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**NOTABLE AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST TAKES PART IN
POMONA'S BIG READ**

POMONA, Calif. — Respected writer Sam Quinones will discuss his latest book *Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream* (2007) and his reporting for the *Los Angeles Times* on the United States–Mexico border at a book signing taking place Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the Cal Poly Pomona Downtown Center.

Quinones also authored *True Tales from another Mexico* in 2001.

The book signing is part of Pomona's Big Read, taking place from Oct. 13 through Dec. 1 and featuring the novel *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. The National Endowment for the Arts awarded Cal Poly Pomona \$15,000 to carry-out Big Read events over six weeks to encourage literary reading in the city of Pomona, one of 117 communities across the nation taking part in the program.

The Pomona Big Read includes various activities such as read-a-thons, film screenings, book discussions, contests, keynote addresses, performing arts presentations, and library and museum exhibits. Participants will have to opportunity to receive free reading guides, and in some cases, free books.

More than 7,500 people are expected to read the coming-of-age novel, says Jonnie Owens, community relations program director for the College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, who is overseeing the use of the grant.

The Cal Poly Pomona Downtown Center is located at 300 W. Second St. in Pomona's Arts Colony. For more information, please contact Owens at (909) 869-4689 or visit www.class.csupomona.edu/downtowncenter/bigread/events.html.

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