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Leesburg Public Library Presents Mystery Writer Tim Dorsey

The Leesburg Public Library is proud to present hilarious mystery writer Tim Dorsey on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. The *Chicago Tribune* notes that Mr. Dorsey has "Some of the most wacky villains and situations since Hiaasen stuck a plastic alligator down a stranger's throat and called it *Tourist Season*." The public is invited to attend this free event that is a featured part of the Lake County Library System's Festival of Reading. Mr. Dorsey's special appearance is sponsored by *HarperCollins Publishers*.

Tim Dorsey was born in Indiana, moved to Florida at the age of 1, and grew up in a small town about an hour north of Miami called Riviera Beach. He graduated from Auburn University in 1983 with a B.S. in Transportation. While at Auburn, he was editor of the student newspaper, *The Plainsman*.

From 1983 to 1987, he was a police and courts reporter for *The Alabama Journal*, the now-defunct evening newspaper in Montgomery. He joined *The Tampa Tribune* in 1987 as a general assignment reporter. He also worked as a political reporter in the *Tribune's* Tallahassee bureau and a copy desk editor. From 1994 to 1999, he was the *Tribune's* night metro editor and night news coordinator. He left the paper in August 1999 to write full time. Mr. Dorsey has authored *Florida Roadkill*, *Hammerhead Ranch Motel*, *Orange Crush*, *Triggerfish Twist*, *The Stingray Shuffle* and his latest novel *Cadillac Beach*.

Mr. Dorsey will be available after the presentation to sign books. Books will be made available for purchase at the event by the Dickens Reed Bookstore. For additional information call the library at 728-9790 or 253-6167.