pm

Where: Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E Gibbs Avenue, Cottage Grove

Bookseller: Books on Main

FEATURING

RUTH TENZER FELDMAN

Ruth Tenzer Feldman has wandered away from two decades writing ten nonfiction books and scores of articles on history and science into the murky and mesmerizing world of historical fiction/fantasy. *Blue Thread*, which entwines a Portland suffragist and a biblical character across millennia, won the Oregon Book Award for young adult literature. A companion novel, *The Ninth Day*, weaves together the Berkeley's 1964 Free Speech Movement and 11th Century Paris. Ruth is working on "Book Three," which pairs 16th Century Istanbul with Portland in 2059. Learn more at www.ruthtenzerfeldman.com.



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.



LINDSAY HILL

Lindsay Hill was born in San Francisco and graduated from Bard College. Since 1974, he has published six books of poetry and his work has appeared in a wide variety of literary journals. *Sea of Hooks*, his first novel, was published by McPherson & Company in late 2013. *Sea of Hooks* won the 2014 PEN Center USA Fiction Award, the 2015 IPPY Gold Medal for Literary Fiction, and was also a finalist for the 2014 Oregon Book Award. Lindsay works in the nonprofit sector and lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, the painter Nita Hill. Learn more at hill4spiral.wix.com/sea-of-hooks.



ELLEN WATERSTON

Ellen Waterston is poet, author and literary arts advocate. *Vía 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.



KAREN KARBO

Karen Karbo is the author of fourteen award-winning novels and works of non-fiction, including the best-selling *Kick Ass Women* series. Her 2004 memoir, *The Stuff of Life*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book, a Books for a Better Life Award finalist, and winner of the Oregon Book Award for Creative Non-fiction. A recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction, Karen's three adult novels have also been named *New York Times* Notable Books. Her short stories, essays, articles and reviews have appeared in *Elle, Vogue, O, Esquire, Outside, The New York Times*, salon.com and other magazines. Learn more at www.karenkarbo.com.



GINA OCHSNER

Gina Ochsner lives in Keizer, Oregon and divides her time between writing and teaching with the Seattle Pacific Low-Residency MFA program. Ochsner has been awarded a John L. Simon Guggenheim grant and a grant from the National Endowment of Arts. Her stories have appeared in *The New Yorker, Tin House, Glimmertrain* and the *Kenyon Review*. She is the author of the short story collection *The Necessary Grace to Fall*, which received the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction and the story collection *People I Wanted to Be*. Both books received the Oregon Book Award. Her latest novel, *The Russian Dreambook of Colour and Flight*, has been called "heartbreaking and funny and deeply moving." Learn more at www.ginaochsner.com.



BILL CAMERON

Bill Cameron is the author of dark, gritty mysteries featuring Skin Kadash: *County Line, Day One, Chasing Smoke*, and *Lost Dog.* Bill's short stories have appeared in *Portland Noir, First Thrills, Deadly Treats, West Coast Crime Wave*, and *Killer Year*. His work has been nominated for multiple awards, including the Spotted Owl Award, the Left Coast Crime Rocky Award, and the 2011 CWA Short Story Dagger Award. In 2012, *County Line* was awarded the Spotted Owl for Best Northwest Mystery. *Property of the State*, a young adult mystery, will be available in June 2016 from The Poisoned Pencil. Bill also serves as webmaster for the Crazy 8s Author Tour. Learn more at www.bill-cameron.com.



ALEXIS M. SMITH

Alexis M. Smith was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. Her debut novel, *Glaciers*, was a finalist for the Ken Kesey Award for Fiction, and was both a Barnes & Noble Discover and a World Book Night 2013 selection. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish her second novel, *Marrow Island*, in 2016. Alexis attended Mount Holyoke College and Portland State University, and holds an MFA from Goddard College. Her interests include trail running, beach combing, bird watching, and jam making. She is 2015 Oregon Arts Commission Fellow. Learn more at www.alexismsmith.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

COTTAGE GROVE

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

SALEM

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

CORVALLIS

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

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

SEASIDE

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

BEAVERTON

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

ALBANY

November 14, 2015 ◆ 2:00 p.m. Albany Public Library 2450 14th Avenue SE Albany, OR 97322 Grass Roots Books