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Cedar Falls Authors Festival: An Introduction by Cherie Dargan & Rosemary Beach, Flier

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The Cedar Falls Authors Festival: An introduction by Cherie Dargan & Rosemary Beach

www.cfaauthorsfestival.org/

Visit here for information about the festival with highlights on each author, and downloadable materials to read and discuss in book clubs and classrooms. Notice there is also an embedded, color coded calendar of events.

Our Five Authors-- Bess Streeter Aldrich, Ruth Suckow, James Hearst, Nancy Price, and Robert James Waller

All best-selling authors, nationally known with Cedar Falls connections!



Bess Streeter Aldrich

February 17, 1881 – August 3, 1954

See Events for October to celebrate Bess Streeter Aldrich



Ruth Suckow

August 6, 1892 – January 23, 1960

See Events for June to celebrate Ruth Suckow as well as a Program in September



James Hearst

August 8, 1900 – July 27, 1983

See Events in September to celebrate James Hearst



Nancy Price

March 16, 1925

See Events in July to celebrate Nancy Price

CELEBRATING
CEDAR FALLS'
LITERARY LEGACY
FROM PIONEER DAYS
TO TODAY



Robert James Waller

August 1, 1939 – March 10, 2017

See Events in May to celebrate Robert James Waller

What do they have in common?

- Hearst and Aldrich were born in Cedar Falls; Suckow and Waller were born elsewhere in Iowa. Price was born in South Dakota.
- Three have birthdays in August.
- All but Aldrich taught at the University of Northern Iowa and three were students there (Aldrich, Hearst & Waller).
- Hearst knew Suckow and her husband; they corresponded.
- Suckow commented on one of his poems and sent written “corrections” on it.
- She wrote a foreword for his book *Country Men*.
- Aldrich corresponded with Hearst.
- Price wrote a foreword for a book of Hearst’s poetry published posthumously.

Our Umbrella Group

- Rosemary Beach, Chair (Retired Executive Director of the Cedar Falls Historical Society)
- Jan Andersen (Retired Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau)
- Mary Brammer (Cedar Falls Public Art Committee member)
- Scott Cawelti (Retired UNI Professor and Cedar Falls author)
- Cherie Dargan (Retired Professor, Hawkeye Community College and Cedar Falls author)
- Barbara Lounsberry (Retired UNI Professor and Cedar Falls author)
- Kim Manning (Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau)
- Mary Taylor (Director of Development, Western Home Communities)

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- **The Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau**
- **Western Home Communities**

The PPT for today (plus an expanded one, with information on all five authors) will be posted on www.cfauthorsfestival.org on the OVERVIEW page

**We have more than 20 partners working together to develop programs!
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