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April is a Big Month for Authors @ Carter Library ***Begins with Winston Groom, Author of Forrest Gump***

Atlanta, GA. – April is “**Book-Lovers Month**” at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. We have four authors coming for readings and book signings, with a movie screening too.

Here’s a quick list....

April 11..... 7:00pm.....Winston Groom, author of *Shiloh 1864*

April 12.....5:00pm.....Robert Pastor, author of *The North American Idea*

April 17.....7:00pm.....Mark Updegrove, author of *Indomitable Will: LBJ In The Presidency*

April 26.....6:30pm....*An African Election* (film screening) and discussion with producer Jarreth Merz

April 30.....7:00 pm....Rheta Grimsley Johnson, author of *Hank Hung the Moon*

All events are free and open to the public.

We begin with Winston Groom, best known as the author of *Forrest Gump*. You may be surprised to know that Groom is a respected Civil War historian and author. *Publishers Weekly* says “*Groom enhances his solid reputation as a writer of general audience military history with this narrative of the Civil War’s first major battle in the west.*” With a novelist’s eye for telling and a historian’s passion for detail, context, and meaning, Groom brings the key characters and moments of battle to life. *Shiloh* is an epic tale, deftly told by a masterful storyteller.

The following afternoon, scholar and policymaker Robert A. Pastor explains his belief that NAFTA’s mandate was too limited to address the new North American agenda. Instead of offering bold initiatives like a customs union to expand trade, he says, leaders of the three nations thought small.

Speaking of political leaders, you’ll want to hear the story of Lyndon Johnson, as told by the director of the LBJ Library, Mark Updegrove. He offers an intimate portrait of the endlessly fascinating LBJ, his extraordinarily eventful presidency, and the turbulent times in which he served. It is a talk (April 17) you won’t want to miss.

On April 26th we’ll co-host a film screening with the Swiss Consulate of Atlanta. Jarreth Merz comes to the Carter Library to show his documentary *An African Election*. In 2008, director Jarreth Merz returns to his boyhood home of Ghana to find himself. He discovers a country churning with political, social and economic turmoil. Following key candidates, he provides an insider’s view into the lives of the Ghanaian people and the politicians who will do anything to win.

And we will end the month (April 30) with Rheta Grimsley Johnson’s side-splitting book *Hank Hung the Moon*. The dark story of America’s Pulitzer Prize winning hillbilly singer has been told often and well, but always with sad country fiddles wailing. This latest Hank Williams paean will make readers laugh as well as cry. Hank hung the moon and left his fans behind to admire it. He transformed the musical landscape, as well as the heavens, with his genius. And that’s a good thing.

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