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A reading by
John Barth

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The Development : A Reading by John Barth

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

5 p.m. Reception and Book Signing | 6 p.m. Reading

Acclaimed novelist John Barth will read from his latest book, *The Development*, a touching and humorous set of loosely linked stories based on the lives of elderly residents and their surprising developments in a fictional gated community on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Considered to be among the important American writers of the 20th century, Barth is the author of such works as *The Floating Opera* (1956), *The Sot-Weed Factor* (1960), *Giles-Goat Boy* (1966), *Chimera* (1972, winner of the 1973 National Book Award), *The Book of Ten Nights and a Night* (2004), and numerous other novels, novellas, and short-story and essay collections.

Barth attended Johns Hopkins as a writing major and earned his bachelor's degree in 1951 and his master's degree in 1952. Before returning in 1973 to teach at his alma mater, he held professorships in the English departments of the Pennsylvania State University, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Boston University. He is Professor Emeritus in the Writing Seminars at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences.



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