Alumna Returns to Campus for Bestselling Book Reading
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Georgia Southern University graduate and bestselling author Cassie Beasley will be on campus for a book reading Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the IT Building, room 1005. The reading is free and open to the public, and books will be available for purchase after the reading.

Beasley will read from her first book, Circus Mirandus, which was published to critical acclaim in 2015. Her book is intended for middle-schoolers but is enjoyable for readers in high school, college, and beyond.


Librarian Sarah Reid, writing for School Library Journal, calls Circus Mirandus a “gripping fantasy tale” and says that it “will have readers hooked from the opening scene to the breathtaking—and unexpected—conclusion.”

Circus Mirandus tells the story of fifth-grader Micah Tuttle, his beloved Grandpa Ephraim, his prickly Aunt Gertrudis, and his courageous new friend Jenny Mendoza. Over the years, Micah has heard all about the mysterious Circus Mirandus and the equally mysterious Man Who Bends Light, also known as the Lightbender. When Micah’s grandfather was very young, the Lightbender promised him a miracle. Now, many decades later, Grandpa Ephraim needs that miracle, and Micah desperately wants him to have it. So Micah and Jenny set out on a daring quest to find the Circus Mirandus and the Lightbender.

Beasley is a graduate of the Department of Writing and Linguistics and earned a M.F.A. in Writing for Children and Young Adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.

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