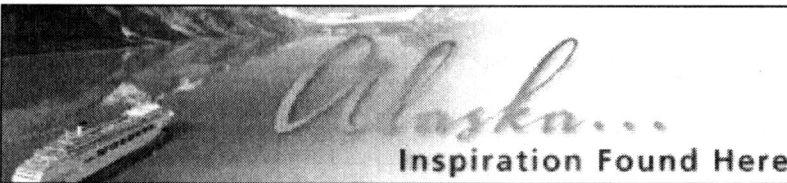


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**Book events**

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CORRECTION: Wole Soyinka's talk at Rice University will be Tuesday, Sept. 22, not Wednesday. Correction published 9/22/98.

Author appearances: Children's authors Sarah Stewart and David Small will sign copies of *The Gardener* 2-3 p.m. today at Jeremy's Books and Toys, 567 W. Bay Area Blvd. in Webster.

Mystery novelist Rick Riordan will sign his *Widower's Two-Step* at 4 p.m. today at Barnes & Noble, 12850 Memorial.

Children's author David Carter will sign his *Stinky Bugs* and *Bed Bugs* at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Blue Willow Books, 14532 Memorial; 4:30-6 p.m. Monday at Jeremy's Books and Toys, 567 W. Bay Area Blvd. in Webster; and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Treehouse Readers, 2855 Lake Houston Parkway in Humble.

Author-surgeon Richard Seizer (*Confessions of a Knife*; *Mortal Lessons*) will read at noon Monday at the Institute for Medical Humanities at University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Book-signing will follow. Free.

Mystery novelists Margaret Moseley (*The Fourth Steven*), Linda S. Bingham (*Up in Flames*), and Lillian M. Roberts (*Emergency Vet*) will sign at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Murder by the Book, 2342 Bissonnet. Bingham also will sign at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Borders, 12788 Fountain Lake Circle in Stafford.


Ann Fears Crawford will sign and discuss her *Texas Women: From Frontier to Future* 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Barnes & Noble, 2450 Highway 6.

Therapist Julia Boyd will discuss her *Can I Get a Witness* at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Shrine of the Black Madonna Bookstore, 5309 Martin Luther King Blvd.

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Poet and police officer Sarah Cortez will be the spotlight writer at Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Chapultepec Restaurant, 813 Richmond.

Young-adult author Maureen Holohan will sign and discuss her Broadway Ballplayers series at 7 p.m. Thursday at Barnes & Noble, 5303 FM 1960 W.

Mark Permuter will sign his Why Lawyers (And the Rest of Us) Lie and Engage in Other Repugnant Behavior at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Borders in Meyerland Plaza.

Andrea Barrett will read from her Voyage of the Narwhal at 7 p.m. Thursday at Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet.

Suzette Haden Elgin will discuss her Grandmother Principles at 7 p.m. Thursday at Blue Willow Books, 14532 Memorial.

Cynthia Reid Wills discuss her autobiography Content of Character at 6 p.m. Friday at Shrine of the Black Madonna Bookstore, 5309 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Singer-turned-mystery-novelist Kinky Friedman will sign his Blast From the Past at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Borders in Meyerland Plaza and at 4 p.m. Saturday at Murder by the Book, 2342 Bissonnet. The latter store will host a dinner and talk with Friedman at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Briar Club, 2603 Timmons. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance at Murder by the Book.

Michael Fonge will sign and discuss his Crime and Punishment: A Minority Perspective at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd. in Webster.

Deborah Douglas will sign her Stirring Prose: Cooking With Texas Authors at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble, 7626 Westheimer, and at 4 p.m. Sept. 27 at Barnes & Noble, 12850 Memorial. Novelist Greg Anderson will sign and read from his thriller Tatiana at 4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble, 12850 Memorial.

Poet Anthony Hecht will be the featured reader in the first program of the 1989-99 Margaret Root Brown Houston Reading Series.

Author of seven books of poems, including his most recent, Flight Among the Tombs, Hecht will read at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Brown Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts.

Hecht was awarded the 1997 Tanner Prize worth \$100,000 from the Academy of American Poets for "outstanding achievement and proven mastery in the art of poetry." He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for his collection The Hard Hours.

The suggested donation at the door is \$5, with students and seniors admitted free.

Nobel Prize-winning author Wole Soyinka will speak on Cultural Claims and the Rights of Humanity at 8 p.m. Wednesday (SEE CORRECTION) in the Grand Hall of Rice Memorial Center as part of the 1998-99 President's Lecture Series.

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