

Feb. 9: Good Thunder

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Hautman will conduct a discussion on the craft of writing at 3 p.m. Thursday in Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union. At 7:30 p.m. in Ostrander he will read from his published work. Both events are free and open to the public.

He will meet with community writers and will be interviewed on KMSU 89.7 FM Thursday morning. The taped interview, part of the "Authors in Transit" series on KMSU, will air on Friday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m.

Hautman writes novels for adults and teens. His poker-themed crime novels *Drawing Dead* and *The Mortal Nuts* were selected as New York Times Book Review Notable Books. He won Minnesota Book Awards for *Mrs. Million*, *Sweetblood* and *Godless*, which also won the 2004 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

His most recent novel, *Invisible*, is about model railroads, pyromania, friendship and window-peeping. Upcoming titles include *The Prop* (a novel about a professional poker player), *Rash* (a young-adult novel about the United States circa 2074 A.D.), and *Snatched* (a middle grade mystery novel, written with Mary Logue).

Hautman lives with novelist and poet Mary Logue in Golden Valley, Minn., and Stockholm, Wis.

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