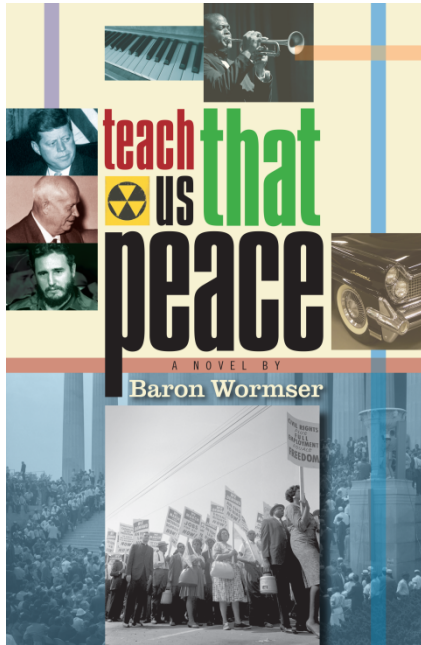


For Immediate Release:

**New England author and poet Baron Wormser publishes his first novel, *Teach Us That Peace*.**



PORTSMOUTH 09/23/13—Piscataqua Press, an independent publisher owned and operated by RiverRun Bookstore, announced today the upcoming publication of the first novel by well-known poet and author Baron Wormser. *Teach Us That Peace*, his first novel, will be released on December 1, 2013.

The author of more than a dozen books of poetry, fiction and nonfiction, Wormser has received the Frederick Bock Prize from *Poetry* and the Kathryn A. Morton Prize along with fellowships from Bread Loaf, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Wormser teaches in the Fairfield University MFA Program and is the Director of Educational Outreach for the Frost Place in Franconia, New Hampshire. He served as Poet Laureate of Maine from 2000 to 2006.

*Teach Us That Peace* opens a door on a dramatic American moment when a vision of racial harmony began to be more than a dream. From the summer of 1962, when the powers in Albany, Georgia, stymie Martin Luther King Jr. and aerial photographs first reveal missiles in Cuba, to the March on Washington in August, 1963, Susan and Arthur Mermelstein, mother and son, high school English teacher and high school student, journey from sheltered innocence through the contradictions and complexities of race, politics, and history. With humor, tenderness, and candor *Teach Us That Peace* captures the vivid darkness and fraught determination of a time when apocalypse was tangible and convulsive protest a constant presence. The Baltimore that Susan and Arthur inhabit is supremely local yet anywhere in the United States where people started to look twice at what they had taken too long for granted.

*“Teach Us That Peace* is so much more than a meditation on the past. With controlled intensity, visual clarity, and emotional precision, Baron Wormser’s unveiling of 1960s Baltimore helps us discern our present world. The storytelling here is exquisite—and completely invigorating.”

—Lewis Robinson, author of *Water Dogs*

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