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AUTHOR KEIR GRAFF WRITES PRESS RELEASE TO PROMOTE HIS THRILLER, *THE PRICE OF LIBERTY*

Calls the Experience “Rewarding”

CHICAGO, IL—To announce the promotional activities for his fourth novel, **The Price of Liberty**, Chicago author **Keir Graff** has written a press release. He has written the press release in third-person, hoping to create the illusion that he maintains the services of a publicist. Misspellings and grammatical errors throughout are should contributing to this effect. As is customary, key information has been set in **boldface**.

“For my fourth novel, I wanted to try something different,” Graff quotes himself as saying. (In reality, a transcription of words he has merely thought, not actually said aloud.) “While *The Price of Liberty* is thematically consonant with my last two novels, *One Nation Under God* and *My Fellow Americans*, it is faster-moving, more humorous, and has an ensemble cast. I had a lot of fun writing from a villain’s point of view, too, something I had never done before.”

(Here Graff has **ignored advice** against using high-flown language, such as “thematically consonant,” in the purely functional medium of the press release.)

Early reviews have been strong. *Library Journal* noted Graff’s **sense of humor** and called the book “**another winner**.” *Publishers Weekly* noted Graff’s **cynicism** and called the book “a solid political thriller” in which the actons of the hero, Jack McEnroe, “**keep the pages turning easily**.” *Kirkus Reviews* **declined to comment**.

In addition to several **bookstore appearances**, Graff will also be **visiting libraries**. In a lighthearted and informative lecture, illustrated with slides, he will tell his own story of breaking into print while offering **practical advice** about getting published, staying published, and, presumably, **writing press releases**. Regarding this press release, Graff thinks, “I hope it will be rewarding.”

A list of currently scheduled appearances follows. (Updates will be posted at www.keirgraff.com/appearances.) If you’d like to receive more information, to request a copy of *The Price of Liberty*, or to schedule an interview with Keir Graff, call Keir Graff at 773-793-6307 or e-mail him at keir@keirgraff.com.

BIOGRAPHY

Keir Graff is the author of *The Price of Liberty* (2010), *One Nation Under God* (2008), *My Fellow Americans* (2007), and, writing as Michael McCulloch, *Cold Lessons* (2007). His short fiction has appeared in a variety of publications, from the *Chicago Reader* to the *Portland Review*. By day, he is the senior editor of *Booklist Online*, a publication of the American Library Association. He lives in Chicago with his wife and two young sons. Much more information—**too much, really**—can be found at www.keirgraff.com.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES FOR KEIR GRAFF

Tuesday, August 10, 7 p.m.

Reading & Signing

Fact & Fiction

406-721-2881

220 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802

Thursday, September 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Launch Party

After-Words

312-464-1110

23 E. Illinois, Chicago, IL 60611

Wednesday, September 15, 7 p.m.

Local Author Night

The Book Cellar

773-293-2665

4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

Friday, September 24, 7–8:30 p.m.

"How I Kept My Day Job and Became a Published Author—and You Can, Too"

Thomas Ford Memorial Library

800 Chestnut, Western Springs, IL 60558

Wednesday, September 22, noon–1:30 p.m.

"How I Kept My Day Job and Became a Published Author—and You Can, Too"

Harold Washington Library Center, Video Theater

400 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60605

Wednesday, September 29, 7–8:30 p.m.

"How I Kept My Day Job and Became a Published Author—and You Can, Too"

Sulzer Regional Library, Sulzer Auditorium

4455 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

October 14–17

Bouchercon

Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA

October 28–30

Montana Festival of the Book

Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park, Missoula, MT

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