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An Evening with  
**PIERS PAUL READ**  
— and —  
**RON HANSEN**

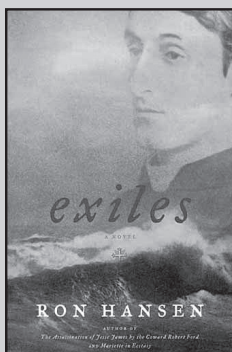
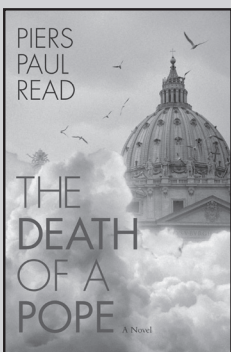
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009  
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Come join us in Santa Clara on Wednesday, June 3 for a one-time opportunity to hear what two of the greatest novelists of this generation have to say about craft, faith, art, and more!

**Piers Paul Read**, the award-winning British novelist and playwright, and **Ron Hansen**, the American novelist, essayist and professor, are both Catholic writers creating art in the contemporary world. This is a rare chance to learn and be inspired by these two great men of letters.

Dr. Richard Sonnenshein, Ph.D., will moderate and lead the conversation, which will conclude with a question-and-answer session. Both writers' latest novels will be available for purchase at this event.

THE LATEST FROM PIERS PAUL READ AND RON HANSEN



**THE DEATH OF A POPE** is a novel that intertwines real-life events with fiction in an account of an attempt to destroy the Papacy.

**EXILES** is a novel about the life of the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins and the wreck of the *Deutschland*, a tragedy which inspired one of Hopkins' greatest poems.

BOTH NOVELS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT

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Novelist and playwright **Piers Paul Read** was born in Beaconsfield, England on March 7, 1941. He was educated by Benedictine Monks at Ampleforth College, York and also at St. John's College, Cambridge. His non-fiction includes *Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors*, an account of the aftermath of a plane crash in the Andes which has sold five million copies worldwide and was later adapted as the film *Alive: The Templars*, a history of the Crusades; and *Alec Guinness: The Authorised Biography*, a profile of the acclaimed late actor.

His first novel was published in 1966. More recent novels include *On the Third Day*, *A Patriot in Berlin*, and *Alice in Exile*.

Piers Paul Read is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, and a member of the Council of the Society of Authors. He has also written a number of television plays, and several of his novels have been adapted for film and television. He lives in London.

**Ron Hansen** was born in Omaha, Nebraska and educated at Creighton University, the University of Iowa's Writers Workshop, and at Stanford University, where he held a Wallace Stegner Creative Writing Fellowship. He is the Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara.

He has received fellowships from the Michigan Society of Fellows, the National Endowment for the Arts, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, and the Lyndhurst Foundation, and was presented with an Award in Literature from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

Hansen's seven novels include *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, which was made into a film of the same name, and *Atticus*, a finalist for the National Book Award. His latest novel is *Exiles*.

