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WORDS & WINE WELCOMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR ANDRE DUBUS III

Author of THE GARDEN OF LAST DAYS

On **June 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle, Kim Ricketts Book Events welcomes novelist **Andre Dubus III** to its author series Words & Wine to discuss latest novel, *The Garden of Last Days*.

While born into a literary family (his father was well-known fiction writer Andre Dubus and his cousin is mystery writer James Lee Burke), he avoided the "writing life" for years, roaming the country working as a carpenter, bounty hunter, bartender, treatment counselor and actor.

In 1989 he published his first book, a collection of short stories titled *The Cage Keeper and Other Stories*, and then a novel, *Bluesman*, in 1993. With the publication of *House of Sand and Fog*, he found fame as well as critical acclaim: it was a National Book Award finalist and an Oprah Book Club Selection. The novel was also made into an Academy Award-winning film starring Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly.

In his stunning follow up to *House of Sand and Fog*, Dubus draws us into the lives of three deeply flawed, driven people whose paths intersect on a September night in Florida, 2001. April, a stripper, has to bring her young daughter to work at the Puma Club for Men; there she encounters Bassam, a foreign client both remote and too personal, yet free with his money. Meanwhile another man, drunk and angry, is thrown out of the club and heads off in anger—taking the little girl with him.

Intrigued by news that the 9/11 hijackers frequented Florida strip clubs before the attack, Dubus has written a story that Stephen King calls "so good, so damn compulsively readable, that I can hardly believe it." It is a tense, psychological thriller that can only end in violence—and a kind of redemption.

Join us for a night of discussion with Dubus III on fiction, film, family and everything in between.

Save the Date for the next Words & Wine event:

July 14 – Mark Caro, *THE FOIE GRAS WARS: How a 5,000-Year-Old Delicacy Inspired the World's Fiercest Food Fight*

More information about these authors is available at www.kimricketts.com.

Words & Wine is an author series created by book event maven Kim Ricketts, who celebrates the written word through dynamic and unique literary events. Words & Wine events are hosted by the elegant Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle, where guests mingle with the author while sipping Snoqualmie 2007 Columbia Valley Sauvignon Blanc and Snoqualmie 2006 Columbia Valley Merlot as well as enjoying nibbles prepared by Seastar Restaurant & Raw Bar, as well as artisan confections and chocolate bars provided by Theo's. For the highlight of the evening, the engaging Warren Etheredge, of *The Warren Report*, leads an intimate on-stage interview and conversation with the author. A copy of the book, signed for you by the author after the interview, is included in the ticket cost.

Words & Wine events begin at 6:30pm. Cost to attend is \$45/person, which includes a signed copy of the book, appetizers, and wine. The featured wines for the Lewis evening are Columbia Crest Grand Estates Shiraz and Grand Estates Pinot Grigio. **Reservations are required. Tickets are available at: www.kimricketts.com or by calling the Book Events' office at (206) 632-2419.**

Warren Etheredge is the founder of The Warren Report (www.thewarrenreport.com), a film arts organization driven by the principle, 'smarter audiences make better movies!' The Warren Report stages year-round screenings, seminars, screenplay readings, and classes throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Warren Report is also a television series, for which Etheredge spotlights individual films, discussing their content with the moviemakers, authors, artists, and academics. Additionally, Etheredge is one of the founding faculty members of The Film School (www.thefilmschool.com) and the President of Lockspring Pictures.

Founded in 1984, Snoqualmie is a leader in sustainable and organically produced wines in Washington state. Under the leadership of winemaker Joy Andersen, Snoqualmie offers consumers a variety of sustainably produced classic wine varietals as well as the "Naked" wines, crafted from certified originally grown grapes using organic practices. These wines, made at our winery in Prosser, WA, fit perfectly with Andersen's philosophy of capturing the natural essence of the vineyard and the pure elegance of the varietal in the bottle.

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