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Portland native Mitchell S. Jackson writes about his youth in the city.

Novel Available for "Everybody Reads"

Award-winning writer talk of town

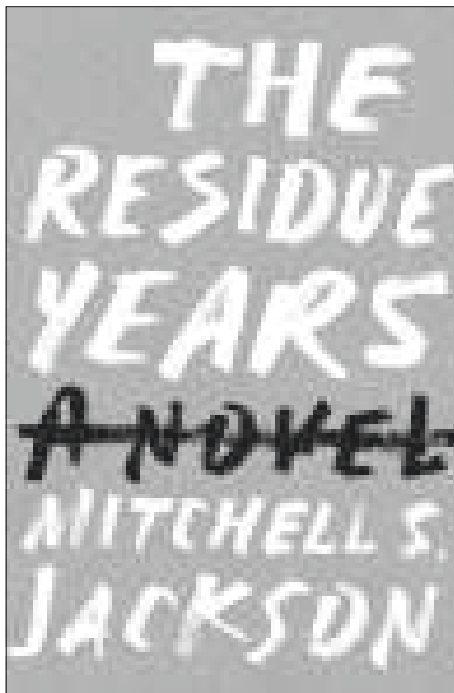
The Multnomah County Library has just stocked thousands of copies of a debut novel by native Portland author Mitchell S. Jackson as the 13th selection for the library's annual "Everybody Reads," series.

Jackson's "The Residue Years" is now available in print and e-books at all Multnomah County libraries and downloadable from the library catalog, thanks to the generous support of the Library Foundation.

Readers are encouraged to share the books with friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

"Of all the honors I've received for The Residue Years, this is the most important to me," said Jackson. "I always intended this book to be for Portland and to represent the city and the people I grew up with. The issues in the book are very present today: What are the effects of gentrification in Portland? What constitutes a family? A home? How do people of color institute change? I hope Everybody Reads helps keep these conversations going."

Throughout January, local readers and students will engage with Jackson's semi-autobiographical account of a family's struggles in a neglected black neighbor-



hood of a predominantly white 1990s Portland. In February, dozens of Everybody Reads discussions, lectures and related programs will take place at libraries and elsewhere in the community.

Jackson himself will present a talk on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Literary Arts will be sponsoring the event, and tickets can be purchased through their website at literary-arts.org.

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