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HORROR AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Staunton author signs new novel at Bookworks on May 21

STAUNTON, VA — May 16, 2011 — *Blood Born* by Matthew Warner is not a horror novel for the faint of heart. In it, a police detective in the nation's capital hunts down a serial rapist — all of whose victims become pregnant. Worse, all the pregnancies come to term in just one week.

Warner, a Staunton author, will sign copies of his new book on May 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookworks on Beverley Street.

Blood Born is Warner's fifth book. His previous release, *Horror Isn't a 4-Letter Word: Essays on Writing & Appreciating the Genre*, contains several articles about his life in Staunton since moving here in 2005. He will have copies of that book on hand, as well.

In addition to writing novels, Warner writes stage plays and screenplays. The Waynesboro Players will premiere his two-act comedy, "Pirate Appreciation Day," in its 2011-2012 season. Last year, several of his screenplays were filmed by Darkstone Entertainment in Charlottesville.

Warner's future plans include writing the novelization of *Plan 9*, Darkstone's feature film remake of *Plan 9 From Outer Space*, which recently wrapped production in Roanoke. He'll also teach the "Creating Fiction" class at this summer's Learning Can Be Fun program at Blue Ridge Community College.

HW Press, an imprint of HorrorWorld.org, published *Blood Born*. HW Press is owned by Nanci Kalanta, also based in Staunton. Kalanta and her husband, Phil, recently moved to Staunton from New Jersey.

"It's been great to have my publisher in the same town," Warner said.

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