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**THE SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS A BOOK
DISCUSSION ON *DRIFT* WITH JIM MILLER**
A Rare Opportunity to Discuss Literature with the Author

San Diego, CA...The City of San Diego Public Library will host a book discussion on Jim Miller's *Drift*. Exposing the hollowness of San Diego's boom years, *Drift* uncovers the hidden past of this southwestern mecca—a history inhabited by the likes of Emma Goldman, Henry Miller, Mission Indians, and Theosophists—and captures the underlying emptiness and unease of San Diego circa 2000. The author, himself, will facilitate the discussion on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m., in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Joe Blake, the main character, is searching for something real in a seemingly depthless world. An alienated, underemployed professor and aspiring poet, Joe roams San Diego in his own personal disquiet and discovers that agony and ecstasy coexist all around him. Depicting the sex, drugs, and death found in the borderlands, author Jim Miller portrays a city where cultures sometimes clash but more often pass one another almost wholly unaffected.

Drift features original art by Perry Vasquez and photography by Jennifer Cost, helping to place readers squarely in the moment of its Whitmanesque journey.

Miller is coauthor of both *Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See* and *Better to Reign in Hell: Inside the Raiders Fan Empire*, and editor of *Sunshine/Noir: Writing from San Diego and Tijuana*. He says of his first novel "in some ways *Drift* is a nostalgic novel meant to document the changing face of the city and comment on what it means on a variety of levels."

City of San Diego Public Library cardholders who would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to read and discuss *Drift* with its author and need copies of the book may pick them up in the Literature Section of the Central Library, or call 619-236-5816 to have them sent to a San Diego Public Library branch.

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