

Erik Larson

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

University of Delaware
Library Associates
Annual Dinner

*Dead Wake: The Last
Crossing of the Lusitania*

by

Erik Larson

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

About Erik Larson



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Erik Larson is the author of five *New York Times* bestsellers, most recently *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, which hit #1 on the *Times* list soon after launch.

His previous book was *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*, which also hit #1 and remained on the printed list for 35 weeks. Larson's book *The Devil in the White City* stayed on the *Times*' hardcover and paperback list for a combined total of over five years. It won an Edgar Award for nonfiction crime writing and was a finalist for a National Book Award.

For his 2006 bestseller, *Thunderstruck*, Larson accomplished prodigious research for the book even going as far as to learn Italian while developing an advanced appreciation for Italian red wines. He also is author of the international bestseller *Isaac's Storm*, published in September 1999. In addition to becoming an immediate *Times* bestseller, the book won the American Meteorology Society's prestigious Louis J. Battan Author's Award. *The Washington Post* called it the "'Jaws' of hurricane yarns."

Larson's first newspaper job was with *The Bucks County Courier Times* in Levittown, Pennsylvania, where he wrote about murder, witches, environmental poisons and other "equally pleasant" things. He later became a features writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and *TIME Magazine*, where he is still a contributing writer. His magazine stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's* and other publications.

He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied Russian history, language and culture. Larson received a master's in journalism from Columbia University. He has taught non-fiction writing at San Francisco State, the Johns Hopkins Writing Seminars, the University of Oregon and has spoken to audiences from coast to coast.

The Officers and Directors of the
University of Delaware Library Associates
request the pleasure of your company at the
Annual Dinner

Wednesday, April 6, 2016
at Arsht Hall, University of Delaware
2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware

Erik Larson
will speak on
Dead Wake:
The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

Hospitality hour at 6 p.m.
Program and dinner at 7 p.m.
RSVP by Thursday, March 31, 2016

First-come, first-served parking in the
lot opposite the entrance to Arsht Hall.
Additional parking in the side lots.

Menu

Appetizer

- ◆ Bibb Lettuce Wedge topped with Roasted Pears, Gorgonzola Cheese, Candied Pecans, Watermelon and Radish with an Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrées (select one)

- ◆ Seared Atlantic Salmon with Creamy Lemon Risotto, Garlic Oil Broccolini and a Port Wine Demi-glace

OR

- ◆ Filet of Beef with Bordeaux Demi-glace accompanied by Boursin Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Baby Vegetables in Herb Butter

OR

- ◆ Eggplant, Couscous and Roasted Red Pepper Lasagna served with Tri-Colored Baby Carrots

Dessert

- ◆ Chocolate Cabernet Cake with Grilled Peaches

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks
Meiomi Chardonnay
Estancia Cabernet Sauvignon

2016 UDLA Annual Dinner Response Card

Entrée - Please Select One*

Member(s) _____

First Last

☐ Beef ☐ Salmon ☐ Vegetarian

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Guest(s) _____

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_____ Member(s) @ \$130.00 Per Person**

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Guest(s) @ \$175.00 Per Person**

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(Please enter guest's address(es) on back of card)

Corporate Table of 8 Persons (@ \$1,500.00 Per Table) \$

Names of corporate attendees with their entrée selections should be written on the back of this response card. A Library Associates first-year membership will be awarded to each corporation that sponsors a table and to each corporate attendee.

Contributions are welcome from individuals and corporations to assist in underwriting the evening's expenses. Donations are appreciated and will be publicly acknowledged unless anonymity is requested. This donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

I/we would like to make an additional contribution in the amount of:

_____ \$5,000.00 Annual Dinner Leader \$_____

_____ \$1,000.00 Annual Dinner Benefactor \$_____

_____ \$ 500.00 Annual Dinner Sustaining \$ _____

_____ \$ 250.00 Annual Dinner Advocate \$ _____

_____ \$ 175.00 Annual Dinner Patron _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ Other Annual Dinner Friend \$_____

_____ \$ 175.00 each to support attendance for a Library Staff dinner(s) \$_____

_____ I/we regret that I/we cannot attend, and would like to contribute to assist with expenses \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

Please make your check payable to the University of Delaware Library Associates.
For further information, contact o UDLA@udel.edu or by calling 302-831-2231.

I/we wish to reserve the following quantity of Erik Larson's books:

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

_____ paperback @ \$15.00

hardback @ \$25.00

In the Garden of the Beasts

_____ paperback @ \$14.00

* The full menu is available on the back panel of the invitation.

** \$88.00 of the dinner cost per person is tax deductible.

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Guest(s) _____
First Last

Full Mailing Address

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Corporate Table Information

Name of Corporation _____

Corporate Contact _____

Address of Corporation _____

City State Zip Code

Telephone number with area code _____

Names of corporate attendees with his/her entrée selection:

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The logo of the University of Delaware, featuring a stylized blue shield with a white 'D' and a white book. The text 'University of Delaware' is written in a blue serif font above the shield, and 'Library Associates' is written in a blue serif font below the shield.

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