

The Rhode Island Center for the Book at Providence Public Library is pleased to announce the selection of *Five Skies* by Ron Carlson for the 2009 Reading Across Rhode Island project.

*Five Skies* tells of three men, each emotionally damaged in different ways, coming together at the edge of a remote canyon in Idaho. Their task is to construct a ramp in this isolated area from which a motorcyclist will launch herself across a chasm. With a crisp narrative style, Carlson not only outlines the transformations that take place in the three men, but also develops the novel's setting into a fourth character. Themes for discussion include relationships among men, the value of work, environmental issues and the duality of nature.

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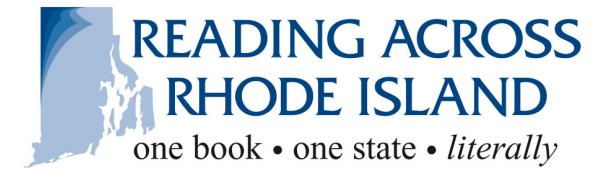
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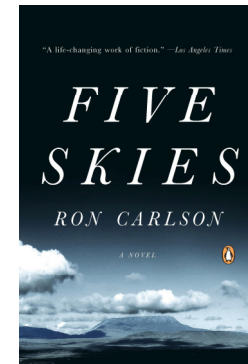
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*Announcing the 2009 Novel*

*Five Skies*  
by Ron Carlson



**Launch Conference**  
Saturday, January 31, 2009  
9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.  
Bryant University  
1150 Douglas Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917

Cost: \$25/person

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Join the Honorary Chair of Reading Across Rhode Island, Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts, in launching the 2009 project at this conference designed for educators, librarians and book discussion leaders and readers across the state.

### Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:30 am:  
Registration, Coffee and
- 9:30 - 10:00 am: Plenary  
*Welcome from Rhode Island's  
Lt. Governor, Elizabeth Roberts*
- 10:00 - 11:00 am: Workshop Sessions
- 11:00 - 11:15 am: Break
- 11:15 - 12:15 pm: Workshop Sessions
- 12:30 - 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm: Keynote, Ron Carlson  
*Author of Five Skies*

Copies of *Five Skies* and related titles of interest will be available for purchase throughout the conference.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the RI Department of Education will be available for conference attendees.

## Workshop Sessions

Two sessions of workshops: five focus specifically on themes in *Five Skies*, while three other workshops look at writing and reading in general: publishing, book clubs and an alternate writing form, blogging!

(Note: Not all sessions are offered twice; titles & workshops subject to change)

- Camp Cooking Demonstration**  
Learn some outdoor cooking techniques and sample recipes. Chef Jamie Finklestein, Westerly High School (Both sessions - 1A & 1B)
- Reinvigorating Your Book Group**  
Book Club getting tired? Join Joyce May and Pat Trodson, East Providence Public Library for some new ideas (1st Session only - 2A)
- A Guided Reading through *Five Skies*** Thomas Cobb, Professor at RI College & author of *Shavetail & Crazy Heart* (2nd session only - 3B)
- Freshwater Fly Tying Techniques**  
A demonstration by David Loren, of United Fly Tiers of R.I. (Both Sessions - 4A & 4B)
- Five Skies - Three Guys: A Readers' Theater Presentation** by Living Literature (1st Session only - 5A)
- Blogging: What Is It and Why Do I Need To Know?** Shane Sher, Providence Public Library (Both Sessions - 6A & 6B)
- Rock Art of the American West:** A slide lecture with Sal Mancini, RI Artist (Both Sessions - 7A & 7B)
- How To Get Happily Published: One Writer's Journey** A RI author shares his story, Evan Drake Howard (Both Sessions - 8A & 8B)
- (tentative) **Building 101:** with representatives from Gilbane Construction

## Registration Form



Please complete this form & mail it with your \$25 check, payable to Providence Public Library, by January 22, 2009.  
Note: Seating is limited to 150.

Mail to:

Reading Across RI Conference  
Providence Public Library  
150 Empire Street  
Providence, RI 02903

or Download this form: [www.readingacrossri.org](http://www.readingacrossri.org).

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For help in planning, please indicate the number of the two sessions you would like to attend (example: 4A; 8B)

Session A: \_\_\_\_\_

Session B: \_\_\_\_\_

Duplication of this form  
is encouraged!