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African-Americans Serving the President The Fascinating Story of *The President's Kitchen Cabinet*

Atlanta- Join us Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 pm as the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library author series welcomes award winning writer Adrian Miller. Miller's new book is *The President's Kitchen Cabinet: The Story of the African Americans Who Have Fed Our First Families, from the Washingtons to the Obamas*. The discussion and book signing is free and open to the public. ACappella Books will have copies of *The President's Kitchen Cabinet* available for purchase and signing.

Miller, a James Beard award-winning author, vividly tells the stories of the African Americans who worked in the presidential food service as chefs, personal cooks, butlers, stewards, and servers for every First Family since George and Martha Washington. He brings together the names and words of more than 150 black men and women who played remarkable roles in unforgettable events in the nation's history. Daisy McAfee Bonner, for example, FDR's cook at his Warm Springs retreat, described the president's final day on earth in 1945, when he was struck down just as his lunchtime cheese souffle' emerged from the oven. Sorrowfully, but with a cook's pride, she recalled, "He never ate that souffle, but it never fell until the minute he died."

As *Kirkus Reviews* points out "Thanks to Miller's careful research, we know that Jimmy Carter "doesn't especially like green peas," in first lady Rosalynn Carter's careful words, and that his predecessor, Gerald Ford, had a fondness for butter pecan ice cream. More substantial are Miller's notes, sometimes between the lines, on how exposure to African-American persons, their foodways, and their "professional excellence" played a part in lessening the prejudices of the nation's chief officeholders. For food history and presidential history buffs alike, both entertaining and illuminating."

OTHER UPCOMING AUTHOR PROGRAMS:

Tuesday, Sept. 19...Celeste Headlee.. *We Need To Talk*

Whether you're struggling to communicate with your kid's teacher at school, an employee at work, or the people you love the most—Headlee offers smart strategies to help us all have conversations that matter.

Wednesday, Sept. 20... Jimmy Webb.. *The Cake and the Rain: A Memoir*
Classics such as “Up, Up and Away”, “By the Time I Get to Phoenix”, “Wichita Lineman”, “Galveston”, “The Worst that Could Happen”, “All I Know”, and “MacArthur Park” were all recorded by some of the most important voices in pop before Webb's twenty-fifth birthday: he thought it was easy. (Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel)

Thursday, Sept. 28...*MANKILLER*... film screening & discussion
MANKILLER examines the legacy of the formidable Wilma Mankiller, who defied all odds to become one of the most influential and successful leaders in the United States, serving three terms as the Cherokee Nation's Principal Chief.

Monday, Oct. 2..Denise Kiernan..*The Last Castle : The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home*
From the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Girls of Atomic City* comes the fascinating true story behind the magnificent Gilded Age mansion Biltmore—the largest, grandest residence ever built in the United States.

Wednesday, Oct 4...Garry Wills... *What the Qur'an Meant & Why It Matters*
America's leading religious scholar and public intellectual introduces lay readers to the Qur'an with a measured, powerful reading of the ancient text. (Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel)

Monday, October 9... Jennifer Lin... *Shanghai Faithful*
Shanghai Faithful is both a touching family memoir and a chronicle of the astonishing spread of Christianity in China. Five generations of the Lin family—buffeted by history's crosscurrents and personal strife—

Wednesday, October 11... Doug Stanton... *The Odyssey of Echo Company*
A powerful work of literary military history from the New York Times bestselling author of *In Harm's Way* and *Horse Soldiers*, the harrowing, redemptive, and utterly unforgettable account of an American army reconnaissance platoon's fight for survival during the Vietnam War—whose searing experiences reverberate today among the millions of American families touched by this war.

Monday, October 23...*9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo*.....film screening & discussion.
This is a firsthand view of the first nine days of the rapidly changing uprising in Aleppo, from the observations recorded by the renowned Syrian photographer Issa Touma from his window in the old city.

Tuesday, October 24...Richard Rothstein...*The Color of Law*

In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation. Rather, *The Color of Law* incontrovertibly makes clear that it was de jure segregation—the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments—that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.

Wednesday, November 1...Karen Cox...*Goat Castle*

Strange, fascinating, and sobering, *Goat Castle* tells the story of this local feud, killing, investigation, and trial, showing how a true crime tale of fallen southern grandeur and murder obscured an all too familiar story of racial injustice.

Monday, Nov. 27...Alison Wright... *Human Tribe*

A page-turner in the most exquisite sense, this book of over 160 portraits expresses the emotive beauty and grace of the human face. Documentary photographer Alison Wright traveled to every continent to capture the diversity of the human tribe, from toddlers to those who've lived a lifetime, and from South America to Africa, Asia, and points in between. Some of the people photographed are privileged, some live ordinary lives, and others live close to the land and in communities that may not last another generation.

Tuesday, Dec. 5...Bill Browder...*Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice*

This is a story about an accidental activist. Bill Browder started out his adult life as the Wall Street maverick whose instincts led him to Russia just after the breakup of the Soviet Union, where he made his fortune.

Along the way he exposed corruption, and when he did, he barely escaped with his life. His Russian lawyer wasn't so lucky: he ended up in jail, where he was tortured to death. That changed Browder forever.

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