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WITH FIVE FEMALE NOVELISTS
WHO WRITE WITH HUMOR
AND HEART.

Thursday, 7:30pm

September 16, 2010

Bainbridge Performing Arts

200 Madison Avenue N.,

Bainbridge Isle, WA

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Bainbridge Isle, WA (August 11, 2010)—Five authors—including Pulitzer Prize winner **Jane Smiley, Josie Brown, Eileen Goudge, Joshilyn Jackson** and **Tatjana Soli**—are banding together for a fundraiser for Kitsap Regional Library Foundation.

The event, called "Between the Pages — 2010" takes place at 7:30pm on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Ave N., Bainbridge Isle, WA 98110-1812. Ticket price is \$50, which includes a copy Brown's book, *Secret Lives of Husbands and Wives* [Simon & Schuster]. The novel, her third, details the disintegration of a "perfect couple's" marriage.

Between the Pages was the brainstorm of Brown. "When my friend, Robbie Wright, a Bainbridge Island resident, mentioned her concern about library cutbacks all over the country and how she hoped to ensure that her local Kitsap Regional Library has a strong financial year, I said I'd do what I could to help."

"Kitsap Regional Library's funding was hit hard in the recession. The mobile library program faces cutbacks. It services communities without libraries, the infirm, and for its less mobile senior communities," explains Wright. "And sadly, our library system was also crippled by a recent wave of thefts. Over twenty thousand dollars worth of picture books were stolen from the children's collection. As a local library patron, this is my way to help, to give back."

Wright, whose company, Taylee's Productions, plans fundraisers and corporate events, wasted no time in contacting, Peter Raffa, director of the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation. "Of course I said 'Yes'," laughs Raffa. "Who wouldn't want to spend a night with all five of these wonderful women? The funds raised that night will help us tremendously. And with September being National Literacy Month, there's no better time to come out and support your local libraries."

Brown, who is based in San Francisco, wanted to put together a dream team literary salon. It seems she's gotten her wish.

New York Times bestselling author Eileen Goudge [*Once in a Blue Moon*, Vanguard Press] said yes immediately. Although based in Manhattan, She has strong ties to Seattle. "This event is special to me, not only because I'm a big supporter of libraries, but because I spend so much time in area, any trip there feels like coming home," says Goudge. "I spend a month there every fall, where I hole up in a friend's guesthouse and write, so it's fair to say that several of my novels, including *Once in a Blue Moon*, have been written within view of Canada. *Woman in Red* is actually set on a fictionalized Orcas Island."

As for Jane Smiley [*Private Life*, Knopf] lead author Josie Brown says, "I heard her speak at a LitQuake event in San Francisco and I was utterly riveted. She can do what few authors can—and most wish they could: write books in different voices, on different topics, that take place in different eras. When she said 'Yes, count me in,' I knew we had something that touched the hearts of authors as well as readers."

To Brown's delight, *New York Times* bestselling authors Joshilyn Jackson [*Backseat Saints*, Grand Central Publishing] and Tatjana Soli [*The Lotus Eaters*, St. Martin's Press] also agreed to attend. Soli: "As a child I went to libraries to discover the world. As an adult I continue to go to them for the inspiration to create worlds of my own." Jackson adds, "I grew up in libraries, and I hope I've learned never to take them for granted. A thriving library is the heart of its community, providing access to information and educational opportunities, bringing people together, leveling the playing field, and archiving our history."

Sponsors thus far include Clearwater Casino/Squamish, Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle, O Wines, and Target Stores.

For event tickets, and to order books prior signing go online at <http://www.BetweenThePagesEvents.org>.

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Jane Smiley - Private Life

Knopf / ISBN 9781400040605

Author's Website: TheRealJaneSmiley.com



Jane Smiley is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Thousand Acres* and more than ten other works of fiction, as well as three works of nonfiction, including a critically acclaimed biography of Charles Dickens.

According to Booklist, her latest novel, *A Private Life* [Knopf, on sale May 4, 2010] "offers a cold-eyed view of the compromises required by marriage while also providing an intimate portrait of life in the Midwest and West during the years 1883-1942" and it is heralded as "a subtle and thoughtful portrayal of a woman's inner strength" by *Library Journal*.

In 2001 she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She received the PEN USA Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature in 2006. She lives in Northern California.

SYNOPSIS

A riveting new novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winner that traverses the intimate landscape of one woman's life, from the 1880s to World War II.

Margaret Mayfield is nearly an old maid at twenty-seven in post-Civil War Missouri when she marries Captain Andrew Jackson Jefferson Early. He's the most famous man their small town has ever produced: a naval officer and a brilliant astronomer—a genius who, according to the local paper, has changed the universe. Margaret's mother calls the match "a piece of luck."

Margaret is a good girl who has been raised to marry, yet Andrew confounds her expectations from the moment their train leaves for his naval base in faraway California. Soon she comes to understand that his devotion to science leaves precious little room for anything, or anyone, else. When personal tragedies strike and when national crises envelop the country, Margaret stands by her husband. But as World War II approaches, Andrew's obsessions take a different, darker turn, and Margaret is forced to reconsider the life she has so carefully constructed.

Private Life is a beautiful evocation of a woman's inner world: of the little girl within the hopeful bride, of the young woman filled with yearning, and of the faithful wife who comes to harbor a dangerous secret. But it is also a heartbreaking portrait of marriage and the mysteries that endure even in lives lived side by side; a wondrously evocative historical panorama; and, above all, a masterly, unforgettable novel from one of our finest storytellers.

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Tatjana Soli – *The Lotus Eaters*

St. Martin's Press / ISBN 9780312611576

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Tatjana Soli attended Stanford University and the Warren Wilson MFA program. Her stories have appeared in *Story Quarterly*, *Confrontation*, *Gulf Coast*, *Other Voices*, *Nimrod*, *Third Coast*, *Carolina Quarterly* and *Sonora Review* .. Her work has been twice listed in the 100 Distinguished Stories in *Best American Short Stories* and nominated for the Pushcart Prize. She lives in Tustin, California and teaches through the Gotham Writers' Workshop.

SYNOPSIS

On a stifling day in 1975, the North Vietnamese army is poised to roll into Saigon. As the fall of the city begins, two lovers make their way through the streets to escape to a new life. Helen Adams, an American photojournalist, must take leave of a war she is addicted to and a devastated country she has come to love. Linh, the Vietnamese man who loves her, must grapple with his own conflicted loyalties of heart and homeland. As they race to leave, they play out a drama of devotion and betrayal that spins them back through twelve war-torn years, beginning in the splendor of Angkor Wat, with their mentor, larger-than-life war correspondent Sam Darrow, once Helen's infuriating love and fiercest competitor, and Linh's secret keeper, boss and truest friend.

Tatjana Soli paints a searing portrait of an American woman's struggle and triumph in Vietnam, a stirring canvas contrasting the wrenching horror of war and the treacherous narcotic of obsession with the redemptive power of love. Readers will be transfixed by this stunning novel of passion, duty and ambition among the ruins of war.

PRAISE FOR *THE LOTUS EATERS*

"[A] splendid first novel... Vivid battle scenes, sensual romantic entanglements and elegant writing add to the pleasures of "The Lotus Eaters." Soli's hallucinatory vision of wartime Vietnam seems at once familiar and new. Nothing in this novel seems "researched." Rather, its disparate sources have been smoothed and folded into Soli's own distinct voice." —Danielle Trussoni, *The New York Times Book Review*

"[A] haunting debut novel...quietly mesmerizing.If it sounds as if a love story is the central element in "The Lotus Eaters", Ms. Soli's book is sturdier than that. Its object lessons in how Helen learns to refine her wartime photography are succinct and powerful. By exposing its readers to the violence of war only gradually and sparingly, the novel becomes all the more effective." —Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*

"The novel is steeped in history, yet gorgeous sensory details enliven the prose... 35 years after the fall of Saigon, Soli's entrancing debut brings you close enough to feel a part of it." —*People* (3 1/2 stars)

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Joshilyn Jackson – *Backseat Saints*

Grand Central Publishing / ISBN: 9780446582346

Author's website: JoshilynJackson.com

New York Times Bestselling novelist Joshilyn Jackson lives in Georgia with her husband, their two children, and way too many feckless animals. Her debut, *Gods in Alabama*, won SIBA's 2005 Novel of the year Award and was a #1 BookSense pick. Jackson won Georgia Author of the Year for her second novel, *Between, Georgia*, which also a #1 BookSense pick, making Jackson the first author in BookSense history to receive #1 status in back to back years. Her

third novel, *The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*, was a Break-Out book at Target, and has been shortlisted for the Townsend Prize for Fiction. All three books were chosen for the Books-A-Million Book Club.

Her latest, *Backseat Saints* (June, 2010), hit the *New York Times* bestseller list in its first week of release.

PRAISE FOR *BACKSEAT SAINTS*

"*Backseat Saints* will pull you in and won't let you out until the last page. Raw, tangy and funny, it is an enthralling peek into the secret sorority of mistreated women. Follow the journey of one courageous, witty woman who decides, I'm not going to take this anymore. I love reading about smart, flawed and ultimately wise women, like Rose Mae."- Kathryn Stockett, NYT Bestselling author of *The Help*

"For me, the arrival of a Joshilyn Jackson novel feels like the first perfect day in a favorite season and *BACKSEAT SAINTS* is no exception. It is enthralling, heartbreaking and surprising in equal measure. I am so very glad that I got to know the girl who was born Rose Mae Lolley -- and, better yet, that she got to know herself as well."- Laura Lippman, NYT bestselling author of *Another Thing to Fall* and *Life Sentences*

"Joshilyn Jackson dives into darker, deeper water in *Backseat Saints*--- with all her readers firmly in tow. As always, a riveting read."- Lee Smith, NYT bestselling author of *On Agate Hill* and *The Last Girls*

"From the moment I began reading, I could not put this book down. Rose Mae is an enduring character with a fierce and unstoppable spirit. This is a beautifully written story about an important subject. Pass the word."- Brunonia Barry, NYT Bestselling Author of *The Lace Reader* and *The Map of True Places*

"*Backseat Saints* is an unputdownable story about love, survival, and shedding the past. Rose Mae Lolly is tough, passionate, funny, and fierce, one hell of a heroine to guide us through one hell of an adventure. Any time Joshilyn Jackson is in the driver's seat, I'm along for the ride." - Michelle Richmond, NYT Bestselling author of *The Year of Fog*

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Josie Brown – Secret Lives of Husbands and Wives

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Author Website: JosieBrown.com



Josie Brown is a journalist whose celebrity interviews and relationship articles have been featured in Los Angeles Times Syndicate International, *Redbook* and *Complete Woman* magazines, as well as AOL, Yahoo, AskMen.com, Divorce360.com, and SingleMindedWomen.com.

Of Josie's novel *True Hollywood Lies*, the *Wall Street Journal* said "...The tone is confessional, the writing laced with venomous humor..." and the *New York Post* called it "...a fine piece of literary work."

As for Josie's novel, *Impossibly Tongue-Tied*, PAGE SIX, of the *New York Post* said: "Brad, Angelina, Britney and Kevin may want to check out Josie Brown's new novel, *Impossibly Tongue-Tied*, for its ripped-from-the-headlines plot that mixes their scandals together..."

PRAISE FOR *SECRET LIVES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES*

"Josie Brown writes with all the secrets, sex, money and scandal of an OK! Magazine cover story... Truly entertaining reading." —**Jackie Collins, bestselling author of *Hollywood Wives***

"Just in time for summer, Brown's novel offers an enjoyable take on suburban California family life, complete with mommy cliques, rebel teenagers, and, of course lots of adultery....The momentum of Brown's writing and plot keeps the pages turning." --**Booklist**

"Already touted as the perfect summer beach read, this character driven (sometimes steamy) book can best be described as the offspring of an affair between *Desperate Housewives* and a Jennifer Weiner novel...A quick look into the sometimes catty world of wealth where priorities get shifted, friendships get broken and marriages, like their mansions, get rearranged." —**GoodHousekeeping.com**

SYNOPSIS

Josie Brown's latest novel, *Secret Lives of Husbands and Wives*, explores the perceptions and deceptions affecting two marriages. The Harpers, Lyssa and Ted, are firmly entrenched in the tony Silicon Valley town of Paradise Heights, California, whereas the community's "golden couple," DeeDee and Harry Wilder, are politely aloof to their neighbors . . . then word gets out that DeeDee has walked out on Harry and their two children. At least one of the rumors is true: to hold on to his children and his home, Harry, once a workaholic, realigns his life and becomes a stay-at-home dad.

Touched by his efforts at trial-by-error single parenting, Lyssa befriends him, never realizing the effect their relationship will have on her close-knit circle of friends—or its explosive impact on her own marriage.

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Eileen Goudge – *Once in a Blue Moon*

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Author's Website: EileenGoudge.net

Eileen Goudge is a *New York Times* best-selling author whose novels include *One Last Dance*, *Garden of Lies*, and *Thorns of Truth*. There are more than three million copies of her books in print worldwide.

PRAISE FOR EILEEN GOUDGE'S BOOKS

"A gifted writer with an eye for telling detail." —*Chicago Tribune*

"Goudge keeps you cheering." —*People*

"Goudge...reminds us of the delights to be had in the explorations of the improbable."
—*New York Times Book Review*

"A touching story with wide appeal, Goudge's novel is a sharp example of dysfunctional family fiction."
— *Publishers Weekly*

SYNOPSIS

Growing up, it was Lindsay's job to look after her little sister, Kerrie Ann. When the girls' stripper mom is sent to prison for selling drugs, their neighbor, a retired exotic dancer by the name of Miss Honi Love fights to spare them from foster care, to no avail.

Thirty years later Lindsay is the owner of a bookstore in the sleepy California seaside town of Blue Moon Bay. Adopted by a loving couple, from whom she inherited the home she shares with the ever-feisty Miss Honi, she's still trying to reconnect with her long-lost sister. Unbeknownst to her, Kerrie Ann has had a very different life, bounced from one foster home to the next. Now, newly sober, Kerrie Ann is fighting to regain custody of her little girl.

But when the sisters are finally reunited, the two very different women clash. Only as Lindsay and Kerrie Ann engage in the fiercest battles of their lives, while each embarks on a journey of the heart with the unlikeliest of men, are they drawn together, restoring belief in the unshakable bond of family.

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