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### Baldacci Named Library of Virginia's 2017 Literary Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree

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(Richmond, Virginia) – The Library of Virginia announced today that best-selling author David Baldacci is the recipient of the Library's 2017 Literary Lifetime Achievement Award. The award, which recognizes outstanding and long-lasting contributions to literature by an author with Virginia ties, will be given at the 20th Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration in October.

Baldacci, a native Virginian, has published 33 novels for adults and five works for younger readers. His first book, *Absolute Power*, was published in 1996. More than 110 million copies of his books are in print in 80 countries worldwide, and are available in 45 languages. Baldacci has three works forthcoming in 2017: *The Width of the World*, *The Fix*, and an as yet untitled thriller.

David, a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia School of Law, and his wife, Michelle, live in Virginia.

Past recipients of the Literary Lifetime Achievement Award include Tom Wolfe, John Grisham, Barbara Kingsolver, William Styron, Lee Smith, Tom Robbins, Rita Dove, Earl Hamner, Jan Karon, and Nikki Giovanni.

"We are thrilled to be honoring such a prolific author as David Baldacci, especially during our 20th awards celebration," said Sandra Treadway, Librarian of Virginia. "His work reaches readers and fans of all backgrounds. We are honored to have David as our honoree during this important anniversary year."

The Library of Virginia's 20th Literary Awards Celebration, presented in conjunction with the Library of Virginia Foundation, includes three events held October 13–14, 2017.

For more information and ticket sales, please visit [www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards).

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