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Carter Library Hosts Jackie Robinson & Albert Einstein Biographers

READINGS AND BOOK SIGNINGS SET FOR APRIL 11 & APRIL 19

ATLANTA, GA- The story of Jackie Robinson's historic breaking of the color-barrier in baseball will be brought to life by biographer Jonathan Eig at the Carter Presidential Library on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

The following week (Thursday, April 19th), best-selling biographer Walter Isaacson will discuss his new, highly acclaimed biography "**Einstein: His Life and Universe.**" Both lectures and book signings are free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be sold at each event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

"Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season" is much more than a baseball story. When Jackie Robinson stepped onto the diamond that afternoon at Ebbets Field, he became the first black man to break into major-league baseball in the twentieth century. World War II had just ended. Democracy had triumphed. Now Americans were beginning to press for justice on the home front -- and Robinson had a chance to lead the way.

Drawing on interviews with surviving players, sportswriters, and eyewitnesses, as well as newly discovered material from archives around the country, Jonathan Eig presents a fresh portrait of a ferocious competitor who embodied integration's promise and helped launch the modern civil-rights era. Full of new details and thrilling action, *Opening Day* brings to life baseball's ultimate story.

Walter Isaacson's biography of Albert Einstein has been called "penetrating and magnificently nuanced," by Booklist. "But what distinguishes this extraordinarily encompassing and profoundly affecting biography most," reviewer Donna Seaman writes, "are Isaacson's empathic insights into painful paradoxes. Einstein believed in an ordered universe of "harmony and beauty," yet his discoveries revealed uncertainty, randomness, and chance. Einstein spent the second half of his life not only attempting to refute his own revolutionary findings but also witnessing the creation of potentially apocalyptic weapons that harnessed the diabolical powers he unveiled."

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