NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNING AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT RMC

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IMAGE: Jesmyn Ward (Wikimedia)

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BILLINGS – The Common Read Program at Rocky Mountain College will welcome an uncommonly fine writer this October.

Jesmyn Ward, 2011 winner of the National Book Award for Fiction will lecture Oct. 7, 2013, at 6 p.m., in Fortin Education Center Gymnasium. The lecture is free and open to the public.

“Jesmyn Ward’s visit gives Rocky Mountain College and Billings an extraordinary opportunity to meet one of the finest young writers in America today,” said Dr. Stephen Germic, RMC professor, English.

Ms. Ward’s “Salvage the Bones” was this year’s selection for Common Read, which fosters a shared reading experience on campus. The campus community participates in discussing the book and related topics, promoting “intellectual engagement, connections among disciplines, and develops community,” Germic said.

“Salvage the Bones” and Ms. Ward’s most recent book, “Men We Reaped,” have received widespread critical acclaim. In addition to the National Book Award, “Salvage the Bones” also won the Alex Award in 2012. Bestowed by the Young Adult Library Services Association, the Alex Awards are for books written for adults that are also recommended for children, ages 12-18.
A New York Times review said of “Salvage the Bones” that “It’s an old story – of family honor, revenge, disaster – and it’s a good one.”

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