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Two Special Author Programs Next Week

The Gun and The Fall of the House of Zeus

Atlanta, GA. – We have two very special and very different author programs next week that you'll want to attend. On Wednesday, November 10th at 7pm, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist C.J. Chivers discusses his book *The Gun*. This highly acclaimed book tells the story of the most notorious, widespread and lethal firearm in the world, the automatic Kalashnikov rifle or AK-47. Doug Stanton, author of *Horse Soldiers* says Chivers is "dazzling in his research and reporting." You can read all about the book in the recent New York Times Book Review

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/31/books/review/Boott.html?_r=1&ref=books

or check out Terry Gross's interview with C.J. Chivers.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=130493013>

Doors to the Carter Presidential Library theater open at 6:30pm. Acappella Books will be selling copies of *The Gun*. A book signing follows Chivers talk. The event is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, November 11th at 7pm, the Carter Library will host Curtis Wilkie, author of *The Fall of the House of Zeus*. This is the story of Dickie Scruggs, arguably the most successful plaintiff's lawyer in America. A brother-in-law of Trent Lott, the former U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Scruggs made a fortune taking on mass tort lawsuits against "Big Tobacco" and the asbestos industries. He was hailed by *Newsweek* as a latter day Robin Hood, and portrayed in the movie, *The Insider*, as a dapper aviator-lawyer. Scruggs' legal triumphs rewarded him lavishly, and his success emboldened both his career maneuvering and his influence in Southern politics--but at a terrible cost, culminating in his spectacular fall, when he was convicted for conspiring to bribe a Mississippi state judge.

In gripping detail, Curtis Wilkie crafts an authentic legal thriller propelled by a "welter of betrayals and personal hatreds," providing large supporting parts for Trent Lott and Jim Biden, brother of then-Senator Joe, and cameos by John McCain, Al Gore, and other DC insiders and influence peddlers.

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For more information, call 404-865-7109. You can keep up with the Carter Library events on the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library page on Facebook or follow the CarterLibrary on Twitter.

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