

Authors, authors!

Garrison Keillor, Whitney Terrell are among those making local appearances

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Two weeks ago *The Star* highlighted forthcoming book titles for your fall reading pleasure. Today we look at the authors who'll be appearing in Kansas City in the next few months.

September

■ **Trish Reeves and friends:** Reeves' recent BkMk Press poetry title is the accomplished *In the Knees of the Gods*. She'll read at 7 p.m. Tuesday as part of the Writers Place Poetry Reading Series at Johnson County Library, 9875 W. 87th St.; call (913) 495-2472 or (816) 753-1090. Then she'll read at 8 p.m. Oct. 18 with Jeanie Wilson, author of *Uncurling*, as part of "Poetry of Women's Lives" at UMKC's University Center, Room 106, 5000 Holmes. Information: (816) 235-1638. Finally, Reeves will read with Phil Miller, who has been published countless times, in book form, in literary journals, and in *The Kansas City Star's* "Poets Corner." They'll read at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Writers Place, 3607 Pennsylvania. That number is (816) 753-1090.

■ **Julie Garwood:** Kansas City's own mystery/romance queen returns with *Mercy*, which she'll discuss and sign at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th St. Call (913) 384-3126.

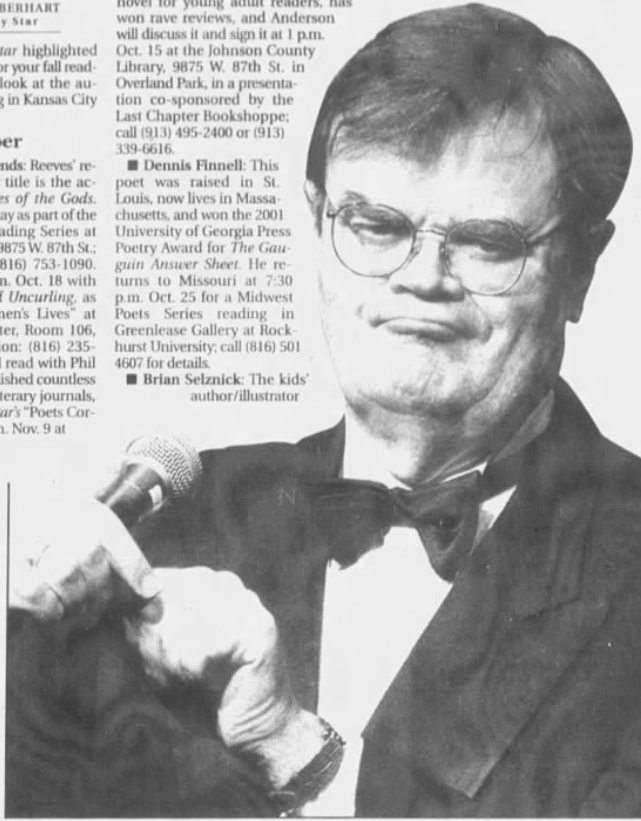
■ **Garrison Keillor:** Apparently there's no end to Garrison Keillor's imagination when it comes to that funny little hamlet he calls Lake Wobegon. Keillor, whom National Public Radio fans know as the host of "A Prairie Home Companion," comes to town at 7:30 p.m. Friday to discuss his latest book, *Lake Wobegon Summer 1956: A Novel*. It happens at Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th St. Call Rainy Day Books at (913) 384-3126.

■ **Priscilla How:** The Lawrence native

novel for young adult readers, has won rave reviews, and Anderson will discuss it and sign it at 1 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Johnson County Library, 9875 W. 87th St. in Overland Park, in a presentation co-sponsored by the Last Chapter Bookshoppe; call (913) 495-2400 or (913) 339-6616.

■ **Dennis Finnell:** This poet was raised in St. Louis, now lives in Massachusetts, and won the 2001 University of Georgia Press Poetry Award for *The Gau-guin Answer Sheet*. He returns to Missouri at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 for a Midwest Poets Series reading in Greenlease Gallery at Rock-hurst University; call (816) 501-4607 for details.

■ **Brian Selznick:** The kids' author/illustrator



Above: Garrison Keillor. Right, top to bottom: Whitney Terrell, Terry Tempest Williams, Dan Jaffe.

comes to town to help the Reading Rep-
title bookstore stage a puppet version of
The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins at
7 p.m. Oct. 26. Then he'll sign books at
the Rentele, 4120 Pennsylvania. Call (816)

Cleary Miller: Rhodenbaugh, author of
Lick of Sense, is the latest discovery of lo-
cal press Helicon Nine and the winner of
Helicon's 2000 Marianne Moore Poetry
Prize. The book will be published in mid-