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BOSTON NOIR EVENT AT INAUGURAL BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL

Launch Party for Dennis Lehane-edited collection provides perfect culmination event to Boston Book Festival, presented by State Street Corporation, Oct. 24, 2009 in Copley Square

(BOSTON – Sept. 3, 2009) The inaugural Boston Book Festival, presented by State Street Corporation, on Oct. 24 at various locations in Copley Square, will culminate in a special event celebrating the launch of *Boston Noir* (Akashic Books), a collection of new stories set in Boston's neighborhoods and edited by Dennis Lehane. The Boston Noir event will close the Boston Book Festival, at the Boston Public Library on Oct. 24 from 6—9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at bostonbookfest.org beginning Sept. 15. 21+. All other Boston Book Festival events on Saturday are free and open to the public.

The complete lineup for The Boston Book Festival will be announced next week.

The Boston Book Festival's *Boston Noir* party will feature a presentation by Dennis Lehane, who wrote the book's introduction as well as a gripping story set in his native Dorchester.. Other Boston neighborhoods are featured in stories from contributing authors Brendan DuBois, Dana Cameron, Itabari Njeri, Jim Fusilli, Lynne Heitman and Russ Aborn. Following the presentation, attendees can enjoy live music as well as a *literatini*, the official cocktail of The Boston Book Festival. Attendees can also have their fortunes told, handwriting analyzed, and purchase copies of *Boston Noir* to have signed. Noirish dress is optional, but there will be a prize awarded for the best costume. *The Boston Phoenix* is the media sponsor of The Boston Book Festival's *Boston Noir* event.

Boston Book Festival events will include presentations and panels featuring internationally-known writers, scholars, critics and commentators; a focus on technology as it relates to reading; programming for children, teens and families; writing workshops and competitions; and theatre, spoken word and music performances. The Boston Book Festival will take place Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Boston Public Library, Old South Church, Trinity Church and outdoors in Copley Square. Detailed schedules will be available at www.bostonbookfest.org in the coming weeks.

The Boston Book Festival has already announced appearances by Ben Mezrich (*Bringing Down The House, Accidental Billionaires*), Kathleen Kent (*The Heretic's Daughter*), Barbara Lynch (*No. 9 Park, Stir*), Ken Burns (*The Civil War, The National Parks*), Joseph Finder (*Vanished, High Crimes*), Elinor Lipman (*Then She Found Me, The Family Man*), Anita Diamant (*The Red Tent*), David Pogue (*New York Times*), Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (*Lincoln on Race and Slavery*), Elizabeth Nunez (*Prospero's Daughter, Anna In-Between*) and Stephen L. Carter (*Emperor of Ocean Park*), with many more to be announced.

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