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Presents

AUTHOR'S DAY 2010
Sunday, February 28, 2010
Ports O' Call Restaurant ~ San Pedro
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Featuring
Sonia Nazario
Robert Fate
Lisa See
Jeri Westerson

Sunday, February 28, 2010
10 a.m.
Ports O' Call Restaurant
Ports O' Call Village, Berth 76
San Pedro, CA 90731

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 REGISTRATION
Time to buy books and meet our Authors.

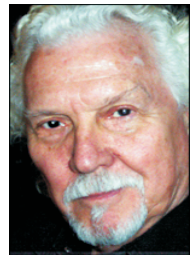
11:00 Welcome & Introduction
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11:15 Author ~ Sonia Nazario
 Sonia Nazario has spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues, most recently as an LA Times Projects reporter, and has won many prestigious writing awards. Her story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother, "Enrique's Journey," won the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in

2003. She expanded Enrique's Journey into a book and it became a national bestseller. It is now required reading for all incoming freshmen at dozens of colleges and high schools across the U.S. and is being made into a movie by Lifetime.

Sonia grew up in Kansas and in Argentina, has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States. **"If you are going to read only one non-fiction book this year, [Enrique's Journey] has to be the one . . ." - Isabel Allende**



11:45 Author ~ Robert Fate
 Robert Fate is a Marine Corps veteran who lived in Paris, studied at the Sorbonne, and can mangle the French language with the best of them. He's worked as an oilfield rough neck on a Texaco rig in Oklahoma, TV cameraman, fashion model, scriptwriter for the soap opera Search

for Tomorrow, and producer of an independent feature film. He also won an Academy Award for special effects.

The books in his crime series are: *Baby Shark*; *Baby Shark's Beaumont Blues*; *Baby Shark's High Plains Redemption*; and *Baby Shark's Jugglers at the Border*. **"Baby Shark reels you in and keeps you in its jaws. A grabber from page two with a killer ending."** *Allbooks Reviews*. He's presently at work on a stand-alone called *Kill the Gigolo*, to be released in the spring of 2010.

12:15 Lunch + Time to buy books & meet our Authors



1:45 Author ~ Lisa See
 Lisa See, author of the critically-acclaimed international bestseller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (2005), has always been intrigued by stories that have been lost, forgotten, or hidden. Her new novel, *Shanghai Girls*, delves into forgotten history, and the backdrop is Los Angeles Chinatown.

Publishers Weekly says *Shanghai Girls* is **"excellent...an accomplished and absorbing novel,"** while Booklist calls it a **"buoyant and lustrous paean to the bonds of sisterhood."** Ms. See was born in Paris and raised in Los Angeles, partly with her father's family in Chinatown. Her first book, *On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family* (1995), was a national bestseller and a New York Times Notable Book. Lisa See lives in Los Angeles and serves as a Los Angeles City Commissioner on the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Monument Authority.



2:15 Author ~ Jeri Westerson
 Jeri Westerson writes medieval mysteries with an enigmatic, flawed, sexy, and very different protagonist. His name is Crispin Guest, an ex-knight turned detective on the mean streets of fourteenth century London. You might think of him as a "Medieval Sam Spade" and these mysteries Medieval Noir. Her first novel, *Veil of Lies*, debuted last

year and was recently nominated for a Macavity Award for Best Historical Mystery and the Shamus Award for Best First PI Novel.

Westerson is married to a commercial photographer, has a son in college, and lives in southern California with two cats, a tortoise and an occasional tarantula. The second in the series, *Serpent in the Thorns*, is now available.

DEADLINE February 19, 2010
Mail early to assure reservations

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RESERVATION FORM

Please cut and mail with your check
 Payable to ABWA, Attn: Rose Hickman, 23505
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Print Name	Meal Choice
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Daytime Telephone (____) _____

Evening Telephone (____) _____

Please seat me with _____

LUNCH PREFERENCES

Please fill in meal choice above

- ◆ *Chicken Picatta* ◆ *Vegetarian-Grilled Vegetables*
- ◆ *English Cut London Broil* ◆ *Fresh Sword Fish*

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$45 per person

_____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____.
 Funds will be used for educational scholarships.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____