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Author Michael Lister Will Sign New Novels at the Library

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – Author Michael Lister will speak about and sign his two latest series novels *Blood Cries* and *The Big Blast* at the Bay County Public Library on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Blood Cries is not only the tenth John Jordan mystery but the second volume in the "Atlanta Years" series within the series and the sequel to *Innocent Blood*, picking up right where the previous novel ended. Like *Innocent Blood*, *Blood Cries* takes readers back to John Jordan's formative years as a detective in Atlanta working the historical Atlanta Child Murders case.

In a starred review, *Publisher's Weekly* said, "Lister gives fair clues for the surprise solution, thus combining a compelling account of his hero's spiritual struggle with a top-notch whodunit," and *New York Times* #1 bestselling author Michael Connelly, said "Another great ride with a very assured driver behind the wheel."

The world of Panama City, Florida, continues to come to vivid and atmospheric life in Michael Lister's latest Jimmy "Soldier" Riley noir novel, *The Big Blast*.

The Big Blast is the fifth novel in the series featuring the Panhandle in the 1940s during World War II, following last year's *The Big Bout*.

Once again readers are invited to walk the mean streets of wartime Panama City with Jimmy "Soldier" Riley, a wounded, woman-haunted knight errant in the romantic, suspenseful, mystery series *Publisher's Weekly* calls "a promising private detective series set in 1940s Florida," and *Library Journal* adds "peppered with snappy dialog, this hard-boiled mystery by award winner Lister is a swell read."

This popular and acclaimed series has been praised by readers and reviewers alike. In a starred review, *Publisher's Weekly* said, "Lister's hard-edged prose ranks with the best of contemporary noir fiction." In another starred review, *Booklist* said, "Michael Lister writes some of the best hard-boiled prose going. Nothing short of amazing!"

Bestselling author John Dufresne said of the series, "Michael Lister has the world of Florida Panhandle noir all to himself. Tough, violent, and hard-boiled, These novels of obsession and suspense will remind you of Raymond Chandler, Graham Greene, and why you started reading crime novels in the first place."

In addition to speaking about and signing his latest releases, Lister will also read and take questions from the audience. He will be joined by two other authors, Jeff Newberry and S. W. Lauden, who also have new Panhandle crime novels out.

This special evening of crime fiction will take place at the Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street in Panama City on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

For more information about *The Big Blast*, *Blood Cries*, the event, and Lister's other novels, visit www.MichaelLister.com

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