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Author Ben Rehder Returns For Lake Travis Reads Special Event

Local readers are eagerly anticipating the return of author Ben Rehder on Thursday, April 5th at 7 p.m. to Bee Cave Public Library for a book discussion and signing of his newest novel, *The Chicken Hanger*. Rehder was the 2011 featured author for **Lake Travis Reads**, the "One Book, One Community" event co-sponsored by the libraries of Bee Cave, Lake Travis and Spicewood. "Ben's last visit was so enjoyable that we asked him to return when his next book came out, and he agreed," said Bee Cave Library Director Barbara Hathaway. This new book is a fascinating take on border and immigration issues, set in the context of a character whose quiet, illegal lifestyle is disrupted when he learns that his brother has been shot and injured while crossing the Texas border. Author Sarah Bird called *The Chicken Hanger* "a smart, balanced, wickedly funny and highly original look at the contradictions, hypocrisies and hard realities of illegal immigration." Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Barnes & Noble.

The 2012 version of **Lake Travis Reads** concluded recently with a discussion and book-signing by Jeff Abbott, the *New York Times* and international best-selling author of more than a dozen mystery and suspense novels. Sixty-five people turned out to hear Abbott talk about his early attempts to get a novel published, and share stories of dealing with agents, fans, and Hollywood screenwriters. His witty, self-deprecating humor made for a highly enjoyable evening. Abbott's newest book will be released in July.

Lake Travis Reads is a "One Book, One Community" program jointly sponsored by the libraries and Friends of the Library of Bee Cave, Lake Travis, and Spicewood. Designed to bring the community together through the reading and discussion of a single book or author, the program is currently soliciting suggestions for what the community should read in 2013. Interested parties may contact any of the participating libraries for more information, or visit www.laketrisreads.org.

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