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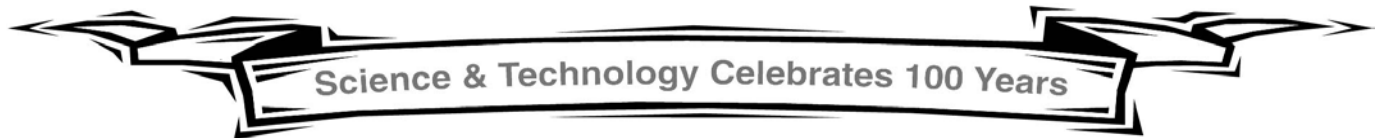
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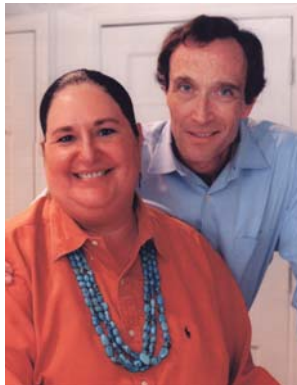
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI & HAMILTON COUNTY PRESENTS ...

Jane & Michael Stern to Share Insights on “*Good Food, Bad Dogs & Fast Horses*”



They’ve been eating their way around the USA for years. On their ongoing quest for authentic regional cuisine, nationally acclaimed food critics Jane and Michael Stern document a slice of American culture every place they dine, even Cincinnati’s chili parlors and ice cream stands. This time the seasoned pros are visiting the Queen City to serve up a full plate of clever insights on *Good Food, Bad Dogs & Fast Horses*. As part of a centennial celebration for its Science & Technology Department (S&T), the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County will present the dynamic writing duo on May 21 – 7:00 p.m. at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater in the Aronoff Center for the Arts (650 Walnut Street, downtown).

The Sterns, who have been married for over 30 years, have written dozens of food books including *Chili Nation*, *Real American Food*, and their latest edition of *Roadfood* to be released this May. Their column, “Two for the Road,” has been appearing in *Gourmet* magazine since 1994, and their colorful accounts can be frequently heard over the airwaves on Public Radio’s “The Splendid Table.” Beyond food, the Sterns have also written *Dog Eat Dog: A Very Human Book About Dogs &*

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Dog Shows, Two Puppies, Happy Trails: Our Life Story with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and a variety of other entertaining books depicting American life.

Longtime staples of S&T's collection, the Sterns' books, some of which feature recipes from their favorite food stops, as well as their unique takes on pets (mostly dogs and horses) are enormously popular among Library customers and staff members. "Since Science & Technology's collection is so diverse it's difficult to pick any one topic that best represents our department," commented Mary Beth Brestel, Department Manager. "The department's resources range from materials about cooking and health, to weather and space, to gardening and earth sciences, to much more, but we felt the Sterns' writings demonstrate a few pieces of what's available in the S&T pie quite nicely."

As part of their presentation, the witty twosome of blue-plate consumption will talk about writing as a couple. The Sterns met at Yale University, while both were pursuing graduate degrees in art. But when it came time to make a living, neither one could see themselves actually "working." While at a truck stop in Connecticut, they became fascinated by truck driver traits and tastes in foods, which led them on a three-year journey around the country before publishing their first book, *Trucker: A Portrait of the Last American Cowboy*. Today the Sterns have become so in sync with one another they sometimes finish each other's sentences and use "Sterny" as part of their vernacular.

A book signing will immediately follow the program in the Center Stage Room at the Aronoff. The Sterns' books will be available for purchase through the Friends of the Public Library. For information or your free ticket, call the Library's Program Office at 513-369-6945. This program is made possible through the Library Programs Fund.

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