

Second Harper Lee novel to be published in July

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NEW YORK — “To Kill a Mockingbird” will not be Harper Lee’s only published book after all.

Publisher Harper announced Tuesday that “Go Set a Watchman,” a novel the Pulitzer Prize-winning author completed in the 1950s and put aside, will be released July 14. Rediscovered last fall, “Go Set a Watchman” is essentially a sequel to “To Kill a Mockingbird,” although it was finished earlier. The 304-page book will be Lee’s second, and the first new work in more than 50 years.

The publisher plans a first printing of 2 million copies.

“In the mid-1950s, I completed a novel called ‘Go Set a Watchman,’” the 88-year-old Lee said in a statement issued by Harper. “It features the character known as Scout as an adult woman, and I thought it a pretty decent effort. My editor, who was taken by the flashbacks to Scout’s childhood, persuaded me to write a novel (what became ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’) from the point of view of the young Scout.

“I was a first-time writer, so I did as I was told. I hadn’t realized it (the original book) had survived, so was surprised and delighted when my dear friend and lawyer Tonja Carter discovered it. After much thought and hesitation, I shared it with a handful of people I trust and was pleased to hear that they considered it worthy of publication. I am humbled and amazed that this will now be published after all these years.”

Financial terms were not dis-



AP Photo/Rob Carr, File

In this 2007, file photo, Harper Lee, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” smiles during a ceremony honoring the four new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala.

closed. The deal was negotiated between Carter and the head of Harper’s parent company, Michael Morrison of HarperCollins Publishers. “Watchman” will be published in the United Kingdom by William Heinemann, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

According to publisher Harper, Carter came upon the manuscript at a “secure location where it had been affixed to an original typescript of ‘To Kill a Mockingbird.’” The new book is set in Lee’s famed Maycomb, Alabama, during the

mid-1950s, 20 years after “To Kill a Mockingbird” and roughly contemporaneous with the time that Lee was writing the story. The civil rights movement was taking hold in her home state. The Supreme Court had ruled unanimously in 1954 that segregated schools were unconstitutional, and the arrest of Rosa Parks in 1955 led to the yearlong Montgomery bus boycott.

“Scout (Jean Louise Finch) has returned to Maycomb from New York to visit her father, Atticus,” the publisher’s announcement reads. “She is forced to grapple with issues both personal and political as she tries to understand her father’s attitude toward society, and her own feelings about the place where she was born and spent her childhood.”

Lee herself is a Monroeville, Alabama native who lived in New York in the 1950s and returned to her hometown. According to the publisher, the book will be released as she first wrote it, with no revisions.

“To a lot of us in bookselling, ‘To Kill A Mockingbird’ remains one of our all-time favorite books and it sure is exciting to know we are about to learn more of the story,” said Oren Teicher, CEO of the American Booksellers Association, the trade group for the country’s independent stores.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” is among the most beloved novels in history, with worldwide sales topping 40 million copies. It was released on July 11, 1960, won the Pulitzer Prize and was adapted into a 1962 movie of the same name, starring Gregory Peck in an Oscar-winning performance as the courageous attorney Atticus Finch.

Robert Duvall, who played the reclusive Boo Radley in the movie, issued a statement Tuesday saying that the film was a “pivotal point” for him and he was “looking forward” to the new book.

Although occasionally banned over the years because of its language and racial themes, “Mockingbird” has become a standard for reading clubs and middle schools and high schools. The absence of a second book from Lee only seemed to enhance the appeal of “Mockingbird.”

Lee’s publisher said the author is unlikely to do any publicity for the book. She has rarely spoken to the media since the 1960s, when she told one reporter that she wanted “to leave some record of small-town, middle-class Southern life.” Until now, “To Kill a Mockingbird” had been the sole fulfillment of that goal.

“This is a remarkable literary event,” Harper publisher Jonathan Burnham said in a statement. “The existence of ‘Go Set a Watchman’ was unknown until recently, and its discovery is an extraordinary gift to the many readers and fans of ‘To Kill a Mockingbird.’ Reading in many ways like a sequel to Harper Lee’s classic novel, it is a compelling and ultimately moving narrative about a father and a daughter’s relationship, and the life of a small Alabama town living through the racial tensions of the 1950s.”

The new book also will be available in an electronic edition. Lee has openly stated her preference for paper, but surprised fans last year by agreeing to allow “Mockingbird” to be released as an e-book.

Man pleads guilty to killing 2 horses in Walla Walla County

Union-Bulletin

WALLA WALLA — A Milton-Freewater man pleaded guilty Friday to charges he killed two horses in Walla Walla County and committed domestic violence crimes in October.

Robert E. Pratt, 47, entered guilty pleas to two counts of malicious killing or causing substantial bodily harm to livestock belonging to another person, and one count each of residential burglary and harassment with domestic violence.

He didn’t admit killing the horses, but acknowledged the prosecution has evidence to convict him.

Pratt — whose criminal history totals 24 offenses since 1991 — faces a standard-range prison term of five years and three months to seven years for the burglary when he’s sentenced later.

The other crimes carry lesser standard-range penalties that would be served at the same time.

But in a plea agreement with the defense, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney April King is recommending a drug-offender sentencing alternative for Pratt because he has substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence issues.

Under the alternative, Pratt would serve about three years in prison, followed by three years of community custody requiring him to undergo treatment. Failing to comply would land him back in prison.

Congress awards gold medal to Devil’s Brigade, WWII heroes

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In 1942, they were lumberjacks, miners, hunters and farmers from the United States and Canada, who came together at a U.S. Army base in Montana.

Within a few months, they were well-trained warriors who went on to become one of the deadliest commando units in World War II. Nicknamed the Devil’s Brigade for their fierce tactics and practice of wearing black boot polish on their faces, the unit excelled during nighttime raids that featured mountain climbing, amphibious landings and parachute jumps.

On Tuesday, Congress awarded surviving members of the Devil’s Brigade the Congressional Gold Medal, its highest civilian award. A crowd of about 700, including about

40 living members of the brigade, attended the hour-long ceremony at the Capitol Visitor Center.

The 1,800-member unit, officially known as the First Special Service Force, included 900 Americans and an equal number of Canadians who specialized in hand-to-hand combat and mountain warfare.

By the time the war ended, the brigade had captured more than 30,000 prisoners, won five U.S. campaign stars and eight Canadian battle honors — and played a key role in the 1944 liberation of Rome from German forces.

“These men saved the free world,” said a tearful House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

The group’s achievements were all the more remarkable for how quickly they came together, Boehner said, noting that the unit was activated in July 1942, completed its first

mission in 1943 and disbanded in December 1944.

The brigade is the precursor of modern special forces such as the Green Berets.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said members of the Devil’s Brigade excelled in rock climbing and amphibious assault.

“They advanced on skis and through the air. They survived by stealth and trained in demolitions. Some of their more daring mission plans would have made James Bond blush,” McConnell said.

“But this isn’t just some Hollywood script,” he said. “It’s a true story about a fearless group of young Canadians and Americans ... who were willing to put their lives on the line in the truest sense of the term. Through it all, they helped save a continent in chaos.”

Eugene Gutierrez Jr. of Texas,

who enlisted in the Army in 1941, joined the Devil’s Brigade a year later. He fought in the coastal city of Anzio, Italy, in 1944 and later helped liberate Rome.

Gutierrez accepted the gold medal, specially made by the U.S. Mint, on behalf of his fellow brigade members living and dead. “Guess what? They delivered,” Gutierrez said.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called the brigade members “heroes” who “helped free the world of tyranny.”

The group also stands as a “shining example” of the abiding friendship between Canada and the United States, two countries that “stand as one,” said Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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Corrections

The article “New planning commissioner served same role in London” (Jan. 31, 1A) misstated one of Yekosefati Engur’s positions. His only ambassadorship was in the Soviet Union.

A failure to appear warrant for Kimberly Goodhue listed in “Warrants” (Jan. 31, 7A) was resolved Thursday, Jan. 29 and there is no longer an active warrant for her arrest.

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TODAY

Mostly cloudy with a few showers

THURSDAY

Periods of rain

FRIDAY

Breezy and mild with rain

SATURDAY

A morning shower; rather cloudy

SUNDAY

Cloudy, showers around; mild

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST			
47°	38°	53°	49°
59°	50°	60°	45°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST			
45°	38°	51°	49°
58°	49°	60°	45°
58°	43°		

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	38°
Normals	44°	28°
Records	62° (1926)	-18° (1950)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.15"
Month to date 0.29"
Normal month to date 0.14"
Year to date 1.01"
Last year to date 0.86"
Normal year to date 1.52"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	41°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	67° (1968)	-29° (1950)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.14"
Month to date 0.27"
Normal month to date 0.09"
Year to date 0.71"
Last year to date 0.60"
Normal year to date 1.37"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:17 p.m.
Moonset today	7:15 a.m.

Last

New

First

Full

Feb 11 Feb 18 Feb 25 Mar 5

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; a couple of morning showers across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today with a couple of showers, except dry in the south.

Western Washington: Rather cloudy today. A couple of showers; only in the morning across the south.

Eastern Washington: Snow north today; showers south and near Idaho border. Snow and rain Cascades and central sections.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy today; a couple of showers in the morning; however, dry in the south.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	56	49	sh	57	51	r
Baker City	42	33	sh	45	38	r
Bend	54	39	sh	52	42	sh
Brookings	58	51	c	59	54	r
Burns	53	36	pc	52	40	sh
Enterprise	44	33	sh	45	37	r
Eugene	55	49	sh	58	52	r
Heppner	48	38	sh	53	45	r
Hermiston	45	38	sh	51	49	r
John Day	51	38	sh	53	42	sh
Klamath Falls	56	40	pc	52	44	r
La Grande	45	40	sh	51	44	r
Meacham	45	36	sh	50	41	r
Medford	57	45	pc	54	47	r
Newport	58	52	sh	59	54	r
North Bend	60	52	c	62	54	r
Ontario	48	36	sh	50	43	sh
Pasco	44	39	sh	48	47	r
Pendleton	47	38	sh	53	49	r
Portland	53	46	sh	54	52	r
Redmond	55	40	sh	55	45	r
Salem	54	48	sh	59	53	r
Spokane	40	36	c	44	43	r
Ukiah	50	37	sh	53	42	r
Vancouver	52	44	sh	54	50	r
Walla Walla	47	39	sh	54	50	r
Yakima	43	37	sh	47	42	r

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	44	23	pc	48	23	s
Hong Kong	68	53	s	65	53	pc
Jerusalem	57	38	pc	64	50	s
London	41	31	pc	41	31	pc
Mexico City	73	44	s	69	40	pc
Moscow	25	17	c	20	7	c
Paris	39	28	pc	37	26	pc
Rome	56	48	r	54	41	r
Seoul	40	21	pc	40	22	s
Sydney	76	66	sh	74	66	pc
Tokyo	47	32	pc	37	34	sn

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NE 3-6	S 4-8
Pendleton	ENE 3-6	S 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: A swath of snow today will stretch from northern Colorado into the Midwest, with light snow lingering in the Northeast. Steady rain will shift from Texas along the Gulf Coast to the Florida Panhandle.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 82° in Yuma, Ariz. **Low** -27° in Glens Falls, N.Y.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	61	30	pc	61	34	s
Atlanta	57	36	c	46	26	pc
Atlanta City	45	34	pc	37	15	sn
Baltimore	49	33	c	36	13	sf
Billings	34	27	pc	49	38	c
Birmingham	57	35	c	44	22	pc
Boise	52	39	c	53	46	sh
Boston	36	30	sf	31	4	sn
Charleston, SC	58	43	c	58	25	sh
Charleston, WV	51	25	pc	25	13	sf
Chicago	24	-2	sn	14	7	pc
Cleveland	34	9	sn	13	4	c
Dallas	61	30	c	46	33	pc
Denver	33	24	sn	60	41	pc
Detroit	31	3	sn	13	5	pc
El Paso	70	38	s	65	37	s
Fairbanks	-13	-31	s	-16	-38	s
Fargo	0	-2	s	27	11	s
Honolulu	81	69	sh	79	67	pc
Houston	63	48	r	57	40	r
Indianapolis	36	6	sn	18	10	s
Jacksonville	61	48	r	62	34	sh
Kansas City	25	1	sn	31	23	s
Las Vegas	71	46	pc	72	48	pc
Little Rock	58	26	pc	43	25	s
Los Angeles	74	54	pc	77	56	pc

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Louisville	51	20	c	30	20	s
Memphis	57	25	pc	40	26	s
Miami	78	70	pc	76	60	t
Millwaukee	23	0	sn	15	9	pc
Minneapolis	16	-1	pc	19	15	s
Nashville	57	23	pc	36	21	s
New Orleans	55	45	r	58	38	pc
New York City	41	30	sf	30	9	sn
Oklahoma City	48	21	c	44	31	pc
Omaha	22	-10	sn	26	20	s
Philadelphia	46	32	pc	35	13	sn
Phoenix	76	52	r	80	54	s
Portland, ME	33	27	sf	28	-1	sn
Providence	38	32	sf	33	1	sn
Raleigh	56	38	pc	46	20	sh
Rapid City	24	16	pc	51	34	c
Reno	66	42	pc	64	46	c
Sacramento	66	46	pc	61	53	r
St. Louis	39	11	sn	29	22	s
Salt Lake City	57	39	c	62	42	pc
San Diego	70	55	pc	72	56	pc
San Francisco	61	52	pc	63	57	r
Seattle	53	47	sh	55	52	r
Tucson	75	47	s	81	50	s
Washington, DC	51	35	pc	38	19	sf
Wichita	34	13	sn	42	27	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.