

BOOK NOTES ■ Dan Webster

## Garrison Keillor headlining 2004 Get Lit! festival

A BIT OF MINNESOTA will grace Get Lit! in 2004. Garrison Keillor, author of several books and host of the public radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," will headline next year's festival, reports Get Lit! director Scott Poole.

Get Lit!, which holds its final two events today at The Met, is sponsored by the Eastern Washington University Press. Jack Prelutsky and Kenn Nesbitt will give a free children's concert at 1 p.m., and the evening's sold-out event with David Sedaris will begin at 4 (Sedaris is scheduled to come on at 5).

Keillor's appearance at the Spokane Opera House is set for April 18, 2004. Get Lit! 6 will run April 13-18 next year.

For more information, call 623-4286.

**Hot for "Cold Mountain"**

Spokane is gearing up for its second annual community-wide reading effort in October, and Charles Frazier's National Book Award-winning novel "Cold Mountain" is the novel of choice.

Sponsored by the Spokane County Library District, Spokane Public Library and Auntie's Bookstore, the monthlong program began in October 2002 with Kent Haruf's "Plainsong." Haruf came to Spokane as part of the

inaugural event. According to Eva Silverstone, communications coordinator for Spokane Public Library, negotiations with Frazier are still under way. You can access Spokane is Reading online at [www.spokaneisreading.org](http://www.spokaneisreading.org).

**News from the Big Sky**

Livingston author Diane Smith's novel "Pictures From an Expedition" has been named winner of the first Montana Book Award, an honor sponsored by the Friends of the Missoula Public Library.

Three books were named "honor books": Debra Magpie Earling's "Perma Red," Jean Ingold's "The Big Bear" and Tom Murphy's "Silence and Solitude: Yellowstone's Winter Wilderness."

Smith's book is set in 1876 and involves a party hunting for fossils in the Montana badlands shortly after the Claster massacre at Little Big Horn. Smith will receive her award in Missoula at the fall 2003 Montana Festival

of the Book.

**Calling all poets**

The 32nd Annual Washington Poets Association Conference will be May 3 in Tacoma. Those attending will be able to hear presentations, purchase books, meet poets, do open-mike readings, have lunch and dinner and hear a reading by Madeline De Frees.

Registration fees before Tuesday are \$60 (they jump to \$75 afterward). For information, call (206) 784-5442, e-mail [WPAeditor@atbi.com](mailto:WPAeditor@atbi.com) or access the WPA Web site at [www.washingtonpoets.org](http://www.washingtonpoets.org).

**It makes only Book Sense**

You wouldn't think that there would be so much controversy over literary best-seller lists. But there is.

If you're tired of reading best sellers listed in, say, The New York Times or USA Today, you might want to check out Book Sense's new Extended Bestseller Lists (available online at [www.bookweb.org/booksense/bestsellers](http://www.bookweb.org/booksense/bestsellers)).

Based on reports from hundreds of independent book retailers across the country (such as Spokane's Auntie's

Bookstore), the list shows the "top 16 to 50 best-selling books in the categories of hardcover fiction and nonfiction and trade paperback fiction and nonfiction."

Book Sense, which is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, runs a regular list with the top 15 in each category, plus one "on the rise."

Look for the lists every Wednesday afternoon. Then amuse yourself by comparing them to the other lists and count the differences.

**Calling all Zane Grey fans**

Mitch Finley of Auntie's Bookstore has a request. He wants to know which of Zane Grey's novels mentions Spokane's Davenport Hotel. If you can point him in the right direction, call 838-0206.

**Book talk**

■ Business Discussion Group ("Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done," by Larry Bossidy), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Valley Mall Barnes & Noble (922-4104).

**The reader board**

■ Marjorie Mikalson Peterson ("Amber

Beads"), reading, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Auntie's Bookstore, Main and Washington (838-0206).

■ Donna Stonecipher ("The Reservoir"), reading, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Auntie's Bookstore.

■ Michel Sedler ("When to Speak Up, and When Not To"), reading, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Auntie's Bookstore.

■ Chris Crutcher ("King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography"), reading, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Auntie's Bookstore.

■ Ismael Reed ("Flight to Canada"), "Who Speaks for America?" lecture, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Washington State University, Pullman (335-2605).

■ Peter Senese ("Cloning Christ!"), signing, 1 p.m. Saturday, Valley Mall Barnes & Noble.

■ Terry McGarry ("The Blinder's Road"), reading, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Auntie's Bookstore.

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