

PREFACE

PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program 2008
presents

a reading and dialog with

Larry Watson

author of

Montana 1948



Wednesday, September 24, 2008

7:00 - 8:00 pm Public Presentation

8:00 - 8:30 pm Questions and Answers

8:30 - 9:30 pm Book Signing

Cal Poly Performing Arts Center – Harman Hall

As part of PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program, leading literary novelist Larry Watson is coming to Cal Poly to read and talk about his acclaimed novel, *Montana 1948*.

A big story captured in a beautifully written, morally complex, gripping little novel told from the view point of a 12 year old boy. Now, at fifty-two, David Hayden is looking back forty years on a series of events that he realizes formed his own moral center. The son of the local sheriff, he remembers a season of conflict and violence, both within his community and family and comes to understand how the most important decisions are sometimes made extremely difficult when the only choices are between competing goods.

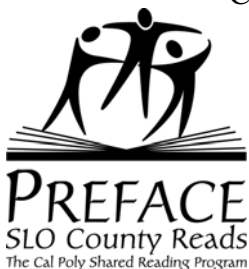
Montana 1948 is the winner of The Milkweed National Fiction Prize, the Mountains & Plains Bookseller Association Regional Book Award, and named one of the Best Books of 1993 by Library Journal and Booklist.

Larry Watson has published several novels and poems that reflect his familiarity with the landscape and people of the western plains. Watson himself was born and raised in North Dakota and is the son and grandson of small-town sheriffs. His other novels include *Justice*, *In a Dark Time*, *White Crosses*, *Laura*, *Orchard*, and *Sundown Yellow Moon*. Watson's work has been affirmed by the following awards: Friends of American Writers Award, 1994 Banta Award, Critics Choice 1995-1996 Award, Shortlisted, IMPAC Dublin International Award, ALA/YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, New York Library Books for the Teen Age, and ALA Editor's Choice Award.

Watson is a retired professor of English from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Currently, he is a visiting professor at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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*General seating and no tickets are required.



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