

Dip into the Delicious Martinsburg Chocolate Fest & Book Faire Saturday, April 25th with Keynote Speaker Daniel Boyd

Join Daniel Boyd, Keynote Speaker, Acclaimed Author and Filmmaker, and Martinsburg Native

MARTINSBURG, WV, USA, April 9, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author and Keynote Speaker: Daniel Boyd, author of the beloved eco-horror graphic novel Carbon that has been sparking conversations about the coal industry across the nation.

We all know nothing pairs better with chocolate then a good book, so come join in on this sweet celebration at the Martinsburg Chocolate Fest & Book Faire from 10 AM-4 PM Saturday, April 25th. Daniel Boyd will be available to sign and sell copies of his nationally acclaimed graphic novels (including his hot new environmental horror: Carbon) and Double Feature DVD distributed by Troma. To end your chocolate smoothed day with a the cherry on top make sure to get your tickets for a scrumptious dinner (that would make Willie Wonka's mouth water) and Keynote Speech with Daniel Boyd at the McFarland House starting at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased at Newberry Executive Center located on 142 North

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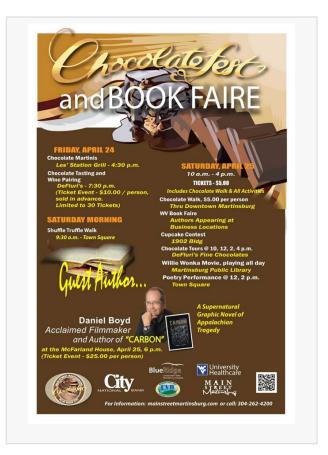
Admission to the day events for the Chocolate Fest and Book Faire is only \$5 and includes access to the Chocolate Walk, WV Book Faire, Cupcake Contest, Chocolate tours, Willie Wonka Movie, and Poetry Performance. Families and kids of all ages are welcomed!

About Carbon & Daniel Boyd: Set in the southern West Virginia coalfields and several years in the making, Carbon tells the timely story of what happens when an evil coal operator lets his greedy disregard for miners safety cause him to awaken and release a cursed and banished underground civilization of monster demons onto the surface. Aware of the symbolism and sticky subject, Boyd says "Look, I know it's not the most popular thing to say to a lot of people in the coal mining industry right now, but the fact of the matter is that a lot of mine operators have been raping and pillaging our state and taking the majority of the wealth out of here for over a hundred years. Now that the White House has its supposed "War On Coal" happening and the EPA wants to slash pollution from coal fired plants, these coal operators are in serious trouble because suddenly they have to play by the rules. So what do they do? They get a bunch of hard working miners all pissed off at the government, and then they close down the mines and lay off our miners, and cripple our state's

economy instead of even trying to figure out how to make it work. Call me a tree hugger, but I'm sick of the way the industry is trying to push their big, fat lies down our throats. They have been manipulating and disrespecting not only the miners, but also us citizens with these deceptions.

In Boyd's Carbon epic, the only thing that stands in the way of the end of the world is a tight knit group of courageous coal miners. In fact, Boyd dedicated Carbon to coal miners and says "Whatever side of the debate over the industry you fall on, miners are the often the unsung heroes." Boyd says that he's 100% "pro-miner", and that his graphic novels "primary goal is to entertain, but the story also reflects many real and complicated issues that face the coal industry today." Carbon's story continues in the sequel Salt currently being drafted.

Zero Gravity Management in LA represents Carbon publisher Caliber Comics intellectual property for development across all multimedia platforms. "This could ultimately result in a Carbon movie or television



series, which of course could be great for West Virginia and the people here. Somehow I doubt if the West Virginia Coal Association will be coming aboard as a supporter though, and that's pretty bad, since their supposedly beloved coal miners are the heroes of our story," says Boyd. "But they know where their bread is buttered, and I'm sure some coal operators, will have something to say after they



"Boyd marries sci-fi monster flick ideas with Appalachian tragedy, showing us imaginative allegory and authentic profundity do not have to be mutually exclusive."

> Chris Oxley, Ain't it Cool News

get their hands on Carbon." American independent film production and distribution company Troma has just rolled out a DVD double feature of Boyd's films: Strangest Dreams: Invasion of the Space Preachers and Chillers.

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