

Award-Winning Writer Ha Jin Reads At UNH Nov. 3

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire English Department is proud to present a reading by prize-winning author Ha Jin as part of its 2006-2007 Writers Series Friday, November 3, 2006, at 6 p.m. in Murkland Hall, room 115, on the Durham campus. Jin's reading is free and open to the public.

Ha Jin emigrated from China in the early 1990s. He was on scholarship at Brandeis University when the 1989 Tiananmen incident happened and remained in the United States after earning his Ph.D. in 1992. His first book of poems, Between Silences, was published in 1990. Jin sets many of his stories and novels in China, in the fictional Muji City. He has won a number of awards for his writing, including the National Book Award and PEN/Faulkner Award for his novel, Waiting (1999). Many of his short stories have appeared in The Best American Short Stories anthologies, and his collection Under The Red Flag (1997) won the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, while Ocean of Words (1996) has been awarded the PEN/Hemingway Award. The novel War Trash (2004), set in the Korean War, won the PEN/Faulkner Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Jin currently teaches at Boston University.

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