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Press Release

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Meet author Lamar Herrin in a Two-part Discussion Series



Lamar Herrin, author of *House of the Deaf* and Professor of Creative Writing and Contemporary Literature at Cornell University, will host a two-part discussion and book signing on November 30 and December 1.

Herrin will present **Creative Writing...Can It Be Taught? Should It Be Taught in Our Universities? And What Effect Is It Having on Our Nation's Literature?** on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Symmes Township Branch Library, 11850 Enyart Road.

On Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m., he will present **Literature and Why It Matters in This Time of Violent (and Simplistic) Extremes** at the Sharonville Branch Library, 10980 Thornview Drive

About the Author

Lamar Herrin is the author of four previous novels: *The Unwritten Chronicles of Robert E. Lee*, *The Rio Loja Ringmaster*, *American Baroque*, and *The Lies Boys Tell*. His short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *Epoch*. Herrin is also the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and is a professor of creative writing and contemporary literature at Cornell University.

Publishers' Weekly Review of House of the Deaf

Herrin explores an everyman's quest for retribution for overwhelming political violence in his latest novel. Long considered a man of dreamy inaction by his ex-wife, 48-year-old Kentuckian Ben Williamson undergoes a sea change when he travels to Madrid to understand the death of his daughter Michelle, killed three years earlier in a Basque separatist terrorist act while she was studying abroad. . . . culminates in a confrontation with an unexpected and emotionally satisfying outcome that stays true to the scar of terrorism. . . a subtle, suspenseful treatment of a personal response to terrorism.”

For more information, call (513) 369-6945.

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