

## **Portland author to speak at the library**

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WEST LINN – Portland author Dana Haynes will speak about his new book, *Crashers*, at the West Linn Public Library on Monday, April 25, at 6:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

*Crashers* is about the aftermath of the crash of CascadeAir Flight 818 just south of Portland. A team of NTSB experts – known as *Crashers* – arrive from all over the country to try and figure out what happened. In Los Angeles, Daria Gibrón, a former Israeli security agent, tries to get close enough to a group of terrorists to find out what they're planning. The two stories converge in this fast-paced thriller.

In March, *Crashers* won Haynes the 2011 Spotted Owl Award which is awarded once a year by the Friends of Mystery for the best mystery, thriller, or crime novel by a Pacific Northwest author. The book was short-listed by the American Library Association for the Reference and User Services Association 2011 Reading List. The book is based on a screenplay Haynes wrote, which made it to the semifinals in the Nicholl Fellowship screenwriting competition in 2005. Prior to *Crashers*, Haynes wrote three mysteries under the pen name Conrad Haynes. He currently works as the Public Affairs Manager for Portland Community College.

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