

Spotlight: *We're Pleased to Present...*

Ridley Pearson



**Award-winning, best-selling Mystery and Crime novelist,
Children's/Young Adult novelist (with columnist Dave Barry),
Writer of Screenplays and TV Scripts,**

**Bass Player for the Rockbottom Reminders (a literary garage band featuring
Dave Barry, Stephen King, Amy Tan, Scott Turow, Mitch Albom, Roy Blount,
and Greg Iles)**

**Lecture Topic: "Stranger Than Fiction: Stories of Ridley Pearson's career,
including how one of his novels helped to solve a homicide and jail a killer!"**

Thursday, November 16, 2006, from 7 to 8 PM.
Barnes & Noble, 8871 Ladue Road, in Ladue.

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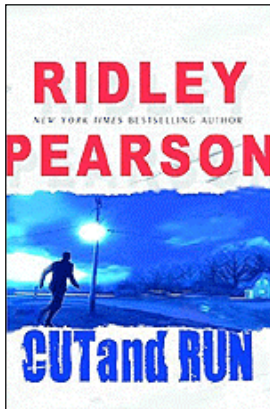
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The SLWG Lecture Series is FREE! All are welcome.

ABOUT RIDLEY PEARSON:

RIDLEY PEARSON is the bestselling author of 21 novels including, *Peter And the Starcatchers* (co-written with Dave Barry), the young adult novel, *Kingdom Keepers*, and a long string of crime novels, including: *Probable Cause*, *Beyond Recognition* and *The Pied Piper*. His novel *The Diary Of Ellen Rimbauer*, a prequel to a Stephen King miniseries, was a New York Times #1 bestseller; Ridley also adapted the novel for an ABC TV movie that aired in 2003. His most recent novel is *Cut and Run*. He has written two television documentaries, including one on Alcoholics Anonymous that aired on A&E in 2002. In 1990, Ridley was the first American to be awarded the Raymond Chandler/Fulbright Fellowship in detective fiction at Oxford University.

RIDLEY'S BOOKS FOR ADULTS (See below for list of Kids' Books):



(*CUT AND RUN* IS HIS LATEST ADULT RELEASE; See complete listing of titles and awards below)

"Pearson takes us to a very different place, but it is still a recognizably real place in which flesh-and-blood characters live lives that, at one pole at least, are quite like ours. But not for long."

—*Bill Ott, Booklist*

"One hell of a writer. He grabs, he twists, he tightens the screws until you're drained by a superb read."

—*Clive Cussler*

"Ridley Pearson tells an irresistible tale."

—*Los Angeles Times Book Review*

"A thinking person's Robert Ludlum..."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

"His characters are believable... enjoyable entertainment."

—*Chicago Tribune*

2005 New York Times
extended list / BookSense 76

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Read a Chapter of *Cut and Run*: http://ridleypearson.com/cut_chapter.html

Other Crime Fiction Novels

<i>The Art of Deception</i>	2002 NYT extended list
<i>Parallel Lies</i>	2001 NYT extended list
<i>The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer</i>	2001 NYT HC bestseller #1 (11 weeks hc/3 mm)
<i>Middle of Nowhere</i>	2000 NYT HC bestseller #15/Booksense 76
<i>The First Victim</i>	1999 NYT extended list
<i>The Pied Piper</i>	1998 NYT extended list
<i>Beyond Recognition</i>	1997 NYT extended list
<i>No Witnesses</i>	1996 NYT extended list / ALA

Winners: Best Books of Year:

<i>Chain of Evidence</i>	1995
<i>The Angel Maker</i>	1993
<i>Hard Fall</i>	1992
<i>Probable Cause</i>	1990 (NYT paperback bestseller #15)
<i>Undercurrents</i>	1988
<i>Seizing of the Yankee...</i>	1987
<i>Blood of the Albatross</i>	1986
<i>Never Look Back</i>	1985

Mystery (writing as Wendell McCall)

<i>Dead Aim</i> (1988)
<i>Aim For the Heart</i> (1990)
<i>Concerto In Dead Flat</i> (2000)

In Collections

- Murder is My Racquet* – the third volume of acclaimed sports mysteries, edited by the mystery guru, Otto Penzler.
- The Putt at the End of the World* – a "serial" novel, edited by Les Standiford
- All Over But The Dying* – in *Diagnosis Terminal*, edited by F. Paul Wilson

Scripts (produced)

- The Diary Of Ellen Rimbauer* (ABC TV-2003) – 2 hour
- Alcoholics Anonymous* – Documentary (A&E-2002) – 1 hour
- (Pending) *The Culture* – series television, drama (2006), Equinoxe Films, Canada

RIDLEY'S WRITES FOR KIDS:

- Peter and the Starcatchers** [Disney Books, Sept 2004]
NYTBSL and animated feature film by Disney
BookSense 76 Pick
BEA – honorable mention, Children's Book of the Year
SEBA – winner, Children's Book of the Year



Audies Award – Best Audio Book Children's 8 + up (2005)
Numerous nominations, libraries, schools. [Purchase Book](#)



Peter and The Shadow Thieves (Disney Books) TBP July 2006

Hardcover
Age Range 9 to 12 yrs old
ISBN: 078683787X
Pub. Date: July 2006
Series: Peter Pan Series

(Not available in paperback) [Purchase Book](#)

The Kingdom Keepers (Disney Books) Nominated for two
Audee awards

ISBN: 0641723326
Pub. Date: August 2005
Age Range: 9 to 12
Sales Rank: 864
[Purchase Book](#)



Other Children's / Young Adult Books

Escape From The Carnivale (Disney Books) TBP September 2006
Killer Weekend (Putnam) TBP February 2007
The Cave Of The Dark Wind (Disney Books) TBP April 2007

AWARDS

Raymond Chandler Fulbright in Detective Fiction

(Oxford University, England) 1990-1991

American Library Association – Best Books of the Year –

No Witnesses 1994



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St Louis Scores (Soccer/Literacy program for inner-city kids, national program)

Friends of St Louis County Library

Hemingway House Heritage Foundation, Sun Valley, Idaho

THE ROCK BOTTOM REMAINDERS BAND

Bass Player: (1991-present), an authors' garage band featuring Ridley Pearson, Dave Barry, Stephen King, Amy Tan, Scott Turow, Mitch Albom, Roy Blount, Greg Iles

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