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**Award-winning Author Anthony Marra Coming Soon to Oakland's Montclair Branch Library**

**Oakland, CA** – Anthony Marra, author of *The Tsar of Love and Techno*, will appear at the Oakland Public Library's Montclair Branch, 1687 Mountain Blvd., on Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Marra, whose previous title was the award-winning *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, will discuss his latest collection of stories which the *New York Times Book Review* has called "A 21<sup>st</sup> century *War and Peace*."

Among the remarkable characters Mr. Marra gives voice to in this latest offering are a 1930s Leningrad censor who becomes obsessed with a disgraced prima ballerina's image, a group of women who narrate their stories as former Gulag prisoners who settled in a Siberian mining camp, and young men who face violence at home and in the military. Copies of Mr. Marra's work will be available for sale and signing following the main event, courtesy of A Great Good Place for Books.

Anthony Marra is the winner of a Whiting Award, Pushcart Prize, and the Narrative Prize. *Tsar* was a 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist in Fiction and a *New York Times* bestseller. His previous novel, *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, won the National Book Critics Circle's inaugural John Leonard Prize in Fiction. He received an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and was a Stegner Fellow at Stanford University, where he now teaches. He has lived and studied in Eastern Europe and currently resides in Oakland.

This free event is being co-sponsored by the Friends of the Montclair Branch Library. For more information, please contact Lynne Cutler, Montclair Branch Manager, at [lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 482-7810. For more information about the Oakland Public Library, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org).

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