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## **Lisa See, Andrew Klavan and Other Critically Acclaimed Writers ‘Booked’ for CALM’s 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrity Authors’ Luncheon**

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

**Santa Barbara, CA, February 12, 2008** – One of the most highly anticipated literary events in Santa Barbara is just around the corner. CALM’s 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrity Authors’ Luncheon, presented by the CALM Auxiliary, will take place on **Saturday, March 8, 2008, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Fess Parker’s DoubleTree Resort.**

Combining big-name authors with local celebrities, the CALM Celebrity Authors’ Luncheon will feature appearances and book signings by a variety of writers. Interviewed authors this year include **Gary David Goldberg, Andrew Klavan, Deborah Rodriguez and Lisa See**, 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 9:30 am, and lunch will be served at 11:45 am. **Former KEYT anchorwoman Debby Davison and Kate Schwab of Borders 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 event presents a variety of books and writers guaranteed to spark interesting interviews and discussion:

- Gary David Goldberg’s *Sit, Ubu, Sit* is an extraordinary account of an incredibly successful and unexpected life in show business. Goldberg is best known for creating the smash-hit television series *Family Ties* and *Spin City*.
- Andrew Klavan is the author of bestselling novels *True Crime* and *Don’t Say a Word*, both of which have been made into movies. His newest novel, *Damnation Street*, has been called a “superb suspense by a master storyteller”.
- Deborah Rodriguez is the author of *Kabul Beauty School*, a tale about the culture and customs of Afghanistan, revealing the magnificence behind the burqa.
- Lisa See, the New York Times bestselling author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, uses the magic of the Chinese afterlife in her stunning new novel, *Peony in Love*.

In addition to the interviewed authors, the following authors will also attend the event and be available for book signing: Mindy Bingham, author of *Minou*; Polly Bookwalter, author of *Butterfly Beach*; Joe Bruzzese, author of *Caught in the Middle*; Jack Canfield, author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*; Kathryn Cushman, author of *A Promise to Remember*; William Davis, author of *Sinking the Rising Sun*; Karin Finell, author of *Good-bye to the Mermaids*; David Gersh, author of *Art is Dead*; Beverley Jackson, author of *Shanghai Girl Gets All Dressed Up*; Susan Jorgensen, author of *Susan Jorgensen: I Am a Hunter Too*; Jennie Nash, author of *The Last Beach Bungalow*; Katie Nuanes, author of *The Little Black Apron: A Single Girl’s Guide to Cooking with Style and Grace*; Sissy Taran, author of *The Sun Will Shine Again*; 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](http://www.calm4kids.org).**

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