

Lunch With Author Series – Not Quite Done!

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Two of our favorite New York Times bestselling authors have new books this spring so of course they're coming to the USCB Lunch With Author Series... extended. Craig Johnson (left) returns with his new book *Any Other Name* on May 29 at Hampton Hall and Dorothea Benton Frank will be at Belfair Clubhouse on June 12 with her new book, *The Hurricane Sisters*.

Riding the critical and ratings success wave of season two of A&E-TV series Longmire, **Craig Johnson**

saddles up for the summer with his tenth Sheriff Walt Longmire mystery, *Any Other Name*. Publication was timed with the airing of season three of Longmire, the highest-rated scripted program in A&E's history. This time Walt strays from his own terrain to unearth threatening secrets buried in a neighboring county.

In the depths of a high-plains winter, Sheriff Walt Longmire takes on a mercy case in an adjacent county as a favor to his old boss Lucian Connally and agrees to investigate the suicide of one of Lucian's old friends, Detective Gerald Holman. With the clock ticking on the birth of Lola, his first grandchild, and a red-eye flight to Philadelphia, Walt must find out why the by-the-book detective may have suppressed evidence concerning three missing women, an incriminating secret so dark that it took the detective's life and will take others by the time justice, in the form of Sheriff Walt Longmire, is served.

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Craig Johnson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Walt Longmire mystery series. He is the recipient of the Wyoming Historical Award for fiction, the Western Writers of America Spur Award for fiction, the Mountains and Plains Booksellers Award for fiction, the Rocky Award from Left Coast Crime, the Nouvel Observateur Prix du Roman Noir, and the Prix 813. *Spirit of Steamboat* was selected by the Wyoming Library Association as the "One Book Wyoming" for fall 2013. He lives in Ucross, Wyoming, population twenty-five.



On June 12, the one and only Dorothea Benton Frank ("Dottie") comes to the Belfair Clubhouse, Bluffton, with her trademark wit, sassy, heartwarming characters, and the steamy Southern atmosphere and beauty of her beloved Carolina Lowcountry.

The Hurricane Sisters

is this New York Times bestselling author's enchanting tale of the ties and lies between generations.

Three generations of strong women wrestle with the expectations of family while struggling to understand their complicated relationships with each other.

One is Ashley Waters who lives on Sullivan's Island with her best friend from college. This is the girls' first job and away-from-home adventure albeit that they are living in the very large Waters' family beach house rent-free, which they decide to rent out for soirees. The two other women

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are Ashley's Mother, Liz, with problems of her own and her grandmother, the family matriarch, who just turned eighty and is very opinionated. For these Lowcountry women, an emotional hurricane is about to blow through their lives, wreaking havoc that will test them in unexpected ways, ultimately transforming the bonds they share.

Dorothea Benton Frank has appeared on NBC's "Today" show, Parker Ladd's "Book Talk," and many local network-affiliated television stations. She is a frequent speaker on creative writing and the creative process for students of all ages and in private venues, such as the National Arts Club, the Junior League of New York, Friends of the Library, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Past board service includes The Montclair Art Museum, Whole Theater Company, The Drumthwacket Foundation, The NJ State Council on the Arts and The NJ Cultural Trust. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the SC Coastal Conservation League and the Parent's Council of the College of Charleston. At the present time she is a trustee of Bloomfield College (Bloomfield NJ), The Montclair Film Festival (NJ) and The SC Historical Society. She is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from The College of Charleston and a Doctorate of Fine Arts from Bloomfield College. She divides her time between the Lowcountry of South Carolina and New Jersey.