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Laurier writer-in-residence Alissa York hosts public event

WATERLOO – Join Laurier’s writer-in-residence Alissa York for a public reading from her national best-seller, *Fauna*, and a lecture on homelessness and the human-animal relationship.

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Room 101, Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Social Work, 120 Duke St. W., Kitchener

About Alissa York:

Alissa York’s bestselling, internationally published novels include *Mercy*, *Effigy*, (shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize) and, most recently, *Fauna* (shortlisted for the Toronto Book Award). She is also the author of the short fiction collection, *Any Given Power*, stories from which have won the Journey Prize and the Bronwen Wallace Award. Her essays and articles have appeared in such periodicals as *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Quill & Quire* and *Eighteen Bridges*. Alissa has lived all over Canada and now makes her home in Toronto. For more on her work, visit www.alissayork.com. For more information about York’s events at Laurier, please visit: http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=317&p=23084

About Laurier’s writer-in-residence program:

Laurier annually sponsors a one-week writer-in-residence to offer support to Canadian writers and to give students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community, the opportunity to discuss the writer's work and the writing process. Writers-in-residence meet with classes, reading groups, and community members during their engagement at the university. Recent writers-in-residence have also lent their time to the raising of funds for student scholarships in areas of deep interest to the writers-in-residence. A hallmark of the event is a public lecture in which the writer draws on significant themes or contexts in which her/his writing is broadly positioned. Previous Writers-in-Residence include: Joseph Boyden (2011/2012) and Lawrence Hill (2010/2011)