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### ONE BOOK ONE MARIN 2015 SELECTION ANNOUNCED

December 19, 2014, Novato, CA: The Marin County Free Library, along with City Public Libraries of Marin County and Community Partners Book Passage and Dominican University, is pleased to announce that the 2015 **One Book One Marin** selection has been awarded to *At Night We Walk in Circles* by Daniel Alarcón, a Finalist for the 2014 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. The Launch Party to introduce the bestselling author will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera.

One Book programs take the idea of a localized book discussion club and expand it to cover a whole city or county. Each year, cities across the US select a book of their choice and encourage their communities to read and discuss that book.

The goal of One Book One Marin is to build a stronger, enriched community through library utilization, community dialogue, and the exploration of literature and culture. A variety of community partners collaborate to bring the community interesting programming and events related to the book throughout a four-month period, February - May, each year. Anyone can participate. All events are free and open to the public.

Sara Jones, Director of Marin County Library Services notes, “The Marin County Free library is very excited about the upcoming One Book One Marin reading of *At Night We Walk in Circles* by Daniel Alarcon. This program allows us to encourage reading and community conversations throughout the entire County of Marin. We are particularly enthusiastic that *At Night We Walk in Circles* is available in Spanish translation and will give us opportunities to serve the rich diversity of our County. The program has a wonderful mix of partners and supporters and we are thrilled to be supporting the ninth year this program has been bringing our communities together through literature.

*At Night We Walk in Circles* is a breathtaking, suspenseful story of one man's obsessive search to find the truth of another man's downfall. Nelson's life is not turning out the way he hoped. His girlfriend is sleeping with another man; his brother has left their South American country, leaving Nelson to care for their widowed mother; and his acting career can't seem to get off the ground. That is, until he lands a starring role in a touring revival of *The Idiot President*, a legendary play by Nelson's hero, Henry Nuñez, leader of the storied guerrilla theater troupe Diciembre. And that's when the real trouble begins.

Nelson's fate is slowly revealed through the investigation of the narrator, a young man obsessed with Nelson's story—and perhaps closer to it than he lets on. In sharp, vivid, and beautiful prose, Alarcón delivers a compulsively readable narrative and a provocative meditation on fate, identity, and the large consequences that can result from even our smallest choices.

The Launch party at Book Passage on February 4, 2015 kicks off the celebration and introduces the author and programming events that take place during the months of February, March, April and May. Most events take place at city and community libraries throughout Marin and are geared around themes of the novel. The **One Book One Marin** program will conclude with a special event on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at Dominican University's Angelico Hall, featuring Daniel Alarcon and KQED host Michael Krasny in conversation. All events are free and open to the public.

Elaine Petrocelli, President of Book Passage shared: "This year's selection is bound to inspire lively discussions throughout Marin. Names one of *The New Yorker's* "20 Under 40," I'm delighted that Daniel can participate in this year's program.

The **One Book One Marin** program is funded by the Marin County Free Library, Book Passage, Institute for Leadership Studies at Dominican University, City Libraries and a large number of community sponsors. Dr. Denise Lucy, founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Leadership Studies at Dominican University of California remarked, "Dominican University's partnership with the One Book One Marin Award is an exceptionally rewarding experience by engaging our campus community with the library communities in Marin County. We are honored to participate in this vibrant community engagement program. "

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### **About Daniel Alarcón:**

**Daniel Alarcón**, a native of Peru, was raised, from the age of 3, in Birmingham, Alabama. He earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Columbia University and a master's from the Iowa's Writer's Workshop.

His first book, *War by Candlelight*, was a finalist for the 2006 PEN/Hemingway Foundation Award. In 2008, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, named a "Best Young American Novelist" by *Granta* magazine, and one of 39 under 39 Latin American Novelists. In 2010, he was also recognized by the *New Yorker* as one of 20 promising writers under 40.

Alarcón's novel *Lost City Radio*, named a Best Novel of the Year by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Washington Post*, was published 2007, and has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Dutch, Greek, and is forthcoming in Italian, Serbian, Turkish, and Japanese. In 2009, he published a collection of short stories, *El rey está siempre por encima del pueblo* (The king is always above the people), and the following year, "Ciudad de payasos", a graphic novel adapted from his 2003 story *City of Clowns*, with illustrations by Peruvian artist Sheila Alvarado. In 2011, with partners Carolina Guerrero, Martina Castro and Annie Correal, he founded *Radio Ambulante*, a Spanish language podcast telling Latin American stories. His most recent novel, *At Night We Walk in Circles*, was a finalist for the 2014 PEN/Faulkner Award.

For additional information, visit the author's blog at: [www.danielalarcon.com/](http://www.danielalarcon.com/)