

CUTLINE: Donald Ray Pollock, award-winning author of “Knockemstiff” and “The Devil All The Time,” will kick off Southern State Community College’s Reading Series with a Nov. 8 event.

‘Knockemstiff’ author to kick off SSCC Reading Series on Nov. 8

Award-winning author Donald Ray Pollock will kick off the new Reading Series at Southern State Community College with a tour stop 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Lecture Hall on the college’s Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro. The event is free to the public and will include a reading, book-signing and meet-the-author reception.

Pollock’s short story collection, “Knockemstiff,” garnered the 2009 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize and the 2009 Devil’s Kitchen Award in Prose, while his follow-up novel, “The Devil All The Time,” was listed on the 2012 Publisher’s Weekly Top Ten Boo

carnage in the South Pacific, who can't save his beautiful wife, Charlotte, from an agonizing death by cancer no matter how much sacrificial blood he pours on his "prayer log." There's Carl and Sandy Henderson, a husband-and-wife team of serial killers, who troll America's highways searching for suitable models to photograph and exterminate. There's the spider-handling preacher Roy and his crippled virtuoso-guitar-playing sidekick, Theodore, running from the law. And caught in the middle of all this is Arvin Eugene Russell, Willard and Charlotte's orphaned son, who grows up to be a good but also violent man in his own right.

For more information about the Nov. 8 Pollock event or the Southern State Community College Reading Series, please contact Jason Reynolds at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 4694, or jreynolds@sscc.edu.

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