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

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

Annually, the Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) convenes a renowned faculty of non-fiction authors to present their work to the city of Newburyport and surrounding communities. The fourth annual festival will be held on April 24 – 25, 2009 in venues throughout Newburyport's downtown.

Non-fiction authors to include (Listed in alphabetical order):

- **Tania Aebi:** Her bestselling book, *Maiden Voyage*, is the personal account of her modern day odyssey and the dramatic childhood leading up to it.
- **Kate Braestrup:** She is the author of a novel, *Onion*, and the memoir, *Here If You Need Me: A True Story*. Braestrup has written for *Mademoiselle*, *Ms.*, *City Paper*, *Hope* and *Law and Order*.
- **Deborah Cramer:** Her latest book, *Smithsonian Ocean: Our Water Our World* was published on the opening of the new Sant Ocean Hall at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.
- **Richard Ellis:** Ellis is one of America's leading marine conservationists, and recognized as the foremost painter of marine natural history subjects in the world. Knopf published his book *Tuna: a Love Story*, and coming in 2009, *On Thin Ice: The Polar Bear and Global Warming*.
- **Julia Fox Garrison:** Fox Garrison is the author of *Don't Leave Me This Way (or when I get back on my feet you'll be sorry)*, a personal memoir of her struggle to regain control over her life and her body following a devastating hemorrhagic stroke.
- **Bethany Groff:** Groff is the author of *A Brief History of Old Newbury*, and the North Shore Regional Site Manager for Historic New England where she is responsible for four early Newbury houses.
- **Meredith Hall:** Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Five Points*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Southern Review*, and several anthologies.

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- **Tony Horwitz:** Horwitz is the bestselling author of *Blue Latitudes*, *Confederates in the Attic*, *Baghdad without a Map* and, most recently, the *New York Times* bestseller *A Voyage Long and Strange: On the Trail of Vikings, Conquistadors, Lost Colonists and Other Adventurers in Early America*.
- **Eve LaPlante:** LaPlante's award-winning *Salem Witch Judge* follows the *Boston Globe* bestseller *American Jezebel* and *Seized*. She contributed to the essay collection *Why I'm Still Married*.
- **Elizabeth McCracken:** McCracken is the author, *The Giant's House: A Romance* and *Niagara Falls All Over Again*, a collection of short stories, *Here's Your Hat, What's Your Hurry*, and the recent memoir, *An Exact Replica of a Figment of My Imagination*.
- **Peter Orner:** Orner is the author of the novel, *The Second Coming of Mavala Shikongo*, a Finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize.
- **Jon Peede:** Peede is Director of Literature Grants at the National Endowment for the Arts. He is also director of the NEA's acclaimed Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience program.
- **Mary South:** South is the author of *The Cure for Anything is Salt Water* and her writing has appeared in *Departures*, *Power Cruising*, and *O*, the Oprah Magazine.
- **Joan Wickersham:** Wickersham is the author of the memoir *The Suicide Index*, a National Book Award finalist, and the novel *The Paper Anniversary*. Her fiction has appeared in magazines including *AGNI*, *Glimmer Train*, *the Hudson Review*, *Ploughshares*, and *Story*, and has been anthologized in *The Best American Short Stories*.
- **Brenda Wineapple:** Wineapple's books include the recently published *White Heat: The Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2008, and which *The New Yorker* called "trenchant," *The Washington Post*, "a tour de force," and *Time Magazine*, "captivating."

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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For more information on the NLF, including authors and their work, please visit

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