

Best-selling suspense novelist is keynote speaker

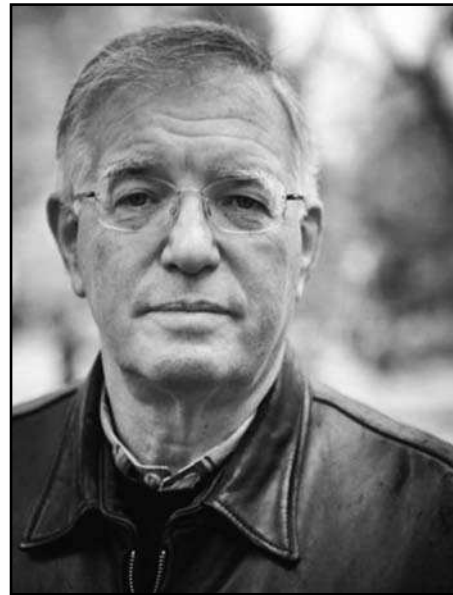
Popular crime thriller author Phillip Margolin kicks off the 2016 Florence Festival of Books as the Keynote Speaker. You can hear his talk at the Florence Events Center at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

If you're a reader of mysteries, then you already know who Phillip Margolin is.

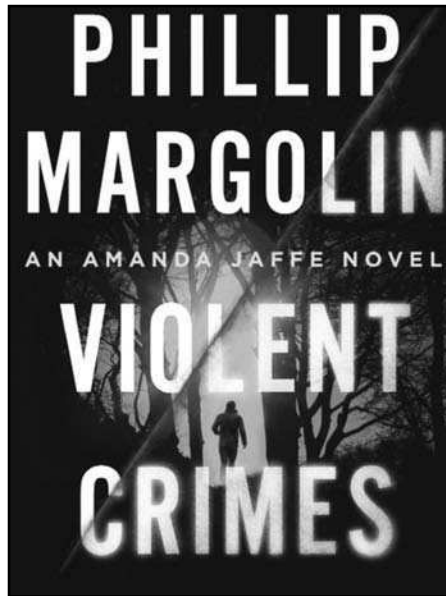
Margolin was a criminal defense attorney in the Portland area from 1972 until 1996, when he started writing full-time. His first book, "Heartstone," was nominated for an Edgar for best original paperback by the Mystery Writers of America.

His second novel, "The Last Innocent Man," was made into an HBO movie, and his next Novel, "Gone, But Not Forgotten," was sold to more than 25 foreign publishers and made into a mini-series starring actress Brooke Shields.



Phillip Margolin will be the keynote speaker at this year's Florence Festival of Books.

Next came "After Dark," a Book of the Month Club selection and then "The Burning Man," which became a Reader's Digest condensed book. Of his first seven novels, five became New York



AUTHOR PHOTO BY ANTHONY GEORGIS

Times bestsellers.

By now, he's written 19 books — all bestsellers. And that includes "Violent Crimes," which came out earlier this year to the delight of his fans.

Nearly all of his books are contemporary crime thrillers, except for "Worthy Brown's Daughter," which came out in 2014. It is an historical drama set in 19th-century Oregon that combines a heartbreaking story of slavery and murder with classic Margolin plot twists.

You won't want to miss hearing Margolin — Oregon's John Grisham — talk about his books and how he goes about writing them. And there'll be time for questions and answers and an opportunity to buy his books and have them signed.

Margolin will also have a table with books available for sale at the authors and publishers book fair on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For tickets to hear Margolin, call the FEC at 541-997-1994.

—Judy Fleagle, Co-founder & Secretary Florence Festival of Books



LEWIS E. BIRDSEYE

Lewis E. Birdseye earned a PhD from Columbia and has been an educator for much of his life. In addition he has worked as a high-rise construction worker, a professional river guide on the Chatooga River, has run 15 marathons and several ultra marathons, and has toured by bicycle

much of Europe, from above the Arctic Circle in Norway, to the islands of the Aegean Sea. He lives in Eugene, Oregon with his hospitalist wife, where together they tend to their organic garden. He is the author of five works of fiction: VASTATION, THE UNSUBDUED FOREST, IN MY BEGINNING, THE GATE OF IVORY, and THE GATE OF HORN. His life-long wish has been to be a poet or a river otter, living on a wild and scenic river far from the madding crowd.

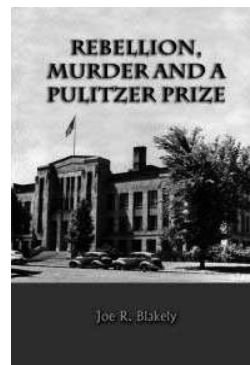


Joe R. Blakely

The Drain Black Sox of Oregon vs The Alpine Cowboys of Texas
by Joe R. Blakely (2016) – 101 pages

In the 1950s small town semi-pro baseball ignited in popularity and blazed across our country like no other sport in history. Two teams epitomized this exciting era: The Drain Black Sox of Oregon and Alpine Cowboys of Texas. When these two teams collided for the national semi-pro championship in 1958 in Wichita, Kansas, it produced one of the most rip-roaring games ever played in semi-pro history. Outfielder, Dan Luby said, "it was magic."

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Rebellion, Murder and a Pulitzer Prize
by Joe R. Blakely (2015) – 218 pages

Llewellyn Banks, the so-called dictator, tried to take over the Medford and Jackson County government in 1933. The chaos he created climaxed when he murdered the popular Medford Constable, George Prescott. This sensational trial was moved from Medford to Eugene, Oregon. It pitted the most respected lawyers in the state against each other. As the trial unfolds, so does the story of the Jackson County Rebellion.

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