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Read Between the Lines with Jacqueline Winspear, Kristin Armstrong, and Other Celebrity Authors at CALM's 23rd Annual Authors' Luncheon

Captivating interviews, discussions, and book signings with authors at this year's event

Santa Barbara, CA – One of Santa Barbara's most anticipated literary events is just around the corner. CALM's 23rd Annual Celebrity Authors' Luncheon, presented by the CALM Auxiliary, will take place on **Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Fess Parker's DoubleTree Resort.**

The CALM Celebrity Authors' Luncheon will feature appearances and book signings by a variety of writers. Interviewed authors this year include **Jacqueline Winspear, Kristin Armstrong, Leonard Downie, Jr., Larry Wilmore, and Selden Edwards** who is also this year's Honorary Chair. **Author Jack Canfield will serve as Master of Ceremonies** for the event. Book signing and purchasing will begin at 10:00 am, and lunch will be served at 11:45 am. **Former KEYT anchorwoman Debby Davison, Kate Schwab, and William Hermann will interview the authors starting at 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$125. For reservations and for more information, please call 682-3925.** All ticket proceeds and a percentage of book sales will benefit CALM, the only nonprofit in Santa Barbara County focused solely on preventing, assessing, and treating child abuse and family violence.

This year's interviewed authors include:

KRISTIN ARMSTRONG, in her new book *Work in Progress: An Unfinished Woman's Guide to Grace*, describes 12 traits to guide women in their journey to find peace, faith, and strength on their path to becoming women of grace.

LEONARD DOWNIE, JR. was the Executive Editor of the Washington Post for 17 years until his recent retirement. *The Rules of the Game* evolved out of his fascination with the complex relationships among journalists, politicians, and lobbyists and the manner in which they break the rules without consequences.

SELDEN EDWARDS began writing his first novel, *The Little Book*, as a young English teacher in 1974. Mr. Edwards's first novel is described as "impossible to describe and impossible to forget."

LARRY WILMORE has been a TV producer, actor, comedian, and writer for *The Jamie Foxx Show*, *In Living Color*, *The Bernie Mac Show*, *The Office*, and *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. He is currently the "senior black correspondent" for Jon Stewart's *The Daily Show*. Larry's first book, *I'd Rather We Got Casinos and Other Black Thoughts*, has musings, revelations, and ruminations of his "black thoughts".

JACQUELINE WINSPEAR'S first novel, *Maisie Dobbs*, was a National Bestseller and received an array of accolades, including being named a New York Times Notable Book in 2003 and a Publishers'

Weekly Top Ten Mystery in 2003. Her newest book, *Among the Mad*, is the sixth novel in the series.

In addition to the interviewed authors, the following authors will also attend the event and be available for book signing: **Pascale Beale-Groom, *Montecito Country Kitchen*; Joe Bruzzese, *Parents' Guide to the Middle School Years*; Jack Canfield, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*; Leslie Dinaberg, *Hometown Santa Barbara*; David Francis, *Stray Dog Winter*; Patti Jacquemain, *Journey of the Great Bear*; Jenna McCarthy, *The Parent Trip*; Lynn Montgomery, *Butt Ugly*; Judy Pochini, *The Frittata Affair*; Diana Raab, *Regina's Closet*; Gerald Schiller, *More True Stories of Old California*; Willard Thompson, *Dream Helper*; Leah L. Waarvik, *I Sit and Stay*; and Flavia Weedn, author of a variety of gift books.**

CALM, Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, was founded in 1970 to reach stressed parents before they hurt their children. CALM continues to be the only non-profit agency in Santa Barbara County focusing solely on preventing, assessing, and treating child abuse and family violence through comprehensive, cutting-edge programs. CALM offers children, families, and adults a safe, non-judgmental, caring, and strength-based environment to heal and increase family well-being. **For more information about all of CALM's services, please call 805-965-2376, or visit www.calm4kids.org.**

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