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### **LAKE TRAVIS READS SARAH BIRD**

Popular cultural education program features nationally-acclaimed Austin author

The local "One Book, One Community" program **LAKE TRAVIS READS** has chosen to feature award-winner Austin author Sarah Bird for its third annual program. "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. Our version, called **Lake Travis Reads**, is sponsored by the libraries and Friends groups of Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library and Spicewood Community Library.

The goal of **LAKE TRAVIS READS** is to bring the community together to read and discuss a shared book or body of work by a single author, as is the case this year. After featuring serious nonfiction works during its first two programs, the steering committee this year selected a local author whose books offer biting-funny, insightful looks at Austin, friendship, romance, high society and more. Her most recent novel, *How Perfect is That*, skewers Austin's do-gooders, social climbers, and homeless in what *Booklist* described as a "riches-to-rags tale with enough smart, sardonic satire and irresistibly irreverent irony to uproariously outweigh any moral misgivings."

Sarah Bird's other novels include *Alamo House* (1986), *The Boyfriend School* (1989), *The Mommy Club* (1991), *Virgin of the Rodeo* (1999), *The Yokota Officers Club* (2001), and *The Flamenco Academy* (2006). She has written screenplays for Paramount, CBS, Warner Bros., National Geographic, ABC, TNT, Hemdale Studio, and several independent producers. Her articles have appeared in *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *The New York Times Magazine*; *Mademoiselle*; *Glamour*; *Cosmopolitan*; *Seventeen*; *Ms.*; and *The Texas Observer*. She took over the back-page column in *Texas Monthly* from Kinky Friedman in April 2005.

As part of **LAKE TRAVIS READS SARAH BIRD**, book clubs at all three libraries will host discussions of her novels. Check with your local library for dates and titles. "An Evening with Sarah Bird" will conclude the **2010 LAKE TRAVIS READS** with an appearance by the author at Bee Cave Public Library on February 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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

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