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Author C.D. Harper to Visit Driftwood

Driftwood Public Library is delighted to announce that C.D. Harper will be returning to visit the library from on Sunday, March 31st at 3:00 pm, to talk about his new book of short stories titled *Is It Always Tomorrow?*

Slavery existed in the United States for nearly 300 years. While the institution was abolished following the terminus of the Civil War in 1865, the aftermath of this atrocious practice is still felt to this day in American society. Harper's new collection was written to demonstrate the contradiction of this aftermath in American society.

Each of these short stories is a mere peek into what this most basic contradiction demanded of its people during the 1850's and 1860's prior to the Civil War. Most Americans think slavery ended with the Civil War, and it did. But its impact on the way Americans think about themselves and the way they think about others is so strongly embedded into the American psyche that John F. Kennedy said this country was willing to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

Harper decided to write this collection as an attempt to further educate people about American diversity and why it makes America great: "If one looks at the total of American literature or read about the history of this very diverse country, very little had been written about the experience of those diverse people. Slavery is central to that diversity. So, I write about it. Hoping they will enhance someone's understanding of American, land of the free."

A gripping collection that will leave readers flipping back to the beginning to make sure they didn't miss any details, *Is It Always Tomorrow?* is an astounding social commentary on one of the most prevalent issues in our society today.

C. D. Harper is a retired Professor of Theatre Arts and Dance, California State University, Los Angeles, where he served as Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, Founding Executive Director of the Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Founder of the Luckman Jazz Orchestra. He also served as Executive Assistant to the President of the University. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, and a Master and Ph.D. from St. Louis University. Dr. Harper has published two novels: *Covenant* and *Face the Unknown*. He resides in Gleneden Beach.

Harper's appearance is a free event and open to the public. Any questions may be directed to Ken Hobson by phone (541-996-1242) or via e-mail (khobson@lincolncity.org). Driftwood Public Library is located on the 2nd floor of Lincoln City's City Hall building at 801 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City, adjacent to McKay's Market.

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