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***New York Times* bestselling author Curtis Sittenfeld is keynote speaker at
7th annual Deep Valley Book Festival, Saturday, Oct. 1,
at the Wow!Zone in Mankato**

MANKATO, Minn.—Curtis Sittenfeld, author of *New York Times* bestselling books such as *Rodham* and *American Wife*, will present a keynote address at the 7th annual Deep Valley Book Festival held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wow!Zone in Mankato.

Sittenfeld's talk begins at 3:30 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the public is invited to browse the tables of more than 65 authors and 12 publishers and literary organizations. All sale proceeds of books go directly to the authors. The event is free to attend. Free festival tote bags to the first 100 adults!

Book drawings will be held throughout the day, including an exclusive drawing for a Friendship Bag filled with autographed books for Festival Friends (over a \$200+ value). Activities for children include face-painting, balloon art and Book Bingo.

The Deep Valley Young Writer and Artist Competition Awards will be presented at 2:30 pm to students ages 7 to 18 who entered and had their work judged by professional authors and artists.

The Deep Valley Book Festival is the largest literary festival of its kind in southern Minnesota. To see a lineup of authors with hundreds of books for all ages and from all genres, or to become a Festival Friend, go to www.deepvalleybookfestival.com. Follow Deep Valley Book Festival on Facebook for the latest news and updates.