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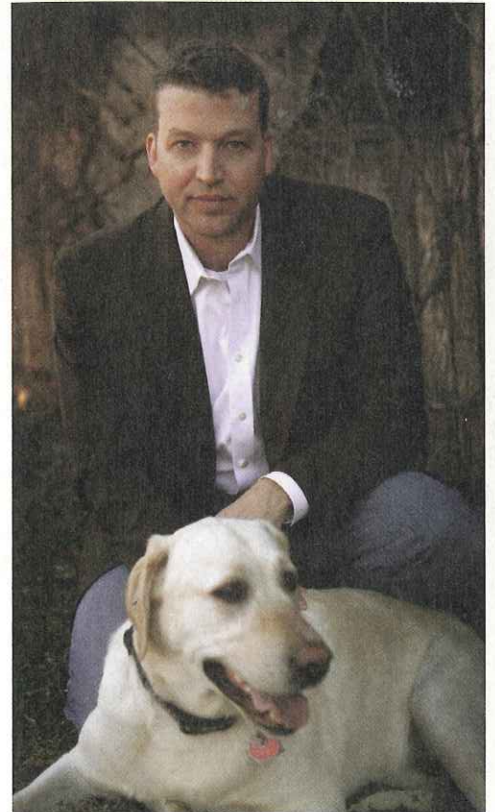
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## NY Times Best-selling Author John Hart to Promote Literacy

John Hart, the author of three *New York Times* best-selling novels, will be the keynote speaker at the annual fund-raiser of the Literacy Council of Buncombe County. The "Authors for Literacy" dinner and silent auction will be held from 6-9 P.M. on Friday, August 27, at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. This is the third annual Authors for Literacy event and it has sold out each year.

Hart is the author of *The King of Lies*, *Down River*, and *The Last Child*. In April 2010, Hart earned the distinction of being the only author to win Edgar awards for two consecutive novels.



John Hart puts mystery into reading, whereas the Literacy Council takes it out. The heroes in Hart's books overcome barriers to solve crimes, while the Literacy Council's students overcome incredible odds to uncover the mystery of English literacy. Just as Hart's heroes discover truths about their personal lives along the way, Literacy Council students find confidence and develop self-sufficiency to transform their lives as individuals, parents, workers and citizens.

Not only will guests enjoy listening to the author read excerpts from his award-winning novels, they will also have the opportunity to bid on valuable and unique auction items including original artwork, a portrait session, vacations, and private catering by local chefs. All proceeds will benefit the Literacy Council's programs to teach adults basic reading, writing, math and English language skills through individual and small group instruction by trained volunteers.

Tickets are \$75 per person for the dinner and silent auction and \$125 each for VIP tickets which include a private reception with the author. Call Ashley Vandewart at the Literacy Council, 828-254-3442 ext. 205 for information.