

Cassandra King: *The Same Sweet Girls*



Noted author Cassandra King will be the guest of honor at the annual fall program sponsored by the Friends of Houston Cole Library, Wednesday, October 5 at 7 pm, on the 11th floor of the library.

Cassandra King is a best-selling novelist, whose fiction has won the hearts of readers everywhere, especially in the American south. Often through the use of first-person narration, her novels portray strong and memorable characters who struggle with the same timely issues and dilemmas that readers face in their own lives.

In April 2004, King's first novel, *Making Waves in Zion*, (originally published in 1995 by River City Press), was reissued by Hyperion of New York under the title *Making Waves*. Hyperion released her second novel, *The Sunday Wife*, in 2002. *The Sunday Wife* was a Book Sense choice; a Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club selection; a People Magazine Page-Turner of the Week; Books-a-Million President's Pick for 2002; Utah's Salt Lake Libraries Reader's Choice Award nominee; and South Carolina's State Readers' Circle selection. Now in trade paperback, *The Sunday Wife* was the Nestle Corporation's choice in a campaign to promote reading groups. King's third novel, *The Same Sweet Girls*, released in January 2005, was the national number one Book Sense Selection for February as well as a Book-of-the-Month Club and Literary Guild selection, and is currently on the SEBA bestsellers list. She is at work on a fourth novel, tentatively titled *Queen of Broken Hearts*.

Cassandra King has taught writing on the college level; conducted corporate writing seminars; worked as a human-interest reporter for a Pelham, Alabama, weekly paper; and published an article on her second favorite pastime, cooking, in "Cooking Light"

magazine. A native of L.A. (Lower Alabama), she lives in the Low Country of South Carolina with her husband, novelist Pat Conroy.

Copies of all of King's books will be available for purchase and signing. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served. For more information visit the library's website (<http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/>) or call 782-5255.

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