

Writer's Series 2016: Justin Cronin

The UNA Writer's Series, under the auspices of the English Department, is pleased to announce that Justin Cronin, author of the best-selling books *The Passage* and *The Twelve*, will read from his works on March 10, 2016 at 11 am in the Performance Center of the GUC. A book-signing and reception will follow.

Justin Cronin's novel *The Passage*, debuted at #3 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and has sold over a million copies. *The New York Times Book Review* declared *The Twelve* "a literary super thriller." Stephen King called *The Passage* and its sequel *The Twelve* "enthraling." *The House of Mirrors*, the third volume of the best-selling trilogy is scheduled for publication on May 24th, 2016.

The New York Times called Cronin "an unlikely heir to America's genre-fiction throne." A graduate of Harvard and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, Cronin is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship. He won the Whiting Writer's Award in 2002, and both the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for First Fiction (in 2001) and the Stephen Crane Prize for *Mary and O'Neil* in 2002. Both *Mary and O'Neil* and *The Summer Guest* (published in 2004) have been praised for their compassion.

Cronin, who lives with his family in Houston, Texas, taught Creative Writing for many years at Rice University.

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