



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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Novelist Tony Earley To Speak at NCSU Friends of the Library Spring Dinner



Tony Earley will be the guest speaker at the North Carolina State University Friends of the Library's annual **Spring Dinner on Friday, April 27, 2001**. Earley's most recent novel, *Jim the Boy*, was published in 2000 to wide acclaim and received the Southeastern Booksellers

Association's 2001 award for best in fiction. **Jill McCorkle says this book "shines with all we've come to expect from his fine stories: graceful prose, gentle wit, compassionate spirit."**

The Spring Dinner will be held at NC State's **McKimmon Center**. It begins with a reception at **6:30 P.M.** and is followed by dinner at **7:00 P.M.**

Ticket prices are \$30 for Friends' members and \$35 for the general public. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call the Friends at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. All proceeds benefit the NCSU Libraries.

Earley is a native of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and a graduate of Warren Wilson College and the University of Alabama. He also has written the short story collection *Here We Are in Paradise*, and his third book, *Somehow Form a Family*, will be published in spring 2001 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. Earley's fiction and nonfiction have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Esquire*, *New York Times Book Review*, *The Oxford American*, *Story*, and *Granta*. In 1996 *Granta* named him to its "Best of Young American Novel-



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ists" list. He was also named by *The New Yorker* as one of the "twenty writers for the twenty-first

century." He lives with his wife in Nashville, Tennessee, where he teaches writing at Vanderbilt University.

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