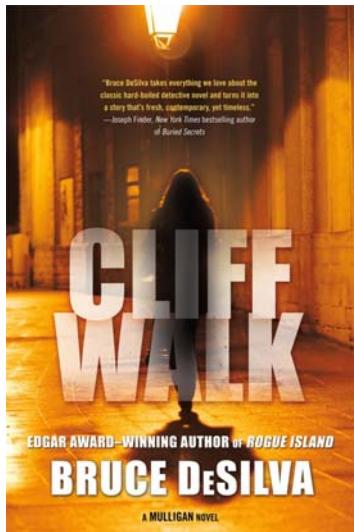


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Bruce DeSilva, crime fiction's newest star, coming to Hartford Public Library

Former Hartford Courant writer and editor returns to Hartford with latest novel



Hartford, CT – July 2, 2012 –Hartford Public Library announced today that Edgar Award-Winning author Bruce DeSilva will appear in the Center for Contemporary Culture at Hartford Public Library on Thursday, July 19, 2012 to discuss his new novel, ***CLIFF WALK***. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

CLIFF WALK is the highly anticipated follow-up to one of 2010's top debuts, the Edgar and Macavity Award-winning debut mystery *Rogue Island*. Thanks to a rare recommendation from legendary crime fiction editor Otto Penzler, long-time journalist and *Associated Press* writing coach Bruce DeSilva launched on to the crime fiction scene with *Rogue Island*. Now DeSilva returns with ***CLIFF WALK***, a masterfully crafted mystery from the genre's newest star.

In *Rogue Island*, DeSilva introduced the iconic Liam Mulligan, an old school newspaperman from Providence RI, a town he knows like the back of his hand. Mulligan again drawn into a life-or-death investigation, this time of Rhode Island's thriving (legal) sex trade, which he suspects has stayed legal thanks to payoffs to the state governor. But this isn't the only story making headlines: a child's severed arm is found sprawled on the rocks at the base of Newport's famous Cliff Walk, and it's up to Mulligan to connect the dots between the two seemingly unrelated occurrences.

Drawing on forty years experience within the newspaper industry, including a stint as the Polk and Pulitzer Prize-winning editor on an elite investigatory unit with the *Associated Press*, Bruce DeSilva delivers a gritty, authentic tale where the city of Providence becomes a character in its own right. ***CLIFF WALK*** is at once a hard-boiled mystery and an exploration of sex and religion in the modern age. Written with the unique and powerful voice that won DeSilva and Edgar and Macavity Awards for Best First novel, ***CLIFF WALK*** lifts Mulligan into the pantheon of great suspense heroes and is a giant leap forward for the career of Bruce DeSilva.

About the Author

Bruce DeSilva recently retired from journalism after a forty-one-year career. Most recently, he was the *Associated Press* writing coach, responsible for training AP journalists worldwide. He is now a master's thesis advisor at the Columbia University School of Journalism. *Rogue Island* was his debut novel, and he is hard at work on the third Liam Mulligan novel. He and his wife, the poet Patricia Smith, live in Howell, New Jersey, with their granddaughter, Mikaila, and a Bernese mountain dog named Brady. For more information, visit www.brucedesilva.com.

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and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Please visit hplct.org and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org. For other programs in the Center for Contemporary Culture please visit <http://center.hplct.org>.