

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012.**

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25<sup>th</sup> Annual Author Luncheon  
featuring #1 New York Times best-selling author

**Erik Larson**  
Friday, March 16, 2012



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The Manatee County Public Library System Library Foundation, Inc. is thrilled to announce that best-selling author **Erik Larson** will be the special guest speaker at our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Author Luncheon on **Friday, March 16, 2012 starting at 12:00 noon.**

This year's luncheon will be held at the **Fête Ballroom at Polo Grill**, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Tables of 8 are \$320; individual tickets may be purchased for \$40.

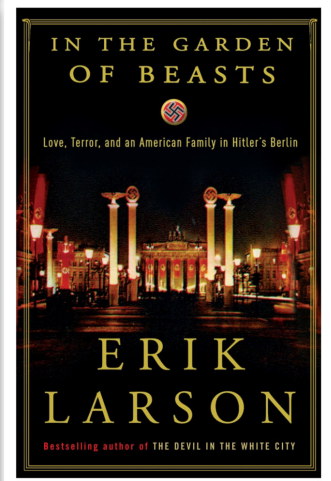
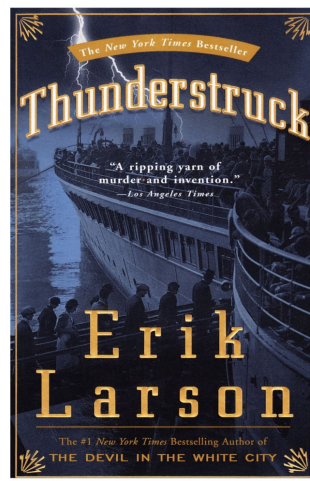
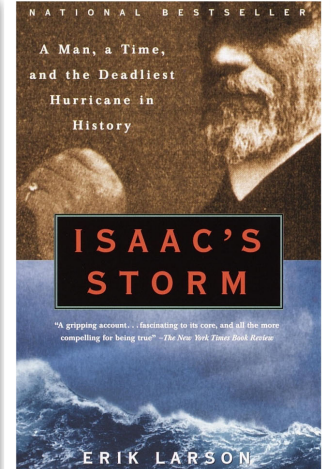
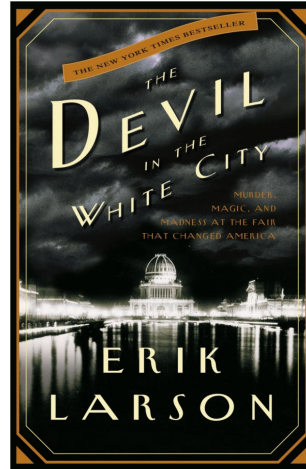
Erik Larson is the author of six nonfiction books, including the critically acclaimed *New York Times* best-sellers **ISAAC'S STORM** and **THUNDERSTRUCK**, and two #1 *New York Times* best-sellers, **THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY** and **IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS**.

A nonfiction finalist for the National Book Award, and a winner of the Edgar Award for fact-crime writing, Larson is a former writer for the *Wall Street Journal* and *Time*.

*Praise for In the Garden of Beasts:*

"Larson has done it again, expertly weaving together a fresh new narrative from ominous days of the 20<sup>th</sup> century."  
— *Associated Press*

"Larson has meticulously researched the Dodds' intimate witness to Hitler's ascendancy and created an edifying narrative of this historical byway that has all the pleasures of a political thriller... a fresh picture of these terrible events."  
— *The New York Times Book Review*



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