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## Local Author to Speak to Enka High English Students

*Asheville, North Carolina – April 30, 2008* / Kevin Cropp, award-winning author of “The Time Keeper”, will be visiting a 9th grade English class at Enka High School in Asheville, NC on April 30, 2008. He will discuss his book and how it relates to the pressures of high school, as well as the writing process in general.

After discovering “The Time Keeper” through the Adopt an Author program, Beth Hooper of Enka High decided to add it to her curriculum, and she comments that the book inspires many students to pursue their own dreams of writing. Hooper says, “We are so excited to have Kevin Cropp visit our school. Whenever a student can a dialogue with a writer, the work becomes real and important. Our students are curious about the writing process and about how a writer can take an idea and flesh out a believable story. I think that this opportunity will inspire our 9th graders to experiment with their own writing, and it will help them appreciate the effort it takes to make a fictional tale real.” According to Mary Compson, a Virginian high school teacher whose class Cropp recently spoke with, another benefit of making a connection with a published author is that it makes many students realize that reading applies to their own personal lives.

“The Time Keeper” touches on points between parents and their children that many people can identify with. “Dealing with many relevant topics for high school students, such as family conflict, reconciliation and forgiveness, dying, loss, goal-setting, and conflict with teachers and girlfriends, the story of Corey Wails sets an example of persevering through tragedy,” says Laura Stalvas, another Advanced Placement English teacher and Creative Writing teacher who has taught Cropp’s book in her class.

Hadley Goodman, President of Copper Press Publishers, says, “We are honored to provide a program where our author can go into the school systems to enrich and encourage future writers.” Cropp has visited or talked to numerous schools and other organizations, such as cancer treatment centers, in an attempt to raise awareness of the brevity of life and youth, and the importance of forgiving those you love.

Cropp has received recognition as a finalist for two awards for his debut novel; The Benjamin Franklin Award for Best New Voice of 2006, and the USA Booknews Award for Best Fiction of 2006 – but he feels that his greatest achievement lies in touching other people’s lives and letting them learn from his own mistakes. “In the final days of my mother’s life, I was granted the wisdom to enjoy, appreciate and love the mother who gave birth to me,” says Cropp. “I now know that losing her was too dear a price to pay for such wisdom and my hope is to offer this insight to others like me at not such a high price.”

Please contact Copper Press if you are interested in receiving more information, setting up an interview with Kevin, or covering the event. For a photo of Kevin, visit [www.copperpresspublishers.com](http://www.copperpresspublishers.com) .

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