

Author Turow in Town For Lecture at Library

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Turow's legal thrillers have sold millions of copies all around the world.

Celebrated American crime-fiction writer and lawyer Scott Turow is coming to Moscow to deliver a lecture at The Moscow American Center.

Turow is famous for novels such as "Presumed Innocent," "The Burden of Proof" and "Personal Injuries," as well as two nonfiction works, "One L," an autobiographical account of his time as a law student, and "Ultimate Punishment," which examines the realities of working on a capital punishment case.

His books have sold more than 25 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 20 languages. He is considered by many to be the father of the modern-crime thriller genre. USA Today called his books "a national addiction." He was featured on the cover of Time magazine, which described him as the "bard of the litigious age."

Turow was born in Chicago and attended Amherst College and Stanford University before graduating from Harvard Law School. He is a former assistant U.S. attorney of Chicago and has worked pro bono on many high-profile cases, including the release of Alejandro Hernandez, who spent 11 years on death row for a crime he did not commit.

His talk is an initiative of the U.S Embassy, which invited Turow as part of its Speakers Program, and is open to the public. Turow will discuss his career before answering questions from the audience. The American Center is hoping that the event will repeat the success of last year's speaker, Michael Cunningham, author of "The Hours."

Fri., 6 p.m. American Center. Foreign Literature Library. 1 Nikoloyamskaya Ulitsa. Metro Taganskaya. Tel. (495) 926-4554. amc.ru

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