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Free Event
You are cordially invited to

THE SIXTH ANNUAL
Random House First-Year Experience® Luncheon

WHEN: Monday, February 15th, 11:30AM-1:30PM

WHERE: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel Plaza, Ballroom – Salon F

WHY: To hear five authors speak about their books

(Past speakers include: *Donovan Campbell, Firoozeh Dumas, John Francis, Tracy Kidder, Susan Carol McCarthy and Sonia Nazario*)

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and **FREE LUNCH!**



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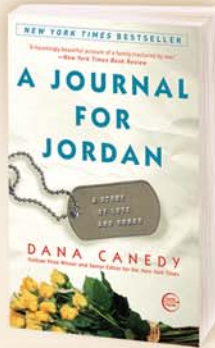


MEET *the* AUTHORS

At the 6th Annual Random House First-Year Experience® Luncheon



DANA CANEDY
A Journal for Jordan: A Story of Love and Honor
Three Rivers Press | TR
978-0-307-39600-6 | 288 pp | \$15.00



NOW IN PAPERBACK

In 2005, First Sergeant Charles Monroe King began to write what would become a two-hundred-page journal for his son in case he did not make it home from the war in Iraq. Charles King, forty-eight, was killed on October 14, 2006, when an improvised explosive device detonated under his Humvee on an isolated road near Baghdad. His son, Jordan, was seven months old.

A Journal for Jordan is a mother's letter to her son—fierce in its honesty—about the father he lost before he could even speak. It is also a father's advice and prayers for the son he will never know.

“A hauntingly beautiful account of a family fractured by war.”

—*The New York Times Book Review*

<http://www.ajournalforjordan.com>



CARLOTTA WALLS LANIER with Lisa Frazier Page; foreword by Bill Clinton
A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School
One World | HC
978-0-345-51100-3 | 304 pp | \$26.00



“Carlotta Walls LaNier's *A Mighty Long Way* is a riveting account of nine brave high school students and their families in a quest for quality desegregated public education. What happened in Little Rock in 1957 resulted in America's greatest constitutional crisis since the Civil War. Carlotta's account of events inside and outside Little Rock Central High School should be read and studied particularly by those who now walk through doors of opportunity which Carlotta and her schoolmates first opened over 50 years ago. When I started her book, I couldn't put it down. It is a must-read.”

—James L. “Skip” Rutherford III, Dean University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service

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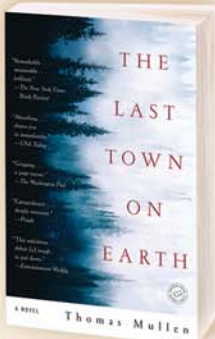
Common Reading Selection at: Bowling Green State University; Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program; Western Michigan University Honors Program; Whitman College
One City, One Book Selection in Batavia, NY and Stanwood and Camano Island, WA

Set against the backdrop of one of the most virulent epidemics that America ever experienced—the 1918 flu epidemic—Thomas Mullen's powerful, sweeping first novel is a tale of morality in a time of upheaval. A chance encounter, and the shots that are fired as a result, will have deafening reverberations throughout the town of Commonwealth, escalating until every human value—love, patriotism, community, family, friendship—not to mention the town's very survival, is imperiled.

<http://www.thomasmullen.net>



THOMAS MULLEN
The Last Town on Earth: A Novel
Random House | TR
978-0-8129-7592-5 | 432 pp | \$13.95



NOW IN PAPERBACK

Common Reading Selection at: Georgia Tech University; McMurry University

Outcasts United is the story of a team of refugee boys, the remarkable woman who coaches them, and the town where they live, a once-sleepy southern hamlet that has been upended by the process of refugee resettlement. It's a story about the challenges posed by our quickly changing world, and one that reminds us of what is possible in this country when we put our values in action.

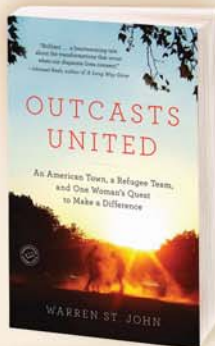
“A richly detailed, uplifting account of a young Jordanian immigrant who created a soccer program in Georgia for young refugees from war-torn nations ... educational and enriching.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

<http://www.outcastsunited.com>



WARREN ST. JOHN
Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference
Spiegel & Grau | TR
978-0-385-52204-5 | 336 pp | \$15.00



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Common Reading Selection at: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

“Success is the point where your most authentic talents, passion, values, and experiences intersect with the chance to contribute to some greater good.”

—Bill Strickland

Through lessons from his own life experiences, and those of countless others who have overcome their circumstances and turned their lives around, MacArthur Fellowship “genius” award winner Bill Strickland's *Make the Impossible Possible* shows how students can build on their passions and strengths, dream bigger and set the bar higher, achieve meaningful success and help mentor and inspire the lives of others.

<http://www.bill-strickland.org>



BILL STRICKLAND with Vince Rause
Make the Impossible Possible: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger and Achieve the Extraordinary
Broadway | TR
978-0-385-52055-3 | 240 pp | \$14.00

