

NEWS RELEASE

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Media Advisory

Photo Opportunity

Carla Hagen to Launch Her New Novel at her Alma Mater, Hamline University

Novel highlights the history and beauty of Lake of the Woods County

WHAT: A launch event featuring first-time novelist Carla Hagen presenting from her new book, *Hand Me Down My Walking Cane*. The event will include Carla reading from the novel, 1930's-era music, refreshments and drinks, as well as book sales and signing.

The novel is the first fictional look at the real-life 1930's resettlement of Faunce, Minnesota, and other towns located in what is now the Beltrami Island Forest (see attached media kit for more details) in Lake of the Woods County. Carla, a native of the county, grew up listening to her elders speak of the old pioneers who settled the area. Here is a short summary of the novel:

At the height of the Great Depression, Faunce Ridge, a tiny village on the Minnesota-Canadian border, is declared a rural slum by Roosevelt's New Deal government. Hometown boy, Emil Rousseau, is sent to photograph the poverty of his childhood neighbors to sell Congress on resettlement. Told from the perspective of Emil, his childhood sweetheart Rose, madam Sadie and bootlegger Magnus, *Hand Me Down My Walking Cane* speaks to the mystical pull of this harsh and beautiful place while bringing to vivid life the history of the borderland.

"Carla Hagen is a terrific story teller. With *Hand Me Down My Walking Cane* she has recreated a north country world gone by, atmospheric, historic and populated with flinty, fully voiced, fully realized characters. It's like finding a sepia toned family album you just can't put down," said Judith Katz, University of Minnesota Department of English, Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies.

Hand Me Down My Walking Cane is available for sale at retail outlets everywhere.

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

Carla Hagen reading from her novel at Hamline University and autographing books for guests, family and friends. The first chapter of *Hand Me Down My Walking Cane* is available in the media kit. Books are available for review (see contact information below).

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WHEN/WHERE:

Friday, September, 16 at Hamline University, Giddens Learning Center, Room 100E, 1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

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ATTACHMENTS:

Media Kit

Hagen's Biography

Northern Light article on pre-launch

2 articles on the background on 1930s Resettlement (at Beltrami Island)

Hand Me Down My Walking Cane novel cover

Hand Me Down My Walking Cane chapter 1

"The Bog", *Voices for the Land* essay, by Hagen