



The Award Winning

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Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist Leonard Pitts *Reading for New Novel "Freeman"*

Atlanta, GA. – The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library is excited to welcome back Pulitzer Prize winning writer Leonard Pitts for a reading of his new novel *Freeman*. The free reading and book signing will be at **6:30pm on Monday, June 25th** in the Carter Museum Theater.

Pitts won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his twice-weekly syndicated column, which appears in more than 200 newspapers, and has won numerous other journalism awards. His new novel takes place in the first few months following the Confederate surrender and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Upon learning of Lee's surrender, Sam--a runaway slave who once worked for the Union Army--decides to leave his safe haven in Philadelphia and set out on foot to return to the war-torn South. What compels him on this almost-suicidal course is the desire to find his wife, the mother of his only child, whom he and their son left behind 15 years earlier on the Mississippi farm to which they all "belonged."

PBS journalist Gwen Ifill says, "Leonard Pitts has a passion for history and a gift for storytelling. Both shine in this story of love and redemption, which challenges everything we thought we knew about how our nation dealt with its most stubborn stain."

Patrik Henry Bass of *Essence* magazine says "Leonard Pitts, Jr., who won a Pulitzer Prize for his searing Miami Herald columns, may well pick up that award again for *Freeman*...[Pitts] richly illuminates the interior lives of free and enslaved Black folks. He also delivers a sweeping romance that reaffirms the power of love even against the most horrific circumstances."

Join us at this special time...6:30pm on Monday, June 25th in the Carter Museum Theater for Leonard Pitts.

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