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Orange County Library System welcomes horror author Grady Hendrix for virtual event
*Award-winning New York Times bestselling author to speak on pop culture's
fascination with murder*

On Friday, October 22 at 9 p.m., author Grady Hendrix presents what he describes as “a guided tour of murder books and movies” and discusses why so much popular entertainment is about selling murder for fun.

Hendrix is the *New York Times* bestselling author of multiple books, including *My Best Friend's Exorcism*, *Horrorstör*, *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* and *The Final Girl Support Group*. His titles and premises might sound lighthearted at first (*Horrorstör* is set in a haunted IKEA-style store and *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* is described as *Steel Magnolias* meets *Dracula*), but once engaged, readers find themselves in for a more frightening and moving experience than initially suggested.

In 2018, Hendrix won the Bram Stoker Award for Best Non-Fiction for *Paperbacks from Hell: The Twisted History of '70s and '80s Horror Fiction*.

His latest novel is *The Final Girl Support Group*. It takes place in a world where so-called final girls – the girls who are still breathing at the end of a horror film – are real, and not only famous for surviving massacres, but also for the slasher films they have inspired. Several of his books are in the process of being adapted into movies and television shows. *The Final Girl Support Group* was recently acquired for HBO Max and will be produced by Academy Award winner Charlize Theron and Andy and Barbara Muschietti (director/producer of 2017's *It*).

Hendrix will be joining the Orange County Library System for a virtual author event on Friday, October 22, at 9 p.m. This free event is open to Orange County Library cardholders ages 18 years and older. It will be held on Zoom and registration is required. To register, visit <https://attend.ocls.info/event/5587253>

For more information about Hendrix, visit his website at gradyhendrix.com.

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