



Acclaimed Novelist Eric Puchner Presents *Dream State*

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Branch Library • 215 W Washington St, San Diego, CA 92103

Join the Library Shop SD at the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library to hear from author Eric Puchner as he presents his latest novel, *Dream State*— **NOW AN OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK!** Please pre-purchase your book to guarantee your copy.

Set against the backdrop of a warming climate and accelerating world, *Dream State* follows Cece, a Montana woman in the midst of planning her wedding to Charlie, as she finds herself at a crossroads. Navigating emerging and complex feelings for Garrett, Charlie's troubled best friend, Cece faces a choice that will forever alter three lives.

Following the entangled depths of these friendships and affection across decades, *Dream State* is an ambitious and intimate exploration of what it means to live with both the mistakes we make and those handed down to us.

“Dream State is a delight... An exquisitely rendered novel about the vagaries of fate, friendship, and love.” — Alice McDermott, National Book Award winner

This is a free book presentation followed by a signing with the author. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Mission Hills Branch Library. To get a copy of *Dream State* from the Library Shop SD and guarantee your copy of the book will be available at the signing, please order as early as possible. Copies can optionally be picked up at the Library Shop after ticket purchase, if you want to get reading immediately. **On the event date, March 26th, books will only be available for pickup at the event doors.** Proceeds from all book purchases support the San Diego Public Library System.

Seating will open to the public at 6:30pm on the day of the event, and the talk begins at 7pm.

About the Author: **ERIC PUCHNER** is the author of the story collection *Music Through the Floor*, a finalist for the New York Public Library's Young Lions Fiction Award; the novel *Model Home*, which was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award in Fiction; and a second short story collection, *Last Day on Earth*. His short stories and personal essays have appeared in *GQ*, *Granta*, *Tin House*, *Best American Short Stories*, and more. He has received an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is an associate professor in the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University and lives in Baltimore with his wife, the novelist Katharine Noel, and their two children.