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Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván and “Tuesday” to speak and bark July 28

Best-selling author and his service dog to present two events at Chautauqua about love and healing

BOULDER, Colo. (July 14, 2015) – Accompanied by his very best friend and golden retriever service dog, “Tuesday,” former U.S. Army Captain and New York Times bestselling author, Luis Carlos Montalván will present their highly acclaimed children’s book, “Tuesday Tucks Me In,” in a dynamic, interactive “read-a-long” program on Tuesday, July 28th at 2:00 PM at the Chautauqua Community House. Later the same day at 7:00 PM, Luis and Tuesday will recount the story of “Until Tuesday” - how two wounded warriors found salvation in each other.

A highly decorated captain in the U.S. Army, Luis Carlos Montalván never backed down from a challenge during his two tours of duty in Iraq. After returning home from combat, however, the pressures of his physical wounds, traumatic brain injury, and crippling post-traumatic stress disorder began to take their toll.

Haunted by the war and in constant physical pain, he soon found himself unable to climb a simple flight of stairs or face a bus ride to the VA hospital. He drank; he argued; ultimately, he cut himself off from those he loved. Alienated and alone, unable to sleep or bend over without pain, he began to wonder if he would ever recover.

Then Luis met Tuesday, a beautiful and sensitive golden retriever trained to assist the disabled. Tuesday had lived among prisoners and at a home for troubled boys, blessing many lives; he could turn on lights, open doors, and sense the onset of anxiety and flashbacks. But because of a unique training situation and sensitive nature, he found it difficult to trust in or connect with a human being – until Luis.

“**Until Tuesday**” is the story of how two wounded warriors, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. But more than that, it is a story about the love between a man and a dog, and how they healed each other’s souls.

A New York Times bestseller in 2011, 2012 and 2013, "Until Tuesday" won two USA Best Book Awards and received finalist honors for an Audio Publishers Association (APA) "Audie Award" and an International Latino Book Award.

WHO: Colorado Chautauqua Association
WHAT: "Until Tuesday" – an author reading and discussion
WHEN: Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 7:00 PM
WHERE: Chautauqua Community House
COST: \$10.00 (\$7.00 Chautauqua Concert Member)

As narrated by Tuesday, "**Tuesday Tucks Me In**" recounts a day in the life of this service dog extraordinaire and tail-wagging ambassador for all things positive and uplifting in the world. The book takes the reader through Tuesday's day, beginning with greeting Luis with dog breath, to cuddling up on their bed, the last moment they spend together before sleep.

"Tuesday Tucks Me In," is the winner of three 2015 International Latino Book Awards for: "Best Educational Children's Picture Book," "Best Latino Focused Children's Picture Book," and "Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book." Other awards include the Children's Book Council's "2015 Notable Social Studies Book for Young People," Amazon's "Best Nonfiction Children's Book of 2014," and "2014 Goodreads Choice Award" finalist.

WHO: Colorado Chautauqua Association
WHAT: "Tuesday Tucks Me In"- an interactive read-along program for children
WHEN: Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 2:00 pm
WHERE: Chautauqua Community House
COST: \$10.00 (\$7.00 Chautauqua Concert Member), \$5.00 Children under 12

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