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Best-Selling Authors Coming to Carter Library

From A Southern Novel to a Remarkable True Adventure in Afghanistan

Atlanta, GA.- Upcoming authors at the Carter Presidential Library will take listeners on journeys to the rural South and the rugged terrain of Afghanistan and Pakistan. You'll learn about the letters between Joseph Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt and find humor in celebrity tales of being fired. All author lectures and book-signings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public at no charge.

Friday, March 31st.....Cynthia Shearer..... "The Celestial Jukebox"
Friday, April 7thSusan Butler..... "My Dear Mr. Stalin"
Wednesday, April 19th.....Greg Mortenson..... "Three Cups of Tea"
Thursday, April 20th.....Annabelle Gurwitch..... "Fired"
Friday, May 5thLuis Alberto Urrea..... "The Hummingbird's Daughter"

On Friday, March 31st, author Cynthia Shearer will take listeners on a journey to the rural south and the fictional town of Madagascar, Mississippi. In her book, "The Celestial Jukebox", she weaves together the lives of the residents of this community in what *Publishers Weekly* calls "a joy to the ear; a return to beauty in literature."

A week later, Susan Butler will present a fascinating collection of letters between two of the most powerful and history-making men of the Twentieth Century, Joseph Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt. "My Dear Mr. Stalin" contains the complete correspondence between Stalin and Roosevelt and gives a vivid picture of the origins of the Cold War.

A different type of war is the focus of Greg Mortenson's book, "Three Cups of Tea." It recounts the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to taking on the mission of fighting extremism by building schools, especially for girls, throughout the breeding ground of the Taliban. "I don't want to teach Pakistan's children to think like Americans," Mortenson says. "I just want them to have a balanced, nonextremist education."

On April 20th, author Annabelle Gurwitch presents an all-star line-up of people who, at one time or another, have been fired from their job. "Fired! Tales of the Canned, Cancelled, Downsized and Dismissed" is a collection of hilarious-but-true tales of being axed, outsourced, booted and terminated. Even if you've never been pink-slipped, you'll enjoy hearing how others have turned their worse moments into something they can laugh about.

Luis Alberto Urrea comes to the Carter Library on Friday, May 5th to read from his book, "The Hummingbird's Daughter." His novel follows the brewing rebellion in 1889 against a longtime Mexican Dictator and meticulously captures day-to-day life among the poor farmers and their populist beliefs in their Saint. *The New York Times* says "These 500 pages—though they could have been fewer—slip past effortlessly."

All author readings and book-signings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.