

## Idaho Writers' Update - Vol. III, Issue II

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Greetings.

The *Update* is your literary resource, and we appreciate your interest and involvement. We encourage you to pass this email on to others. If you are reading the *Update* for the first time and wish to subscribe, please send me your email address with "Subscribe" in the subject line. This is a free service.

To submit news items, deadlines are the 15th and 30th of each month. I look forward to including your activities. If you are responsible for publicity, please put us on your media list for news releases.

**(I generally do not edit submissions, and do not guarantee accuracy of content.)**

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We are pleased to announce that the *Update* is supported in part by a recent grant from the Boise City Department of Arts and History.

Betty Rodgers

"One must be drenched in words,  
literally soaked in them, to have the right ones form themselves  
into the proper patterns at the right moment."

-Hart Crane

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Refer to the Update anytime online at:

[http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers/Idaho\\_Writers\\_Update.html](http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers/Idaho_Writers_Update.html).

**Deadline Jan 28 - The *Idaho Statesman* wants your help!** According to Greg Hahn, the Statesman is working with The Cabin in helping the community choose the 2010 "Big Read," but they don't have your vote yet!

Dan Popkey wrote about the 2009 pick and how we're picking the 2010 book here:  
<http://www.idahostatesman.com/popkey/story/610900.html>

You can vote for the 2010 book here:  
<http://www.idahostatesman.com/bigread/> **Vote today.**

For the current 2009 Big Read (Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*) events happening now:

[http://media.idahostatesman.com/smedia/2009/01/12/19/Big\\_Read\\_events\\_09.source.prod\\_affiliate.36.pdf](http://media.idahostatesman.com/smedia/2009/01/12/19/Big_Read_events_09.source.prod_affiliate.36.pdf)

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**Almost-zero-hour deadline: January 31**

**Idaho Magazine's popular fiction contest**

Click here for details: [http://idahomagazine.com/news\\_fiction.asp](http://idahomagazine.com/news_fiction.asp)

## **BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS -**

<http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html> Join successful and aspiring nonfiction writers as we learn from guest speakers and from each other through discussion and critique.

**BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Critique Group** meets to share critiques and ideas in a supportive and helpful atmosphere. **Wednesdays, January 21, February 18, and March 18, 2009, 7-8:30 pm**, at a member's home. Contact [jancarpenter12@hotmail.com](mailto:jancarpenter12@hotmail.com) for location.

## **BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Speaker Series -**

**FROM BLANK PAGE TO AMAZON IN 150 DAYS OR LESS.** Join **Maryanna Young**, author and editor of *Don't Miss Your Boat* book series and business strategies consultant with Personal Value Coaching (<http://www.blanktobook.com/>), as she helps us get moving and keep moving on our writing projects. **Wednesday February 4, 2009, 6:30-8 pm** (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: [cindysalo@hotmail.com](mailto:cindysalo@hotmail.com). <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

**BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Speaker Series. READING, WRITING, AND ROME.** Join **Anthony Doerr**, Idaho's Writer-in-Residence, as he reads from his work and describes his journey as a writer. **Wednesday March 4, 2009, 6:30-8 pm** (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org> 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: [cindysalo@hotmail.com](mailto:cindysalo@hotmail.com). <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

**Boise Poetry Slam: January & February**

[www.boisepoetry.com](http://www.boisepoetry.com)

*Holy cow do we have a whole heap of Poetry Slam events in our near future!*

## **Monday, Jan. 19:**

**What:** Poetry Slam deLux featuring Jesse Parent

**When:** sign-ups at 7:30, slam at 8

**Where:** PENGILLY'S SALOON 513 W Main (different location than usual)

**Cost:** \$5

**Ages:** 21 and up

**What:** Reading and Workshop Series with Jesse Parent

**When:** 5pm

**Where:** BSU Student Union Building

**Cost:** FREE

**Ages:** ALL AGES

## **Tuesday, Jan 20:**

**What:** Reading and Book Signing with Patricia Smith (*four-time national individual Poetry Slam Champ*)

**When:** Reading 7-8pm; Book Signing 8-9pm

**Where:** **BSU Student Union Building** Reading is in Hatch Ballroom, Book Signing is in Barnwell Room

**Cost:** FREE

**Ages:** ALL AGES

## **Friday, Jan 30**

**What:** Wine Slam Poetry Slam Showcase and Wine Tasting

**When:** 7:30pm

**Where:** **Bueno Cheapo Vino** 770 S Vista Ave.

**Cost:** FREE but space is limited, so RSVP asap to [heidi@buenocheapovino.com](mailto:heidi@buenocheapovino.com) or call 336-0394

**Ages:** 21 and up (it's a wine tasting--what did you think?)

## **Tuesday, Feb 2**

**What:** Slam of Steel All Ages Poetry Slam and Workshop

**When:** Workshop at 6pm, Slam at 7pm

**Where:** **Woman of Steel Gallery** 3640 Chinden

**Cost:** \$5

**Ages:** ALL AGES!

Big Tree Arts is a non-profit organization formed to promote performance poetry in Boise and beyond.  
Contact: Cheryl Maddalena, 208-426-0383, [cheryl\\_maddalena@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl_maddalena@yahoo.com)

## Coffee & a Classic

**Meridian Public Library**

**1326 W. Cherry Lane**

**Wednesday, Feb. 11th**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Join us Wed., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, as we discuss ***Babbitt*** by Sinclair Lewis. This satire of 1920's American culture still rings true today. Our "Coffee & A Classic" book club meets the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, email Megan at [largecoffee@msn.com](mailto:largecoffee@msn.com) or talk to Greg at the library's Information Desk. (208) 888-4451.

## Idaho's Ahsahta Press goes to NYC!

**Mark your calendars! Tues., Jan. 27, 6 p.m., free**

Boog City presents

d.a. levy lives: celebrating the renegade press (Ahsahta Press, Boise)

ACA Galleries, 529 W. 20th St., 5th Flr., NYC

Event will be hosted by Idaho's Ahsahta Press director and editor Janet Holmes.

Featured readings from:

Paige Ackerson-Kiely

Susan Briante

Kate Greenstreet

Kath Jesme

Kristi Maxwell

Stephanie Strickland

with music from Jesse Schoen

There will be wine, cheese, and crackers, too.

Curated and with an introduction by Boog City editor David Kirschenbaum

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Ahsahta Press was founded in 1974 at Boise State University; in 2000, Janet Holmes was named director and editor. The press seeks out poetry with an innovative twist and the kind of attention to language that pushes beyond craft into art; it produces books whose design takes these high standards as well. The Sawtooth Poetry Prize, established in 2001, has gone to Aaron McCollough, Graham Foust, Noah Eli Gordon, Karla Kelsey, and Paige Ackerson-Kiely; Rusty Morrison, who received the sixth Sawtooth award, was recently also awarded the James Laughlin Prize from the Academy of American Poets; recent winner

Barbara Maloutas is author of the *Whole Marie*, published this month. Rae Armantrout will judge the awards in 2009. The name "Ahsahta" comes from the Mandan word for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, and was first recorded by the Lewis and Clark expedition in Idaho.

**THE WRITE PATH - WINTER CLASSES** - - 1517 West Jefferson Street, Boise, ID . 208-385-0888 . Facilitated by **Susan Reuling Furness**, M.Ed., LCPC, LMFT, PTR. More information at [www.writepath.org](http://www.writepath.org)

**1) WRITE A NEW TUNE WHEN YOU'RE SINGIN' THE BLUES** Ongoing Group: Meets every Tuesday. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **\$320 for 8 weeks**. Insurance reimbursement and senior discounts available. Ask about WP Scholarships. Facilitated journal-writing group. Self-exploration and creativity combine to heal grief, depression, and anxiety - the blue notes in your life. If you can write a list, you are ready. Space Limited. Call 208-385-0888 or email: [writing@writepath.org](mailto:writing@writepath.org).

**2) WOMEN'S GROUP: WRITING THE WINDS OF CHANGE - THE NEXT STEP:** 8-week group. Wednesdays, January 21 - March 18. 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **\$300 before January 6, \$320 after January 6**. Insurance reimbursement, senior discounts available. Ask about WP Scholarships. Facilitated journal-writing group. Regardless of the source of your loss or change, we will help you navigate toward a bright tomorrow. Untangle the confusion and mystery of riding the winds of change. If you can make a list, you are ready. Space limited. Call 208-385-0888 or email: [writing@writepath.org](mailto:writing@writepath.org).

***The Library! at Hillcrest*** invites adult readers to join our Wednesday night book club, offered on the fourth Wednesday evening each month at 7 p.m. The first meeting is set for **Wednesday, January 28**, and features *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, by David Sedaris. Copies are available for checkout at all Boise Public Library sites. To register, or for more information, please call 562-4996. The Library! at Hillcrest is a branch of Boise Public Library, and is located in the Hillcrest Shopping Center at Orchard Street and Overland Road.

## **Literature for lunch: January - May 2009**

Join English Professors Carol Martin and Cheryl Hindrichs once a month for an interesting literary book discussion at the Boise Public Library, 715 Capitol Blvd.. Discussions run from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Hayes Auditorium. They're free, open to the public, and do not require reservations. Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch.

**Friday, January 30.** *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad

**Friday, February 27.** *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe

**Friday, April 3.** *A Grain of Wheat*, by Ngugi wa Thiong'o

**Friday, May 1.** *Disgrace* by J.M. Coetzee

Check the library's [catalog](#) to see if a given book is currently available for checkout. Library cardholders may reserve a book for pick up or to be placed in the queue for books that are checked out.

Books are available at the [Vista Book Gallery](#) in the Vista Village shopping area and at the [BSU Bookstore](#):

- The Vista Book Gallery offers a 20% discount to discussion participants. Note the store's new location at the south end of Vista Village.
- The BSU Bookstore provides a 25% discount to participants, and will validate 1/2 hour parking in the Administration Building lot (turn in at the light at the intersection of University Drive and Joyce Street). The bookstore is located in the Student Union Building (SUB).

For more information, contact Carol Martin, [cmartin@boisestate.edu](mailto:cmartin@boisestate.edu) or 426-1179 or Cheryl Hindrichs, 426-7072, [cherylhindrichs@boisestate.edu](mailto:cherylhindrichs@boisestate.edu).

## ***JANUARY AT REDISCOVERED BOOKSHOP:***

\*Story Time: Terrific Tales Story Time

- For children ages 3-8 with stories, songs, and a visit from Chaucer, the Bookstore  
Cat. 10:30 a.m., every Fri. FREE.

\*NaNoWriMo Critique Group

- Although the novels are written, there is much more work to do! We're meeting throughout the year on the second and fourth Sundays of the month to edit, critique, and encourage the continuation of writing. Sun., **Jan. 25**, 2:00-4:00 p.m., FREE.

\*G.A.S.P.: A Girls Only Book Group

- In January we are reading the first book in Brandon Sanderson's Alcatraz series, *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*. On his 13th birthday Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand that helps the owner to achieve world domination, which is quickly stolen by the cult of evil Librarians plotting to take over the world. Alcatraz must stop them, using nothing but eyeglasses and his talent for klutziness. **Thurs., Jan. 22**, 4 p.m., FREE.

\*Christian Fiction Writers Group

- Authors and aspiring authors are meeting this month to share ideas and critiques about the world of Christian fiction. This is a very friendly group, come and check it out. **Thurs., Jan. 22**, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

\*Eclectic Reader Book Group

- The Eclectic Readers are picking up Khaled Hosseini's latest novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* in January, which is at once an incredible chronicle of 30 years of Afghan history and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation found in love. Mon., **Jan. 26**, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

### **Rediscovered Bookshop**

7079 Overland Rd

Boise ID 83709

208-376-4229

[www.rediscoveredbookshop](http://www.rediscoveredbookshop)

**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITH POETRY SLAM & LECTURE**

Boise State University's Martin Luther King Jr./Human Rights Celebration will honor the slain civil rights leader's legacy with three events the week of Jan. 19. All events are free and open to the public.

. The annual March and Rally will be held at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 19. Marchers may gather in the Student Union Hatch Ballroom on the second floor at 9:30 a.m.; the march begins at 10:45 a.m. and will culminate in a rally at the Boise City Hall Plaza.

. A poetry slam at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Student Union Hatch Ballroom will feature Patricia Smith. A reception and book signing will follow at 8 p.m. Smith is a well-known poetry performer who has read her work at venues from Stockholm to Georgia. Her book of poetry, "Blood Dazzler," was a 2008 National Book Award Finalist. The book follows Hurricane Katrina from Aug. 23, 2005, when it formed, to its aftermath. The poet Mark Doty wrote, "With her radiant powers of empathy, her fiercely acute ear for the musical possibilities of American speech, and her undiluted rage, Patricia Smith makes in Katrina's wake a sorrowful, unflinching, and glorious book." She also is the author of "Teahouse of the Almighty," which was a National Poetry Series winner.

. The keynote presentation at 6 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom will feature noted activist, feminist and author Rebecca Walker. Walker's most recent book is the memoir "Baby Love: Choosing Motherhood After a Lifetime of Ambivalence." Her other works include "Black, White and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self" and "To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism." Walker is considered one of the foremost voices of "third-wave" feminism and has spoken at universities such as MIT and Stanford as well as in front of companies such as Microsoft and Sony Music.

For more information about this year's events, visit <http://mlk.boisestate.edu>.

## **Robbie Burns Night**

**Sat, January 24, 6 p.m., Doubletree Riverside, 2900 Chinden Blvd., Garden City.** The **Boise Caledonian Society** will celebrate the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday of poet **Robert Burns** with a traditional dinner, the Boise Highlanders, and others. \$27 general, \$12 ages 4 - 11. Tickets available at **Wee Bit O'Scotland**, 4501 Emerald Street, Boise. 331-5675. Advance tickets required by January 20.

## ***Garden City Library: Book Nook Dollar Book Sale***

Book sale to benefit the Garden City Library. Proceeds will go toward books, equipment, and other library materials. **January 26, 27, 28.** 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Lobby of the Garden City Library, 6015 Glenwood St., Garden City 83714. For more information call 472-2940.

## **From The Cabin:**

### **Tickets Now! Aimee Bender w/ Anthony Doerr**

The Cabin will bring present authors **Aimee Bender** with **Anthony Doerr** in its upcoming READINGS & CONVERSATIONS series. They will appear at The Egyptian Theatre on **Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30 PM.**

Known for her surreal and fantastic plots, Aimee Bender's tales of magical realism are infectiously fun, deeply moving, and full of surprises. Her short story debut, *The Girl in the Flammable Skirt*, was a New York Times Notable Book in 1998, followed by her first novel, *An Invisible Sign of My Own* (2001). The recipient of two Pushcart Prizes, Ms. Bender's collection of stories, *Willful Creatures* (2005), was nominated by *The Believer* as one of the best books of the year. Her work has appeared in Harper's, McSweeney's, *The Paris Review*, and many other publications as well as being featured on NPR's *This American Life*.

Tony Doerr is Idaho's Writer-in-Residence and the author of *The Shell Collector*, *About Grace*, and *Four Seasons in Rome*. His short fiction has won three O. Henry Prizes and been anthologized in numerous publications. His books have been a New York Times Notable Book, an American Library Association Book of the Year, a 'Book of the Year' in the *Washington Post*, and a finalist for the PEN USA fiction award.

READINGS & CONVERSATIONS is The Cabin's annual series that brings nationally-acclaimed authors to Boise. Tickets are available at The Cabin at **331-8000**. All seating is reserved. Cabin members and current ticket holders are asked to donate their tickets if they are not able to attend. For further information, visit [www.TheCabinIdaho.org](http://www.TheCabinIdaho.org).

#### **Where's the Falcon? Big Read 2009**

This year's book is *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. Help find the missing falcon! Clues in the Statesman. Check out all the activities and events for this year's Big Read.

#### **Alan Heathcock Fiction Workshop**

Award-winning writer Alan Heathcock will share what he's learned about the art of writing and preparing work for publication in this 9-week workshop starting **January 27**. Open to writers of all levels/all genres.

**For more info, visit <http://TheCabinIdaho.org>**

#### **The Idaho Inklings General Meeting**

Join us for the first general meeting of the Idaho Inklings: a non-profit, non-denominational literary discussion group dedicated to the enjoyment of fantasy literature and mythic criticism. The goal of is to bring together members of our community who have a shared passion for the works of such famous Inklings as C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy Sayers, Ursula Le Guin, J.R. Rowling and others.

Date: Monday, February 9th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702

For further information or questions, contact **Jim Stockton** at 426-2127 or email: [jstockto@boisestate.edu](mailto:jstockto@boisestate.edu)

#### **Drop-In Writing Workshops with Norman Weinstein**

All are welcome to attend this informal community workshop for writers at all levels. Mr. Weinstein is a poet and critic writing about poetry, music, architecture and design. He is

the author of a book about jazz, another on Gertrude Stein's writing, and six books of poetry. He currently reviews jazz for *The Christian Science Monitor* as well as the literature of architecture and design for *Architectural Record*. Bring pen and paper and a willingness to explore. **The workshops are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at The Cabin. Free.**

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**WRITE THAT BOOK! WORKSHOP** - Been meaning to write a nonfiction book...someday? Here's your chance to get started. Copywriter, editor, and writing coach **Peggy Jordan** is offering a new, quick-start version of her popular Biz Book Writers Workshop. It's a low-cost, low-commitment way to test the waters and see what the book-writing process looks and feels like.

Dates: Wednesdays, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, and Feb 25

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm

Cost: \$197 covers all 5 sessions

Place: Thomas Hammer Coffee Board Room, 298 North 8th Street, Boise.

Participants will get the structure, direction, and inspiration they need to turn ideas into content while enjoying the camaraderie and accountability of a roomful of supportive peers. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, visit <http://www.workingbizwords.com/book-writers-workshops/> or call Peggy Jordan at 208-286-2594.

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***Writer's Workshops at True North Creative Learning Center in Downtown Eagle*** - Instructor Ken Rodgers, MFA

- . **Low-Fat Fiction: Get to the sinew, muscle, and gristle. Begins Feb. 4**
- . **A Fistful of Pieces: Investigating Memoir. Begins Feb. 9**
- . **Prosody-The Basics of Poetry: Line, Imagery, Syntax, Diction, Repetition Begins Feb. 9**
- . **Novel Class - write a complete novel. Begins Feb. 14**

For information or to register: <http://www.kennethrodgers.com/Workshops.html> or [http://www.truenorthclc.com/?page\\_id=26](http://www.truenorthclc.com/?page_id=26)

***At The Flicks - Movies based on literature or literary subject matter:***

**Doubt - Now showing** - Based on the 2005 *Pulitzer Prize* and *Tony* winning play written by **John Patrick Shanley**, *Doubt* is set in a Catholic school in 1964 New York. Sister Aloysius Beauvier, (**Meryl Streep**) suspects Father Flynn (**Philip Seymour Hoffman**) of molesting a student, Donald Muller. Donald, played by **Joseph Foster**, is the school's first black student. **Amy Adams** plays Sister James. Shanley adapted his rapid-fire dialogue-driven play for the screen. ?

**The Reader - Now showing** - **Kate Winslet** stars in a post World War II romantic drama set in Germany. It tells the tale of a 15-year-old German boy who falls in love with a

woman twice his age who is hiding a dark secret -- her role in the Holocaust. **Stephen Daldry** (*The Hours*) directs from a best selling novel by **Bernard Schlink** adapted for the screen by **David Hare**. **Ralph Fiennes**, **Bruno Ganz** and **David Kross** co-star. ?

**Slumdog Millionaire**- *Now showing* - British director **Danny Boyle** travels to India to tell the story of Jamal (**Dev Patel**) an 18 year old from the slums of Mumbai who becomes an instant celebrity when he appears on their *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. Cinematographer **Anthony Dod Mantle** captures India's colorful vibrancy, screenwriter **Simon Beaufoy** keeps a nearly epic story fast-paced and lively. Based on the novel by **Vikas Swarup**. ?

**A Secret** - *Opens January 23* - In post World War II Paris, an imaginative Jewish boy invents a brother and a family history to replace the one that he has never been told. When he turns fifteen, he discovers how his parents survived during the Holocaust. **Ludivine Sagnier**, **Patrick Bruel**, **Quentin Dubuis**, **Julie Depardieu** and **Cecile de France** star. **Claude Miller** directs from the **Philippe Grimbert** truth-inspired novel, *Memory*. In French with English subtitles. (R)

**Revolutionary Road** - *Opens January 26* - **Sam Mendes** (*American Beauty*) directs **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Kate Winslet** in a drama based on the novel by **Richard Yates** about a couple who try to be different than other suburban couples in 1950's Connecticut. They hope a move to Paris will free them from the mundane future they fear. ?

[www.theflicksboise.com](http://www.theflicksboise.com)

## **The English Major's Association Book Group: A Moveable**

**Feast** - A Moveable Feast is a free book group open to everyone in the Boise community. This year we will be meeting on Friday evenings to discuss the following books:

**February 27** - **Raymond Chandler's**, *The Big Sleep*

**April 3** - **Art Spiegelman's**, *Maus*

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For further contact Cheryl Hindrichs, at [cherylhindrichs@boisestate.edu](mailto:cherylhindrichs@boisestate.edu) or call: 208-345-1510.

## **IDAHO MAGAZINE: Call for submissions**

We are looking for queries on some longer stories for the magazine (2,500 to 3,000 words) with non-fiction topics on Idaho. We receive a deluge of shorter pieces, but it's nice to have some longer stories to include in each issue, as well, and using a chapter of a forthcoming book is a good way to get some pre-publicity and feedback before you go to press. See writers' guidelines on the website.

Kitty Delorey Fleischman, Publisher/Editor

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## **Idaho Humanities Council - What are You Reading?**

Browse new book reviews from Idaho readers. [ [Details](#) ]

***Call for Submissions*** - From Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib to Darfur, Tibet, and the United States, we are increasingly witness to torture, terrorisms and other violations of human rights at unprecedented degrees. What do our instincts tell us and what is our response to these violations? What is our vision of a future wherein human rights are not only respected but expanded? Call for submissions of poetry by and for those who have undergone such violations as well as for poems that present a larger vision of human rights. Anthology to be edited by M.L. Smoker and Melissa Kwasny and published by **Lost Horse Press**. All submissions must be postmarked by **30 January 2009**. Include SASE and cover letter. Send no more than 3 poems to: Human Rights Anthology, Lost Horse Press, 105 Lost Horse Lane, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864.

[www.losthorsepress.org](http://www.losthorsepress.org)

## **The Fourth Annual Fiction Collective 2 (FC2) Writer's Edge**

**Workshop** is now accepting applications! The workshop will be held **March 19-21 in Cuernavaca, Mexico**, at the **Universidad International**. This year the FC2 Writer's Edge will be held in conjunction with the American Book Review Writers Conference, held March 16-18. For more info, visit <http://fc2.org/edge09/edge.html> or contact Lance Olsen at [writersedge2009@gmail.com](mailto:writersedge2009@gmail.com).

**Lost Horse Press** is now accepting submissions for **The Idaho Prize for Poetry 2009**, a national competition offering \$1000 plus publication by Lost Horse Press for a book-length poetry manuscript. All U.S. poets are eligible. Entries must be **postmarked by 15 May 2009**. The winner and finalists will be announced on 15 August 2009. The final judge for the sixth annual poetry book contest sponsored by Lost Horse Press will be announced at a later date. A reading fee of \$25-check or money order only, please-and a SASE (for notification of winners only; manuscripts will be recycled) must be included with the manuscript. For guidelines or additional information about the Idaho Prize for poetry, please contact Lost Horse Press at 208.255.4410, email [losthorsepress@mindspring.com](mailto:losthorsepress@mindspring.com) or check online at [www.losthorsepress.org](http://www.losthorsepress.org).

## **Boise Public Library -**

**Looking for some new reads?** Here's an easy way to try out new authors or books - no driving, no buying and no big time commitment. Check out Boise Public Library's Online Book Club at [www.boisepubliclibrary.org](http://www.boisepubliclibrary.org) and click on Readers' Corner. Avid readers may also want to check out our email book review service. Readers can subscribe to free monthly newsletters reviewing the latest books in a variety of interest areas.

## **Enjoy eAudiobooks Anytime, Anywhere - for Free**

Want to make your exercise routine or that daily commute just fly by? Download a book! Now Boise Public Library cardholders can download free audio books to most

Windows? computers. To get started go to [www.boisepubliclibrary.org](http://www.boisepubliclibrary.org), click on "eCollections" and then select "eAudiobooks."

## *The Scene in Moscow, ID, and Eastern Washington as reported by BookPeople:*

**Paula Coomer will be reading and signing books at Bookpeople on Saturday, January 24 from 1-3p.m.!** Paula Coomer's novel, *Dove Creek*, will be serialized on KRFP-FM 92.5, starting the week of January 19 as part of Nancy Casey's show, "Words and Music." The unpublished novel is a story of a woman working as a nurse on the Nez Perce Reservation. She learns of the seven directions of human life-north, south, east, west, down, up, and inside. It begins her search for redemption and identity. *Dove Creek* will air over 25 30-minute broadcasts and 13 1-hour broadcasts. Coomer teaches English part time at WSU and was the 2006 writer-in-residence for Oregon's Fishtrap literature retreat. Coomer's book of poetry, *Devil at the Crossroads*, and her collection of short stories, *Summer of Government Cheese*, are available at Bookpeople.

**Congratulations Kim Barnes!** The **New York Times Sunday Book Review's** Bruce Barcott writes, "*A Country Called Home* is filled with exquisitely etched landscapes. The novel brims with the smell of brambles and berries along an Idaho riverbank, the gritty feel of the dust in an abandoned homesteader's shack, the sounds of grouse and quail in the fields. But the Deracotte family saga is a cautionary tale. Nature's beauty is a wonder, but it's not enough. Even in the rural West, self-reliance will get you only so far. It takes other people to make a life whole."

**Women and girls' freewriting group is looking for new members!** We meet on 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, in Moscow. Freewriting builds confidence, increases creativity, helps to achieve a strong, authentic voice, encourages spontaneity, and is lots of fun. Any woman or girl with an interest in writing is welcome to join. All levels of experience welcome. For more information or to arrange to come to a meeting, call Sharon at 882-9028.

**Pacific Northwest Bookseller Association Book Awards** have been announced! *Guernica: A Novel* by Dave Boling, *Wild Beauty: Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge, 1867-1957* by John Laursen and the late Terry Toedtmeier, *American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon* by Steven Rinella, and *The Art of Racing in the Rain: a Novel* by Garth Stein. The William Stafford Memorial Poetry Award to: *Selected Poems: 1970-2005* by Floyd Skloot. The Lifetime Achievement Award: Alexandra Day, author of the *Good Dog, Carl* series. Congratulations!

**Jim Croft** is teaching a **book binding class Wednesday nights from 5-8p.m.** at the **Prichard** for the next 13 weeks!

**Peter Vincent's *Hot Rod Garages*** is out in April! His book of beautiful photography of old cars can be found on Amazon.com.

***Burns Night*** coming soon! Tickets are on sale now at Bookpeople for **Burns Night, a Scottish Celebration for Everyone** on **January 24** starting at **6pm** at the **UI Sub Ballroom**. The evening will include Piping, Highland Dancing and Dinner, Haggis and Dessert! Tickets and further info available at Bookpeople and at [www.moscowburnsnight.org](http://www.moscowburnsnight.org)!

**Fishtrap**, an organization "promoting clear thinking and good writing in and about the west," has **open registration now for Winter Fishtrap**, "Re-Imaging the Wild," with presenters Kathleen Dean Moore, Roderick Nash, and Jack Turner **at Wallowa Lake Lodge in Oregon, February 20-22, 2009**. Further information on Fishtrap and Fishtrap events, please visit [www.fishtrap.org](http://www.fishtrap.org).

The **Fourth Annual Fiction Collective 2 (FC2) Writer's Edge workshop** is now accepting applications! The workshop will be held **March 19-21 in Cuernavaca, Mexico**, at the **Universidad International**. This year the FC2 Writer's Edge will be held in conjunction with the American Book Review Writers Conference, held March 16-18. For more info, visit <http://fc2.org/edge09/edge.html> or contact **Lance Olsen** at [writersedge2009@gmail.com](mailto:writersedge2009@gmail.com).

**On March 25, 2009, author B.H. Fairchild** will be doing a reading as part of the Distinguished Visiting Writers program at the University of Idaho. He is a multiple-award winner, including the William Carlos Williams Award and California Book

Award, for his books *The Arrival of the Future*, *Local Knowledge*, and *The Art of the Lathe*. For more information, contact [bschrand@uidaho.edu](mailto:bschrand@uidaho.edu)

**WRITERS GUILD OF EASTERN OREGON** - There's a lot of literary life just across the border. Click on [www.wgeo.org](http://www.wgeo.org) to learn more.

## **Literary Links:**

### **General--**

<http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/>

<http://www.boisepoetry.com/>

<http://www.boisepubliclibrary.com/>

<http://www.cowboypoetry.com/>

<http://www.fishtrap.org/>

<http://www.arts.idaho.gov/> Idaho Commission on the Arts>Literature

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/>

<http://www.idahowritersleague.com/index.html>

<http://www.thecabinidaho.org/>

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

<http://www.pw.org/>

<http://www.awpwriter.org>

<http://www.poets.org/audio.php>

<http://www.partnersincrimeboise.com/>

<http://www.murderinthegrove.com>

<http://www.wgeo.org/> Writers Guild of Eastern Oregon

<http://www.paleomedia.org/> Reporting on the West and the World

<http://www.idahohumanities.org> Idaho Humanities Council

<http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

## **Idaho Authors--**

<http://www.anthonydoerr.com/>

<http://www.humanophone.com/>

<http://www.joannepence.com>

<http://www.kennethrodgers.com/>

<http://www.lanceolsen.com/>

<http://www.dianeraptosh.com/>

<http://www.michaelkroth.com>

<http://www.elaineambrose.com>

<http://www.rachelgibson.com>

## **Idaho Publishers--**

<http://ahsahtapress.boisestate.edu/>

<http://www.caxtonpress.com/>

<http://cold.drill.googlepages.com/home>

<http://www.idahomagazine.com>

<http://www.limberlostpress.com/>

<http://www.losthorsepress.org/>

<http://www.NewWest.Net/Boise>

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<http://www.bookpeople.net/>

<http://www.rediscoveredbookshop.com>

<http://vistabookgallery.booksense.com>

<http://www.anoveladventure.com>

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