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**FICTION AUTHORS ANNOUNCED FOR
4TH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**

Program to include the works of both locally and nationally known fiction authors

The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is pleased to gather an elite group of locally and nationally known fiction authors at its fourth annual festival on April 24 – 25, 2009 in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown.

Fiction authors to include (Listed in alphabetical order):

- **Brunonia Barry:** Since its publication in July 2008, Barry's *The Lace Reader* has become a *New York Times* Best Seller, and an *Indie Next 2008 Highlights* pick.
- **Richard Bausch:** Bausch is the author of ten novels and seven collections of short stories, including *Take Me Back* (1981); *The Last Good Time* (1984); *Violence* (1992); *The Selected Stories of Richard Bausch* (1996); *Hello to the Cannibals* (2003); and *Peace* (2008).
- **Louis Bayard:** Bayard is a writer whose work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, Nerve.com, and Salon.com, among others. He is the author of *Mr. Timothy* and *The Pale Blue Eye* and a book reviewer for Salon.com. His latest novel is *The Black Tower*.
- **David Crouse:** Crouse is author of the previous short story collection *Copy Cats*, which was awarded The Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction in 2005. His latest book is *The Man Back There and Other Stories*. His short stories have appeared in such magazines as *Quarterly West*, *Chelsea*, *The Northwest Review*, and *The Greensboro Review*, while his comic book writing has been anthologized in *The Dark Horse Book of the Dead*.
- **David Ebershoff:** Ebershoff is the author of three novels, *The 19th Wife*, *Pasadena*, and *The Danish Girl*, and a short-story collection, *The Rose City*. His fiction has won a number of awards, including the Rosenthal Foundation Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Ferro-Grumley Award, and the Lambda Literary Award.

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- **Elinor Lipman:** Lipman is the author of nine novels and a story collection, including *The Inn at Lake Devine*, *Isabel's Bed*, *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift*, *My Latest Grievance* and forthcoming in June 2009, *The Family Man*. Her essays, columns and book reviews have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Huffington Post*, and *Salon*.
- **Andrew McNabb:** With stories set, largely, in the textured city of Portland, Maine, architecture, both of buildings and of the body, is the prominent theme throughout Andrew McNabb's ethereal debut story collection, *The Body of This*.
- **Ellen Meister:** Meister is the author of two novels, *The Smart One* and *Secret Confessions of the Applewood PTA*, as well as numerous short stories.
- **Heidi Pitlor:** Starting with the 2007 volume, guest edited by Stephen King, she became the series editor for *The Best American Short Stories*. *The Birthdays* is Pitlor's first novel.
- **Anita Shreve:** In 1989, Shreve published her first novel, *Eden Close*. Since then she has written 12 other novels, among them *The Weight of Water*, *The Pilot's Wife*, *The Last Time They Met*, *A Wedding in December*, and *Body Surfing*.
- **Lewis Turco:** Although *The Museum of Ordinary People and Other Stories*, published in 2008, Turco's first collection of short fiction, he is the author of many books of poetry and nonfiction including *The Book of Dialogue* (University Press of New England, 2002), which is considered by many to be the definitive book on writing dialogue in fiction. Turco's books include *Fantaseers: A Book of Memories* and *A Sheaf of Leaves: Literary Memoirs*.

The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates the joy of reading and writing as well as the love of books. The NLF in 2009 features more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown

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