



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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February 20, March 6, April 10, and May 1, 2001

NCSU Friends of the Library Hosts 2001 North Carolina Writers Series

The Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University will host its thirteenth annual North Carolina Writers Series beginning February 20, 2001. Featured writers this year are Kaye Gibbons, Jim Dean, Daniel Wallace, and Marcia Douglas. **Series tickets for Friends members are \$15, or \$5 for a single event. For nonmembers, series tickets are \$24, or \$8 for a single event.**

All readings will be held at NC State University's Thompson Theatre and begin at 7:30 P.M. Each evening concludes with a dessert reception and autographing session. Guests may bring personal copies of the featured writer's works. Books will also be available for purchase at each event.

The series opens on Tuesday, February 20, with the Friends of the Library's Author-in-Residence Kaye Gibbons, who will give a sneak preview of her upcoming novel, *A Bit of Good Fortune*.



Putnam Books will publish the novel in November 2001. Other works by Gibbons include *On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon*, *Ellen Foster*, *Charms for the Easy Life*, *A Virtuous Woman*, and *Sights Unseen*. In May 1999 Gibbons received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from NC State in recognition of

her literary achievements and her support of the NCSU Libraries.

On Tuesday, March 6, Jim Dean, author of *The Secret Lives of Fishermen*, will discuss the "the elusive outdoor ethic" celebrated in this book of



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essays, which originally appeared in his monthly column "Our Natural Heritage," published in *Wildlife in North Carolina*.

The book chronicles his passion for hiking, fishing, hunting, and camping, and it also explores the greater issue of human interactions with animals and nature. Dean was editor of *Wildlife in North Carolina*

for eighteen years and continues to contribute to that publication, as well as *Field and Stream* and *Fly Rod and Reel*. His first book of essays was *Dogs That Point, Fish That Bite*. Come for an entertaining yet thought-provoking evening.



The third speaker in the series is **Daniel Wallace**, who will appear on Tuesday, April 10. Wallace, in his second novel *Ray in Reverse*, explores the idea of being in heaven and receiving the opportunity to look back at a life in reverse order. Ray Williams, the main character, looks at his life from adulthood back to childhood and discovers how a man can

unknowingly drift off-course during his journey through life. Wallace, a resident of Chapel Hill, is the recipient of a North Carolina Arts Fellowship and a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award. His first novel was *Big Fish*.





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The series closes on Tuesday, May 1, with NC State's **Marcia Douglas**, who is an associate professor of creative writing in the Department of English. Douglas's lyrical voice will explore "Writing the Caribbean," as she mesmerizes listeners



with readings from her books *Madam Fate* and *Electricity Comes to Cocoa Bottom*. Douglas, a native of Jamaica, will also discuss the history and culture of the Caribbean, as well as her development there as a woman and writer.

The readings are made possible in part by the Richard G. Walser Endowment. For information, call (919) 515-2841, or stop by the N.C. State Friends of the Library office, Room 1137, in the D. H. Hill Library. Information about this and other upcoming events is also available on the Friends' Web site at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/fol/events.html>.

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