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Century Hosts Iraq War Author David Finkel

Century College will host a free public lecture by Washington Post reporter David Finkel, author of *The Good Soldiers*, the acclaimed book about the Iraq war, on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the West Campus Theatre.

The public is also invited to attend a question-and-answer session with Finkel on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. in the West Campus Theatre.

Finkel's book is about the young, optimistic army infantry soldiers that were among those called to carry out "the surge" in Iraq in January 2007. Fifteen months later, the soldiers returned home – forever changed.

Finkel offers an apolitical, searing snapshot of a moment in time that turns the vague face of war into the individual faces of those affected most. Finkel said he promised the soldiers that his book would be a piece of journalism without an agenda.

“I wasn’t out to say that the surge was working or not working – the war in Iraq was worth it, or not worth it – but that part of the conversation had to include what was happening at their level,” said Finkel. “I was there to document it. So that’s what I did.”

Daniel Okrent of *Fortune* magazine called *The Good Soldiers* “the most honest, most painful and most brilliantly rendered account of modern war I’ve ever read.” It is a New York Times bestseller and winner of the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize.

Finkel’s appearance is part of Century’s ongoing Speaker Series, a community outreach activity that has brought to campus such authors as Robert Sapolsky, Marjane Satrapi, Steven Pinker, Anne Fadiman, Sarah Vowell, David Shipler and Stephanie Coontz.

Please call 651-779-3222 for more information.



David Finkel, photograph by Lucian Perkins