



C-SPAN Announces:

BookTV's "*In Depth*: 2018 Fiction Edition"

(December 19, 2017) -- As a special project for 2018, BookTV on C-SPAN2 is venturing from its nearly 20 year old nonfiction mission to feature 12 best-selling fiction writers for its monthly *In Depth* series, focusing on writers of historical fiction, science and national security thrillers, and social commentary.

Writers such as Brad Thor, Jeff Shaara, Cory Doctorow, Geraldine Brooks, and Walter Mosley have each agreed to spend three hours live at the *In Depth* interview table to talk about their craft, their characters, and the stories they tell. The programs are interactive—BookTV's audience can ask questions via telephone and social media. *Washington Post* writer **David Ignatius**, author of ten fiction titles, will kick off the special series on Sunday, **January 7** at noon ET/ 9 AM PT.

BookTV Executive Producer Peter Slen says the project is unusual for his group of TV producers who are generally focused on their nonfiction mission: "This special year-long *In Depth* Fiction Edition gives us a different lens by which to view BookTV's typical fare of American history and national issues. The 12 fiction writers we've selected for this project spend years researching their subject matter, developing high-level sources and they bring that expertise to the stories they tell.

Slen is excited about bringing new viewers into the BookTV fold: "We obviously also hope that this special *In Depth* series will introduce fiction readers to BookTV's unique long-form style of television programming and they will stay around for more."

In Depth, which debuted on BookTV in 2000, airs live the first Sunday of each month. To date, about 200 of the nation's best-known nonfiction writers have appeared on the three-hour program, talking about their collected works. For more information on *In Depth*, visit: <https://www.c-span.org/series/?inDepth>.

About C-SPAN and BookTV: Created by the cable TV industry in 1979 and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three commercial-free public affairs television networks; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington D.C., at 90.1 FM and available as an App; and C-SPAN.org, a video-rich website offering live coverage of government events and access to the vast archive of C-SPAN programming. Since 1998, each weekend on C-SPAN2, BookTV features 48 hours of nonfiction books from Saturday 8am to Monday 8am ET.

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BookTV's "*In Depth*: 2018 Fiction Edition" Confirmed Schedule

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All programs begin 12pmET

January 7: David Ignatius

February 4: Colson Whitehead

March 4: Jeff Shaara

April 1: Walter Mosley

May 6: TBD

June 3: Gish Jen

July 1: Brad Thor

August 5: Cory Doctorow

September 2: TBD

October 7: Geraldine Brooks

November 4: TBD

December 2: Brad Meltzer



Walter Mosley, April *In Depth* guest



Brad Meltzer, December *In Depth* guest