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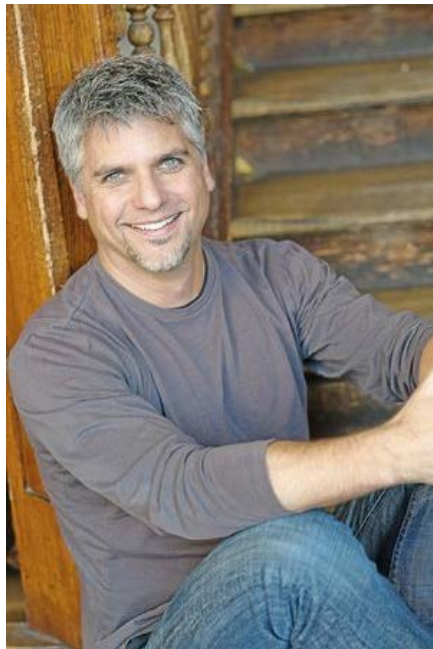
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Author Garth Stein will appear as part of BookSmart Tulsa on Saturday. Courtesy



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Garth Stein discovered that living a dog's life was a surprising path to literary success.

Stein was an Academy Award-winning documentary film maker when he came up with the idea of a dog determined to be reincarnated as a human being, and begins preparing himself for that eventuality.

It became Stein's third novel, "The Art of Racing in the Rain," which was a national best-seller.

Stein later adapted the book into versions suited for young adults and children.

His latest novel is "A Sudden Light," which will be officially released in paperback Sept. 30.

Stein will be in Tulsa on Saturday as the guest of BookSmart Tulsa.

"A Sudden Light" grew out of a play Stein wrote titled "Brother Jones" and combines elements of the ghost story and the family saga.

Trevor Riddell recalls the time in 1990 when, in the wake of his parents' divorce, he was taken across the country to what was his family's ancient estate in the Pacific Northwest.

Trevor's father is simply wanting to get rid of the massive manse, but as Trevor explores the house, he discovers that it is occupied by something other than people. Trevor will have to delve into his family's history to discover the truth and finally put to rest all

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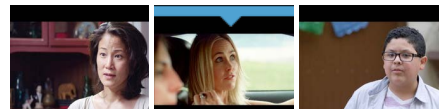
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Event: 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

Admission: Free.

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