

Authors in Asheville

The Inn on Biltmore Estate hosts Southern writers.

Imagine this. You're curled up on comfy furniture in front of a crackling fireplace, and you reach for a stack of new books. Now imagine this cozy setting is at the Inn on Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, and the authors are there with you, sharing what inspired them to write and reading aloud from their newest releases.

Such was the scenario at last year's Writers' Winter Weekend with authors Jill McCorkle, Robert Inman, and Cassandra King.

On February 6-8, 2004, the inn hosts another Writers' Winter Weekend. This event, the third annual, features authors Sena Jeter Naslund, Peter Jenkins, and Terry Kay.

Naslund's most recent book is *Four*



Spirits (William Morrow, \$26.95), a fictional account of the Civil Rights struggle, including the horrific church bombing that took the lives of four young girls in Birmingham.

Jenkins's latest work is an eight-tape audio book he produced; it is based on his 2001 text *Looking for Alaska* (St. Martin's Griffin, \$14.95; audio book, www.peterjenkins.com, \$39.95). The book and taped reading trace the 1½-year sojourn by Jenkins and his family in sled dog-and-blizzard territory.


Terry Kay's newest novel is *The Valley of Light* (Atria Books, \$24). The tale centers around a troubled war veteran with a transcendental ability to fish. (You can read reviews of all these books in "Books About the South" on page 62.)

The Writers' Winter Weekend includes breakfast buffets and a wine-tasting reception; tours of the Biltmore House, gardens, and winery; and author presentations. For more information call toll free 1-877-843-4687. ♦


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