

## **Noted author, William Styron, to appear at Friends of the UCSD Library Program**

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### NOTED AUTHOR TO APPEAR AT FRIENDS OF THE UCSD LIBRARY PROGRAM

William Styron, one of America's most distinguished authors, will present a public lecture at 8 p.m. March 8 in the Price Center Theater at the University of California, San Diego. The program is one in a continuing Great Author series sponsored by the Friends of the UCSD Library.

Styron is the author of the celebrated novels "Lie Down in Darkness" (1951), "Set This House on Fire" (1961), "The Confessions of Nat Turner" (Pulitzer Prize, 1968), and "Sophie's Choice" (1979). A recent critically acclaimed memoir, "Darkness Visible" (1990), chronicles the author's ascent from clinical depression.

Throughout his career, Styron has not hesitated to address controversial issues: two of his works, "The Confessions of Nat Turner" and "Sophie's Choice," deal with victims of oppression--a slave and a survivor of a Nazi death camp. In the words of fellow author Carlos Fuentes, Styron's novels "are like bridges that unite history and tragedy across the abysses of the personal."

Admission to the lecture is \$15 for Friends' members and \$20 for the general public. A donation of \$50 entitles the donor to reserved seating at the lecture and a private post-lecture reception with the author.

For ticket information please call 534-1275.

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