

# Novel: Davies is working on a novel

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ry about a man who befriends a transsexual named Mary and tries to conceal that fact from his wife. The effect is a reflection on the joy Davies often finds in strange juxtapositions of people, places and events.

For the last five years, Davies taught creative writing at Emory University in Atlanta and Boston University. He said both the quality of faculty and students in the creative writing department was a major factor in his decision to come to the University last year.

"There was such a great community of writers here, and I knew their work would be inspiring and challenging," he said. "The students in the program had such enthusiasm for writing, too."

He enjoys teaching because it offers the chance to clarify his own ideas about writing, he said.

"I enjoy teaching in the workshop format so much," he said. "I sometimes begin to be

amazed that I'm actually getting paid for this."

Davies' award-winning short stories have also appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Story* and others. Since its release, "The Ugliest House in the World" has met with

widespread critical acclaim, with positive reviews in journals and magazines all over the country.

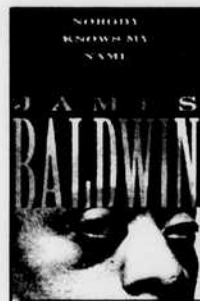
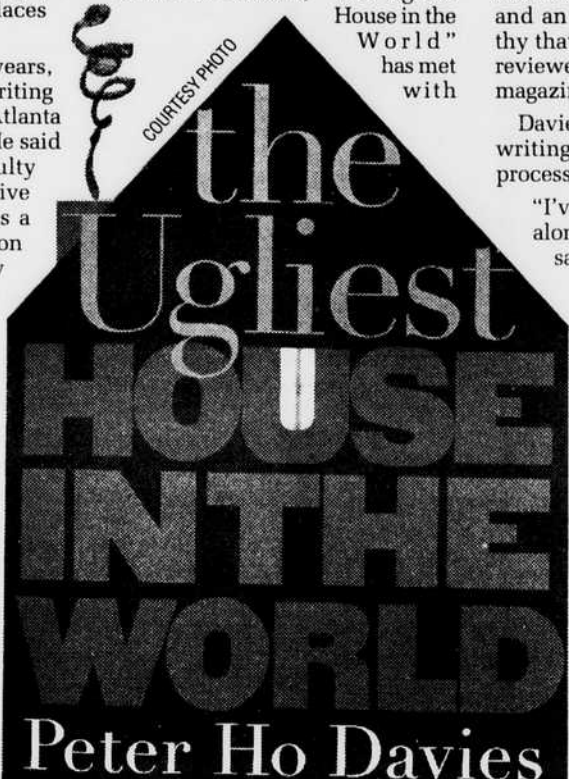
"Davies infuses even his most exotic stories with a quiet clarity and an all-encompassing empathy that is without borders," one reviewer said in an issue of *ELLE* magazine.

Davies is currently working on writing a novel, but he said the process has been a slow one.

"I've been feeling my way along through the process," he said. Since he can't set aside specific blocks of time to work on his writing, he simply fits it in when he can, he said.

"When you force yourself to write for a fixed amount of time, you begin to focus on the means rather than the ends," he said. "The important thing, though, is to find out what works for you."

Davies' reading will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Knight Library, and he will be signing copies of his book afterwards. For more information, call 346-4331.



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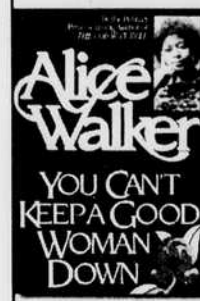
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## Delphina to host Nexus fashion show



By Tammy Salzman  
Freelance Reporter

On Valentine's Day, Delphina clothing store of Eugene plans to host a Carnival of Love at the Nexus Club on Willamette Street.

The carnival will feature a fashion show as well as belly dancers, a kissing booth and free champagne.

Delphina, Oriana and Antrican are providing the clothes — which will include everything from tight, vinyl dresses to more casual wear — and models for the fashion show.

Other activities planned for the evening include door prizes, fire juggling and a human petting zoo, something one organizer says can't be explained because "you just have to see it in person."

The doors open at 9 p.m., and tickets purchased in advance from participating stores cost \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Tickets purchased at the door run \$7 per person or \$10 per couple.

Carnival organizers hope to have a large turnout on Saturday so they can sponsor more events in the future.

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