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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: LOVE & FORGIVENESS READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Disgrace, by Booker Prize-Winner, Author J.M. Coetzee

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Public Library continues its free five-part reading and discussion series called “Let’s Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness,” exploring the themes of love and forgiveness in everyday life through classic and contemporary literature. San Diego Public Library is one of only 50 libraries nationwide receiving a grant to host the program, developed by the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute’s Campaign for Love and Forgiveness. Local support for the series is provided by KPBS. Exploring the theme of *Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death*, the second program in the series focuses on *Disgrace*, by J.M. Coetzee, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, in the Wangenheim Room at the San Diego Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

Set in post-apartheid Cape Town, Professor David Laurie attempts to relate to his daughter, Lucy, and to a society with new racial complexities. But that is disrupted by an afternoon of violence that changes him and his daughter in ways he could never have foreseen. This examination into the sexual and political law lines of modern South Africa as it tries desperately to start a fresh page in its history is chilling, uncompromising and unforgettable. Coetzee is the only writer to have been twice awarded the Man Booker Prize, and this work was a finalist for the National Book Critic Circle Award. The discussion on *Disgrace* will be facilitated Robert Cancel, Ph.D., African Languages and Literature. Dr. Cancel teaches at the University of California, San Diego.

“We are delighted to have been chosen to host this unique series that will allow patrons a chance to discuss the themes of love and forgiveness with fellow community members and with the help of a well-qualified scholar,” said Deborah Barrow, Library Director.

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Additional books will be discussed once per month at the Central Library, including:

- *Jazz*, by Toni Morrison, April 13, 2009, with facilitator Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D. (History of American Civilization).
- *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, by Leo Tolstoy, May 11, 2009, with facilitator Steven Cassedy, Ph.D. (Comparative Literature).
- *The Dead*, by James Joyce, June 8, 2009, with facilitator Donald Wesling, Ph.D. (English Literature).

To register, please visit or contact the Central Library's Literature and Language section, 619-236-5800. There are a limited number of books available for registrants with a San Diego Public Library account to borrow.

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