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# BOOK OF THE YEAR

**KEVIN POWERS**

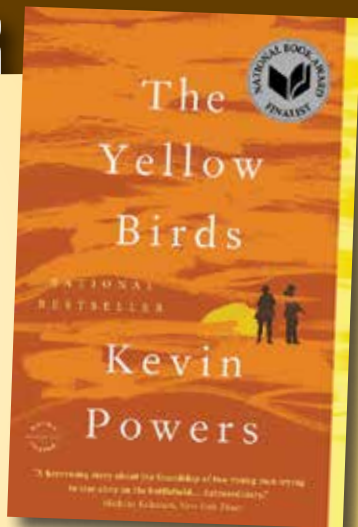
, winner of the 2013 PEN/Hemingway Award for first fiction and author of *The Yellow Birds* will visit Cuesta College for a lecture, book signing and reception.

Thursday, March 26, 2015 • 5 - 7 pm

Cuesta's Cultural and Performing Arts Center, SLO campus

*"The All Quiet on the Western Front of America's Arab wars." – Tom Wolfe*

*"The Yellow Birds is harrowing, inexplicably beautiful, and utterly, urgently necessary." – Ann Patchett*



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## ABOUT THE BOOK

>> Kevin Powers was born and raised in Richmond, VA. In 2004 and 2005 he served with the U.S. Army in Mosul and Tal Afar, Iraq. He studied English at Virginia Commonwealth University after his honorable discharge and received an M.F.A. in Poetry from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas at Austin in 2012.

**BOOK INFORMATION** >> A novel written by a veteran of the war in Iraq, *The Yellow Birds* is the harrowing story of two young soldiers trying to stay alive. "The war tried to kill us in the spring." So begins this powerful account of friendship and loss. In Al Tafari, Iraq, twenty-one-year old Private Bartle and eighteen-year-old Private Murphy cling to life as their platoon launches a bloody battle for the city. Bound together since basic training when Bartle makes a promise to bring Murphy safely home.

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