

Author of 'Bastard out of Carolina' Will Speak at UNH Oct. 12

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Best-selling author Dorothy Allison, whom the Boston Globe has called "one of the best writers of her generation," will speak at the University of New Hampshire Thursday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Field House.

Allison's novel, *Bastard out of Carolina*, was nominated for the National Book Award in 1992. A tale of poverty, incest, abuse, and ultimately survival, *Bastard out of Carolina* brought Allison acclaim outside the lesbian and gay community, where she was already well-known for *The Women Who Hate Me*, a poetry collection, and *Trash*, a collection of short stories which received two Lambda Literary Awards, for Best Small Press and Best Lesbian Book.

She also has published a second novel, *Cavedweller*, and two other books: *Skin: Talking about Sex, Class and Literature* -- a collection of essays -- and *Two or Three Things I Know for Sure*, a chapbook of her performance pieces.

Dorothy Allison recognizes writing as "...the only way I know to make sure of my ongoing decision to live."

Her talk at UNH is titled, "To Be of Use: Fiction in the Real World." Free and open to the public, her visit is sponsored by the Kidder Fund, the Department of English Writers Series and the UNH Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program.

She also will read from her work at 5 p.m., in Murkland Hall Auditorium on the Durham campus.

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