

Monday Book & Author Breakfast



8:00 – 9:30am **Book & Author Breakfast** Washington / Clark Rooms

Our featured speakers will be:

Sara Blaedel, *The Undertaker's Daughter*, GCP/Hachette
William Gibson, *Agency*, Berkley/Penguin Random House
Jane Kirkpatrick, *All She Left Behind*, Revell/Baker Pub.
Brian Castner, *Disappointment River*, Doubleday



Sara Blaedel

Authors will pre-sign books which will be given to attending booksellers and librarians. *Tickets required.*



William Gibson

Internationally bestselling author **Sara Blaedel** debuts a new mystery series with *The Undertaker's Daughter* (Grand Central/Hachette), introducing Ilka Jensen and set in the U.S. Middle-aged Ilka's simple life in Denmark is rocked when she discovers that her father, long estranged, has died and left her his business in Wisconsin – a funeral home. An unsolved murder gets in the way of Ilka's plans to quickly sell the mortuary, and she soon finds herself wrapped up in matters as mysterious as they are dangerous. Author Michael Connelly describes Sara Blaedel as "One of the best I've come across." Blaedel is the author of seven bestselling mysteries featuring Detective Louise Rick, including *The Forgotten Girls*.

Visionary writer **William Gibson's** forthcoming novel, *Agency* (Berkley/PRH) is both a sequel and a prequel to his earlier novel *The Peripheral*, set in the same world, but on a different timeline. One part of *Agency* follows a near-future alternative reality where Hillary Clinton won the 2016 election, another takes place in the 22nd Century. Gibson is a prolific writer, widely regarded as one of the most influential voices in science fiction and speculative fiction in the past several decades. His novel *Neuromancer* won both the Hugo and Nebula Awards, among others, and his work has regularly topped the best seller lists here and abroad. William Gibson is a longtime resident of Vancouver, British Columbia. *Agency* is scheduled for publication in 2018.



Jane Kirkpatrick

Author **Jane Kirkpatrick** has been a perennial favorite at PNBA shows, and on the PNBA bestseller lists. Her newest novel, *All She Left Behind* (Revell/Baker), takes place in Oregon in the 1870s, based on a true story. Jennie Pickett is a natural healer, but her dream is to become a doctor, a path denied to her by medical schools open only to men. Kirkpatrick offers a tender portrait of a woman who finds herself caught up in an unlikely romance even as she struggles to realize her dreams. Jane Kirkpatrick is the New York Times and CBA bestselling author of over 30 novels, and has won many awards, including the Oregon Book Award, for her historical fiction. She lives in Central Oregon.



Brian Castner

In 1789 Scottish explorer Alexander Mackenzie crossed the North American continent in search of the fabled Northwest Passage, traveling the length of the river that now bears his name, only to be turned back by impassable pack ice. Mackenzie dubbed this river "Disappointment" because he felt he had failed his mission to find a clear passage to the Far East. More than two centuries later, writer **Brian Castner** retraced Mackenzie's journey, traveling the 1,125 mile long route by canoe. *Disappointment River* (Doubleday/PRH) is Castner's fascinating travel memoir recounting his journey through the modern landscape, so changed since the epic age of North American exploration. Brian Castner, a decorated Iraq War veteran, is the author of two previous books, *The Long Walk* and *All the Ways We Kill and Die*, and is a frequent contributor to a variety of magazines and journals. *Disappointment River* will be published in March 2018.