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DURHAM, N.H. , Award-winning author Alice McDermott will speak at the University of New Hampshire Thursday, April 3, 2003, at 5 p.m. in room 129 of Hamilton Smith Hall as part of the Writers Series.

A 1978 graduate of UNH's masters in writing program, McDermott's "Charming Billy" won the National Book Award in 1998. She is the author of four other novels, including her newest, "Child of My Heart." Her reading is free and open to the public.

Critics describe her work as "prismatic," that the force of her writing rarely hits you directly, but rather through the accumulation of precise, stunning details delivered in immaculately crafted phrasings. Beth Kephart, of Book magazine says her newest book "may well be McDermott's finest achievement... 'Child of My Heart' is a book of astonishing craft and enormous heart." It is the story of one 15-year-old girl's summer on the east end of Long Island.

The Writers Series is sponsored by the English Department's Writers Series to bring several poets, fiction writers, and nonfiction authors to campus every semester. Poet Ira Sadoff will speak Thursday, April 17, 2003.

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