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### Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea

**Savannah, GA – August 1, 2008.** For the Civil War in particular and American history in general, there are few more powerfully evocative events than Sherman's March to the Sea. To this day Sherman is still remembered as both a savior of the Union and as an unprosecuted war criminal. Why?

The Georgia Historical Society invites you to attend a free lecture by award-winning Civil War historian Noah Andre Trudeau. The lecture will be held on **Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Mickve Israel, 20 E. Gordon Street**, on Monterey Square in downtown Savannah. Copies of Trudeau's book *Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea* will be available for sale and a book-signing will follow the lecture.

Drawing on Research conducted at the Georgia Historical Society, Trudeau has written a fascinating new account of United States Army General William Tecumseh Sherman's epic march—a targeted strategy aimed to break not only the Confederate Army but an entire society as well. In vivid detail, Trudeau explains why General Sherman's name is still anathema below the Mason-Dixon Line, especially in Georgia.

Sherman's swath of destruction spanned more than sixty miles in width and virtually cut the Confederacy in two, badly disabling the flow of supplies to the Rebel army. Told through the intimate and engrossing diaries and letters of Sherman's soldiers and the civilians in their path, *Southern Storm* paints a vivid new picture of an event that would change the course of America.

Noah Andre Trudeau is the author of *Gettysburg: A Testing of Courage*. He has won the Civil War Round Table of New York's Fletcher Pratt Award and the Jerry Coffey Memorial Book Prize. His work on *Gettysburg* was highlighted by a number of national and regional media outlets, including "The Today Show" and NPR's "Morning Edition." A former executive producer at National Public Radio, Trudeau lives in Washington, D.C.

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