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### **LAKE TRAVIS READS STEVEN SAYLOR**

Popular cultural education program features international, bestselling historical author

Best-selling author Steven Saylor will be the featured author for the 2014 **LAKE TRAVIS READS**, the "One Book, One Community" program now in its seventh year. Co-sponsored by Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library, and Spicewood Community Library, **LAKE TRAVIS READS** encourages the community to read from the acclaimed author's body of work and then meet the author at a special evening event in April.

Steven Saylor is the author of the international bestseller *Roma* and its follow-up, *Empire*. These two epic novels comprise a multi-generational saga that spans the first 1200 years of the city, from Iron Age trading post to the height of the empire under Hadrian. Saylor is also the author of the Roma Sub Rosa series of historical mysteries featuring Gordianus the Finder, set in the ancient Rome of Cicero, Caesar, and Cleopatra. The next volume in the series, *Raiders of the Nile*, about the further adventures of young Gordianus in Egypt, will be published in 2014.

Outside the Roman books are two novels set in Steven's native Texas. *A Twist at the End* is based on America's first recorded serial murders, which terrorized Austin, Texas in 1885. The chief protagonist is young Will Porter, who later became famous as O. Henry. *Have You Seen Dawn?* is a contemporary thriller set in a small Texas town not unlike the one where Steven grew up.

Steven's books have been published in 22 languages, and he has appeared as an expert on Roman life on The History Channel. *The Seattle Times* writes that, "the research is first-rate, and the writing so good that if you read these books and then take a trip to Rome, as you walk through the ruins of the Forum Romanum you mentally use the books as a frame of reference."

"One Book, One Community" is a national program created by the Center for the Book in Washington, D.C., and adopted by communities around the nation. As part of **LAKE TRAVIS READS STEVEN SAYLOR**, book clubs at all three libraries will host discussions of his novels. Check with your local library for dates and titles. "An Evening with Steven Saylor" will conclude the 2014 **LAKE TRAVIS READS** program with an appearance by the author at Bee Cave Public Library on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.laketrisreads.org](http://www.laketrisreads.org), or any of the participating libraries.

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