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### **NEA LITERARY FELLOW BILL LUVAAS SPEAKS ABOUT HIS RECENTLY RELEASED BOOK *A WORKING MAN'S APOCRYPHA* AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**San Diego, CA...** The City of San Diego Public Library will host an author talk by Bill Luvaas about his recently released book *A Working Man's Apocrypha*. This event will be held Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The event is FREE to the public.

In these unforgettable stories, William Luvaas depicts the struggles of everyday people facing situations far from the ordinary. Through tales set largely in Southern California's Inland Empire, Luvaas weaves magic and absurdity around characters caught between apocalypse and heartbreak. Deftly spinning haunting plots, he conveys the joys and misfortunes of folks who confront trauma or loss and find unexpected opportunities for survival.

Here is nature run amok: A tornado whirls away a man's wife and daughter, but they return midway into his ensuing romantic affair. Flood survivors in California's coastal range build makeshift arks in anticipation of the world's watery end. Other stories fathom relationships, as a diabetic's suicide in the title story renews a cycle of unrequited love, or aging twins reconcile with the loss of their childhood intimacy. All come to grips with contemporary problems: poverty, disease, or powerlessness in the face of economic inequality, religious fanaticism, and corporate greed.

William Luvaas, who teaches creative writing and literature at San Diego State University, is the author of *The Seductions of Natalie Bach* and *Going Under*. His short fiction, reviews, and essays have appeared in the *American Literary Review*, *Antioch Review*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Village Voice*, *Harper's Weekly*, and *Glimmer Train*.

Whether writing from the point of view of a semiliterate handyman or an elderly woman facing death on a cold night, Luvaas delivers stories, characters, and voices that are the stuff of cutting-edge fiction. *A Working Man's Apocrypha* is masterful storytelling that will leave readers breathless. Copies will be available for purchase on-site courtesy of Wahrenbrock's Book House.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)