



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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Acclaimed Novelist Robert Parker To Speak at NC State University

He has been hailed by the *Boston Globe* as one of the best crime writers of our time, and the *New York Times Book Review* called his mystery series “one of the great series in the history of the American detective story.” Readers are hooked on Robert Parker and his Spenser private-eye series, and soon he will be right here in Raleigh to headline one of the Triangle’s preeminent literary events. The Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University is pleased to present **An Evening with Robert Parker**, the “dean of American crime fiction,” on **Thursday, April 11, 2002, at the McKimmon Center on the NCSU campus.**

The Friends of the Library annual Spring Dinner features Parker in an in-depth interview with Nancy Olson, owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh. **The program takes place at 8:00 P.M., preceded by a 5:30 P.M. reception and dinner.** Following the evening program, Parker



Robert Parker. Photo by John Earle.

will sign copies of his books. Tickets are available through the Friends of the Library office.

“This year’s Spring Dinner offers something for everyone, mystery buffs or not,” said Mary Kate Keith, director of the Friends of the Library. **“The program’s unique format will present a light-hearted, but informative behind-the-scenes look at this notable writer and his work.”**



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A best-selling and prolific author, Parker began writing his Spenser novels while teaching at North-eastern University. He has produced more than forty novels, including the Spenser series and new works featuring characters Jesse Stone and Sunny Randall. Parker's character inspired the popular television show, *Spenser for Hire*.

Advance reservations are required. Tickets for the dinner and program are \$65 (\$55 for Friends' members). Tickets for the program only are \$15 (\$10 for Friends' members). Tickets can be purchased Mon-

day through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Friends of the Library Office, D. H. Hill Library, NC State University; or checks can be mailed to the Friends at CB 7111, NCSU, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7111. Quail Ridge Books, on the corner of Wade Avenue and Ridge Road in Raleigh, will be selling both \$10 and \$15 tickets for the program only. For more information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841 or visit www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/fol/events.html.

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