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NOTED HISTORIAN HEADLINES WEEK OF AUTHORS AT CARTER LIBRARY

DOUGLAS BRINKLEY TO DISCUSS CONTROVERSIAL BOOK ON HURRICANE KATRINA

Atlanta, GA.- Nationally-known historian Douglas Brinkley will talk about his new and controversial book "*The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*" at a special book signing at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library on Wednesday, May 24th. Brinkley is the first of three best-selling authors speaking at the Carter Library during the week.

On Thursday, May 25th, novelist Joseph Finder will discuss and sign his book "*Killer Instinct*" and the following night, Derek Leebaert will talk about his book "*To Dare and to Conquer: Special Operations and the Destiny of Nations, From Achilles to Al Qaeda.*"

All author lectures and book signings begin at 7:30 pm and are open to the public at no charge.

Douglas Brinkley
"The Great Deluge"
Wednesday., May 24th
7:30 pm

Joseph Finder
"Killer Instinct"
Thursday, May 25th
7:30 pm

Derek Leebaert
"To Dare and To Conquer"
Friday, May 26th
7:30 pm

Douglas Brinkley calls Hurricane Katrina the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. According to Brinkley, "both (Mayor) Nagin and (President) Bush refused to give those people the dignity they deserved."

USA Today writes "Brinkley praises unsung heroes, admires the media and documents how 'the sinking of New Orleans was a man-made debacle' resulting from poorly designed levees and wetlands destruction. In the critical first week, he writes, "the local government was ill prepared and the federal government (was) uncaring."

Joseph Finder's book "*Killer Instinct*" has been called a "masterful thriller" by *Publishers Weekly*. *Literary Journal* describes Finder as "the CEO of the corporate thriller in his latest page-turner."

Derek Leebaert's book "*To Dare and to Conquer*" is an adventure filled history of special warfare. *Publishers Weekly* says " In this monumental critical analysis of the 3,000-year history of special operations, Leebaert proves that "[a]n opponent's strength does not consist of numbers only or plain superiority of weapons."

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