

November 12, 2009

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, December 2, author Steven L. Layne will be visiting the 7th graders at Skyview. The Language Arts teachers have read aloud his novel, [This Side of Paradise](#), so most of our students are familiar with his work. The students really enjoyed the novel, and are anxious to ask him about the sequel!

Steven is an Associate Professor of Education at Judson University in Elgin, IL, as well as an award-winning author of books for children and teenagers. He also has a beautiful line of gift books for adults. Steve serves as a keynote speaker at literacy conferences all over the world and visits only a small number of schools each year, so we are very excited to have him joining us!

Attached, you will find an order form to use if you wish to purchase any of Dr. Layne's books. Complete descriptions of his books can be found on the 7th grade web page. The price of these books is less than the retail price, and there is no tax! All of the books are hardcover with the exception of the teen novels *This Side of Paradise* and *Mergers*, which are available in both hardcover and paperback.

Dr. Layne will be autographing books that have been preordered – so please be sure to fill out an autograph request form *for each book* purchased, if you would like it autographed, and PLEASE PRINT very legibly so that we do not have to guess at correct spelling.

Book order forms are due back to your child's Language Arts teacher on or before next Tuesday, November 17.

If you have questions about Dr. Layne's visit or the sale of his books, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Language Arts teacher.

Happy Reading,

The 7th Grade Team

A personally autographed book would make an awesome holiday gift!