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**Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child**

Bestselling authors of *Relic*, *Cabinet of Curiosities*, *Brimstone*,  
and the latest, *Cemetery Dance*, released on May 12, 2009

**Saturday, May 23**  
**6:00 pm**

**Norcross Arts and Cultural Center**  
10 College St.  
Norcross, GA 30071

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***Meet the Authors:*** Gwinnett County Public Library hosts Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child at the Norcross Arts and Cultural Center

***Authors of Cemetery Dance***

**NORCROSS, GA** (4 May 2009) – Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with bestselling authors, Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.

**Meet the authors...**

Preston and Child to host book discussion and signing at 6 pm on Saturday, May 23 at the Norcross Arts and Cultural Center, located at 10 College St., Norcross, GA 30071. Event is free and open to the public.

**About the book...**

William Smithback, a *New York Times* reporter, and his wife Nora Kelly, a Museum of Natural History archaeologist, are brutally attacked in their apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Eyewitnesses claim, and the security camera confirms, that the assailant was their strange, sinister neighbor- a man who, by all reports, was already dead and buried weeks earlier. While Captain Laura Hayward leads the official investigation, FBI Agent Pendergast and Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta undertake their own private- and decidedly unorthodox- quest for the truth. Their serpentine journey takes them to an enclave of Manhattan they never imagined existed: a secretive, reclusive cult of Obeah and voodoo which no outsiders have ever survived.

The book is scheduled to be released on May 12, 2009.

### **About the authors...**

*Douglas Preston* was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After graduating from Pomona College in California, he began his career at the American Museum of Natural History in New York as an editor, writer, and eventually served as manager of publications. His eight-year stint at the museum resulted in the non-fiction book, *Dinosaurs in the Attic*, edited by a rising young star at St. Martin's Press by the name of Lincoln Child.

In 1986, Preston moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to write full time, and published *Cities of Gold*, a non-fiction book about Coronado's search for the legendary Seven Cities of Cibola. Since then he has published several more non-fiction books on the history of the American Southwest, including *Talking to the Ground* and *The Royal Road*. In the early 1990s Preston and Child teamed up to write their first suspense novel together, *Relic*, which was published in the early nineties and released as a motion picture by Paramount in 1997. Preston is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker* magazine and has also written for *National Geographic*, *Natural History*, *Smithsonian*, *Harper's*, and *Travel & Leisure*, among others. He is currently a research associate at the Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe, a member of PEN New Mexico, and a board member of the School of American Research in Santa Fe. Preston lives on the coast of Maine with his wife, Christine, and their three children, Selene, Aletheia, and Isaac.

*Lincoln Child* was born in Westport, Connecticut, and graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. In the summer of 1979, he became an editorial assistant at St. Martin's Press, eventually becoming a full editor in 1984.

While at St. Martin's, Lincoln assembled several collections of ghost and horror stories, beginning with the hardcover collections, *Dark Company* (1984) and *Dark Banquet* (1985). Later, when he founded the company's mass-market horror division, he edited three more collections of ghost stories, *Tales of the Dark 1-3*. In a rather sudden transition, Lincoln left trade publishing in 1987 to work at MetLife. He went from editing manuscripts and speaking at sales conferences to technical programming and systems analysis. While at MetLife, his novel *Relic*, co-authored with Douglas Preston, was published, and within a few years, Lincoln left the company to write full time. His solo novels include *Utopia* and *Death Match*. He now lives in New Jersey with his wife and daughter. His interests include English and American history, motorcycles, architecture, classical music, and popular fiction.

*Preston and Child* have co-written several books in the popular Agent Pendergast series, including *Relic*, *Cabinet of Curiosities*, *Brimstone*, and the latest, *Cemetery Dance*, published in May 2009. They have also co-authored several books outside the series, including *Riptide* and *The Ice Limit*.