

## Midwest Booksellers Pick Debut Novel for Literary Suspense

(Twin Cities) – A psychiatrist who can't heal himself. A family rocked by trauma. A town protecting itself from the outside. These are just a few of the ingredients in *Theory of Reminders* (Winter Goose Publishing, May 2013, \$28.99 hardcover/\$16.99 paperback), a new novel by Minnesota author Scott Dominic Carpenter, recently selected as a Midwest Connections “Pick” by the Midwest Independent Booksellers’ Association.

The story begins with a father, American psychiatrist Philip Adler, who is drawn back to his ex-wife’s homeland of France for a funeral. It’s his first visit since their daughter’s violent death nearly fifteen years earlier, a horrid affair made worse by the fact that young Sophie’s body was never recovered. When Philip happens upon a chance to make things right, he seizes it. What follows is a descent into hell: a match of wits with a psychotic, the rekindling of his feelings for his former wife, and a struggle with locals who don’t want him dredging up the past.

Set in the lush backgrounds of Normandy, steeped in history, touched with humor, *Theory of Reminders* is a literary novel with a well-honed edge of suspense. It explores the secret ties between love, trauma and language.

If the early reviews are any indication, *Theory of Reminders* is set to become the book of the summer. Alice LaPlante (author of last year's hit, *Turn of Mind*), called it a “beautifully written psychological thriller.” Reader's Favorite reports that, “before you know it you are fully engrossed in the tale... Carpenter’s *Theory of Reminders* is a rare and wondrous novel.” Minnesota Prairie Roots reinforces that sentiment: “For anyone who values a literary novel of substantial depth in character development, language, sense of place and reader engagement, *Theory of Reminders* ranks as a must-read.”

Named a “Midwest Connections Pick” for June and July 2013, *Theory of Reminders* becomes available at the end of May. More information about the book and author can be found online at [www.sdcarpenter.com](http://www.sdcarpenter.com) and [www.wintergoosepublishing.com/products/theory-of-reminders/](http://www.wintergoosepublishing.com/products/theory-of-reminders/).

### About the Author

Scott Dominic Carpenter teaches French literature and critical theory at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. A Pushcart Prize nominee, his fiction has appeared in a broad array of literary journals. His acclaimed short story collection, *This Jealous Earth* (MG Press) appeared in January 2013.

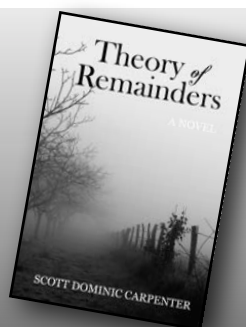


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