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**William Kent Krueger Gives Keynote Talk at the 8th edition
of the Deep Valley Book Festival**

MANKATO, Minn.—Award-winning and best-selling historical and crime novelist William Kent Krueger will be the keynote speaker at the 8th edition of the Deep Valley Book Festival, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Country Inn and Suites conference center, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato.

The festival is free and open to the public. Attendees can mingle with more than 60 authors and publishers, with all genres of writing represented.

Krueger is the author of the Cork O'Connor series of books. His latest book, *The River We Remember*, will be released Sept. 5. Copies of his books will be available for sale at the festival. According to the author's website: "*The River We Remember* is an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight abroad and at home, a moving exploration of the ways in which we seek to heal, and a testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home."

Throughout the day attendees can participate in hourly drawings for books and other gifts, special programs, and Krueger's keynote address. The Deep Valley Young Writer and Artist Competition Awards will be presented to students ages 7 to 18 who entered and had their work judged by a professional authors and artists.

Support for the Deep Valley Book Festival is provided by local sponsors, Festival Friends, and the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

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