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Award-Winning Novelist Coming to Carter Library Colum McCann Book Signing on Monday

Atlanta, GA. – National Book Award-winning author Colum McCann comes to the Carter Presidential Library on Monday, June 10th for a reading of his new novel *TransAtlantic*. Tickets are available at www.acappellabooks.com or by calling 404-681-5128.

McCann demonstrates once again why he is one of the most acclaimed and essential authors of his generation with a soaring novel that spans continents, leaps centuries, and unites a cast of deftly rendered characters, both real and imagined.

The Washington Post says “McCann is back with another elaborately constructed book...a series of intensely personal moments in the lives of people celebrated, forgotten or unknown. Fiction and nonfiction are blended together, beginning with famous men and then listening closely as their actions reverberate down a line of related women who lived in various degrees of anonymity.”

Kirkus Reviews calls *TransAtlantic* “A masterful and profoundly moving novel that employs exquisite language to explore the limits of language and the tricks of memory . . . epic in ambition . . . audacious in format.”

Then on Friday, June 14th, author Carol Berkin takes us back in history with a look at the founding of the country in “*A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution*.”

Though the American Revolution is widely recognized as our nation's founding story, the years immediately following the war—when our government was a disaster and the country was in a terrible crisis—were in fact the most crucial in establishing the country's independence. The group of men who traveled to Philadelphia in the summer of 1787 had no idea what kind of history their meeting would make. But all their ideas, arguments, and compromises—from the creation of the Constitution itself, article by article, to the insistence that it remain a living, evolving document—laid the foundation for a government that has surpassed the founders' greatest hopes.

The New York Times says “A Brilliant Solution is that rarest of achievements—civic education that also manages to entertain. . . . A dramatic, well-informed account.” The talk is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow both author presentations.

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 and follow the CarterLibrary on Twitter. . If you wish to unsubscribe to these news releases, simply email tony.clark@nara.gov and put “UNSUBSCRIBE” in the subject line.