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'MAD DOGS' READING, BOOK SIGNING TO BE HELD AT UM

MISSOULA—

University of Montana alumnus and acclaimed author James Grady will read from and sign his newest novel, "Mad Dogs," from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 13, at The Bookstore at UM.

Grady, author of the classic "Six Days of the Condor," is donating profits from UM sales of "Mad Dogs" to the University.

"I want to give something back," said Grady, who earned a journalism degree from UM in 1972 and was a Distinguished Alumni Award winner last year. "This is my chance."

The book is a thriller launched from a fictional CIA insane asylum that Dennis Lehane, author of "Mystic River," calls "a great, great read" that "starts off with one of the best first sentences I've read in a long time and goes full-throttle, pedal-to-the floor right up until the final page."

Edgar-winning author S.J. Rozan said, "'Mad Dogs' echoes both with (Joseph) Heller's 'Catch-22' and Grady's own 'Condor,'" which was made into the hit 1975 Robert Redford movie.

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“Mad Dogs” will be released by Forge Books in hardback Sept. 19. The book may be pre-ordered online at <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/maddogs.htm> or by contacting Patia Stephens at patia.stephens@umontana.edu or 406-243-4890.

Pre-ordered books will be available for pickup during UM’s 2006 Homecoming, Oct. 13-15, or shipped the following week.

Grady, a native of Shelby, attended UM from 1967 to 1972 and then worked for the state’s Constitutional Convention. He also worked for Montana Sen. Lee Metcalf and as an investigative reporter for legendary syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. The author of many novels, he has been honored with international awards from Italy and France. He now lives in Silver Spring, Md.

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