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**COMPLETE LIST OF AUTHORS ANNOUNCED FOR THIRD ANNUAL
BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL
TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 15, 2011
IN COPLEY SQUARE**

(BOSTON- July 28, 2011) The Boston Book Festival will be held on Oct. 15, 2011, in various locations in Copley Square. The featured authors will represent a wide array of genres and include award winners, best-selling authors, renowned scholars, children's writers, and writers of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Authors scheduled to appear at The Boston Book Festival 2011 include:

Lisa Abend (*The Sorcerer's Apprentices*)

Steve Almond (*God Bless America*)

Julia Alvarez (*How Tía Lola Ended Up Starting Over*)

*Sarah Bakewell (*How to Live: Or, a Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer*)

Rosalind Barnett (*The Truth about Girls and Boys*)

Sandra Beasley (*I Was the Jukebox*)

Kate Beaton (*Hark! A Vagrant!*)

Alison Bechdel (*Best American Comics 2011*)

Idit Harel Caperton (educational psychologist, founder World Wide Workshop)

Daniel Clowes (*The Death-Ray*)

Vanessa Diffenbaugh (*The Language of Flowers*)

Lawrence Douglas (*The Vices*)

Andre Dubus III (*Townie*)

*Jennifer Egan (*A Visit From the Goon Squad*)

Carlos Eire (*Learning to Die in Miami*)

Drew Gilpin Faust (*This Republic of Suffering*)

Joe Finder (*Buried Secrets*)

Charles Bracelen Flood (*Grant's Last Battle*)

Susanne Freidberg (*Fresh*)

Forrest Gander (*Core Samples from the World*)

Howard Gardner (*Truth, Beauty & Goodness Reframed*)

Ethan Gilsdorf (*Fantasy Freaks and Gaming Geeks*)

Adam Goodheart (*1861*)

Gavin Grant (*Steampunk: An Anthology*)

Stephen Greenblatt (*The Swerve*)

Jennifer Haigh (*Faith*)

Sue Hallowell (*Married to Distraction*)

Laura Harrington (*Alice Bliss*)

Chuck Hogan (*Prince of Thieves; The Town*)

Tony Horwitz (*Midnight Rising*)

Maisie Houghton (*Pitch Uncertain*)

Ben Ryder Howe (*My Korean Deli*)

Susan Howe (*Souls of the Labadie Tract*)

Walter Isaacson (*Profiles in Leadership*)
 Michael Jackson (*Life Within Limits*)
 Ha Jin (*Nanjing Requiem*)
 Michael Klein (*Something for Nothing*)
 Chuck Klosterman (*Visible Man*)
 Jane Leavy (*Best American Sports Writing*)
 Holly LeCraw (*The Swimming Pool*)
 Ellen Levine (*In Trouble*)
 Kelly Link (*Steampunk: An Anthology*)
 James MacManus (*The Language of the Sea*)
 Gregory Maguire (*Out of Oz*)
 Thomas Matlack (*The Good Men Project*)
 Stephen McCauley (*Insignificant Others*)
 Sugata Mitra (Hole-in-the-Wall Education, Ltd.)
 Frances Moore Lappe (*Ecomind*)
 Peter Mountford (*A Young Man's Guide to Capitalism*)
 Ankha Muhlstein (*Balzac's Omelette*)
 *Siddhartha Mukherjee (*The Emperor of All Maladies*)
 Joan Nathan (*Quiches, Kugels & Couscous*)
 Daniel Nayeri (*Straw House, Wood House, Brick House, Blow*)
 Nicholas Negroponte (*Being Digital*)
 Danica Novgorodoff (*Refresh, Refresh*)
 *Michael Ondaatje (*The Cat's Table*)
 Ken Oppel (*This Dark Endeavor*)
 Michael Palmer (*Thread*)
 Governor Deval Patrick (*A Reason to Believe*)
 George Pelecanos (*The Cut*)
 Lisa Randall (*Knocking on Heaven's Door*)
 Chris Raschka (*Seriously, Norman!*)
 Caryl Rivers (*The Truth about Girls and Boys*)
 Emma Rothschild (*The Inner Life of Empires*)
 Karen Russell (*Swamplandia!*)
 *Richard Russo (*The Whore's Child*)
 Seth (Gregory Gallant) (*Palookaville*)
 Glenn Stout (*Fenway 1912*)
 Dawn Tripp (*Game of Secrets*)
 Sherry Turkle (*Alone Together*)
 Linda Urban (*Hound Dog True*)
 Niobe Way (*Deep Secrets*)
 Richard Weissbourd (*The Parents We Mean to Be*)
 Thomas Whalen (*When the Red Sox Ruled*)
 *Isabel Wilkerson (*The Warmth of Other Suns*)
 Mo Willems (*Happy Pig Day!*)
 Michael Willrich (*Pox: An American History*)
 Meg Wolitzer (*The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman*)
 Mitchell Zuckoff (*Lost in Shangri-La*)
***previously announced authors**

Session hosts and moderators will include Tom Ashbrook (WBUR), Homi Bhabha (Harvard), Robin Brenner (librarian), Stephen Burt (Harvard), Callie Crossley (WGBH), Maya Escobar (librarian), Annette Gordon-Reed (Harvard law professor), Joseph Koerner (Harvard art historian), Leslie Gilbert-Lurie (author of *Bending Toward the Sun*), Bill Littlefield (WBUR's *It's Only a Game*), Andrew McAfee (MIT Sloan School), Kim McLarin (Emerson College), Mark Nieker (The Pearson Foundation), Kathy Piehl

(Minnesota State University-Mankato), Hank Phillippi Ryan (WHDH-TV), and Jeffrey Yang (New Directions).

More presenters and moderators will be added, and the line-up is subject to change. Session topics and groupings will be announced in the fall.

Author bios are available at www.bostonbookfest.org. The complete program of events, including times, thematic groupings and exact locations, will be announced after Labor Day. In addition, the Boston Book Festival will announce details of a street fair on Copley Plaza, including music, vendors and children's activities. Free admission is available for all daytime events, although a limited number of premium seats for some sessions will be available for purchase. Details to be announced soon. Information on a ticketed, special Friday evening event will be announced shortly.

In just three years, the Boston Book Festival has become one of the most anticipated events in the cultural life of the City. Boston Book Festival organizers estimate that about 25,000 people took part in indoor and outdoor 2010 festival activities through the 12-hour day. More than 130 authors and scholars participated in forty presentations, panels and participatory sessions in various Back Bay venues. The Festival takes advantage of the great architectural treasures in Copley Square, utilizing such venues as Trinity Church, Old South Church and the Boston Public Library, among others. A street fair in the square features exhibitors and live music throughout the day.

In 2010, the Boston Book Festival initiated the One City One Story program, which saw the distribution of a Tom Perrotta short story throughout the Boston area and culminated in a town hall meeting with the author and more than 200 readers eager to discuss the story. This year, *The Whore's Child* by Richard Russo is the One City One Story selection. In the weeks leading up to the Boston Book Festival, distribution will take place at Boston Public Library branches, subway stations, community centers, farmers markets, open studios and other places where people gather. A complete list of distribution locations will be available in late summer. In addition to physical distribution, the story will be available online in several different languages at www.bostonbookfest.org this fall.

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