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Author Gary Pomerantz Coming to Carter Library *Discuss and Sign New Book "The Devil's Tickets"*

Atlanta, GA.- Gary Pomerantz, author of *Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn*, *Nine Minutes, Twenty Seconds* and *Wilt, 1962*, is coming to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library on Monday, June 22nd at 7pm to read from his highly acclaimed new book *The Devil's Tickets: A Night of Bridge, a Fatal Hand, and a New American Age*.

Erik Larson, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Devil in the White City* says "Bridge and murder, two of mankind's most engrossing pursuits—in *The Devil's Tickets* Gary Pomerantz intermingles both to create a crackling portrait of a vibrant past age and a singular moment when a bullet trumped all."

Susan Orlean, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Orchid Thief* calls *The Devil's Tickets* "a great story, a real drama, a perfect window on American culture—and best of all, beautifully written with the lightest touch."

Pomerantz takes readers back to Kansas City in 1929. Myrtle and Jack Bennett sit down with another couple for an evening of bridge. As the game intensifies, Myrtle complains that Jack is a "bum bridge player." For such insubordination, he slaps her hard in front of their stunned guests and announces he is leaving. Moments later, sobbing, with a Colt .32 pistol in hand, Myrtle fires four shots, killing her husband. Through these larger-than-life characters and the timeless partnership game they played, *The Devil's Tickets* captures a uniquely colorful age and a tension in marriage that is eternal.

ACappella Books, a co-sponsor of the reading, will have copies of *The Devil's Ticket* for sale at the reading and Pomerantz will be signing the books following his reading.

The reading will be held in the Carter Library theater---pardon the clutter in the museum lobby. We are undergoing a \$10 million redesign of our museum. Doors open at 6:30 and you'll be able to see some of the museum work-in-progress.

You can also see pictures of the redesign progress on the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/business/dashboard/#/pages/Jimmy-Carter-Presidential-Library/80010985403>