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Discover New Orleans' Literary History with the Hotel Monteleone *New Literary History Walking Tour Available On Tuesdays and Saturdays*

New Orleans, LA (February 2, 2011) – New Orleans is known around the world for its signature food, its resilient spirit and, of course, its rich history. Starting this February, the Hotel Monteleone will offer a new Literary History Walking Tour to highlight the famous authors who impacted its story and helped it to earn the distinction of Literary Landmark, an honor bestowed on only three hotels in the country.

Led by local historian and writer, Glenn De Villier, the Hotel Monteleone's two-hour tour is available on Tuesdays at 10am and Saturdays at 3pm. Beginning and ending in the famous Carousel Bar, the tour divulges the literary history of the Hotel Monteleone and its famous literary patrons including Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, William Faulkner and Ernest Hemingway, among others.

After leaving the Hotel Monteleone, the tour meanders through the French Quarter, connecting the rich literary culture of New Orleans with several historical landmarks and residences. Highlights on the walking tour include Exchange Alley, the Pontalba Apartments, Madame John's Legacy, the Old Ursuline Convent, the Beauregard-Keyes House, the Lalaurie Mansion, and the homes of William Faulkner and Tennessee Williams.

"This tour is a wonderful opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Hotel Monteleone's rich history as it relates to the various authors who are icons of the modern literary world," said Andrea Thornton, director of sales and marketing at the Hotel Monteleone.

De Villier is a native Orleanian and long-time resident of the French Quarter. His primary background is in History and he received his education in Louisiana and in England. De Villier's mentors include several notables in English literature including Cleanth Brooks, Dr. Walker Percy, Dr. Kenneth Holditch, Charlie Bishop and Elizabeth Penfield. De Villier has known Rebecca Wells, author of *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, for many years and spent time with Tennessee Williams in New Orleans and in Key West.

The walking tour costs \$5 for hotel guests and \$27 for the general public. For more information on the Literary History Walking Tour and to make reservations, please visit <http://hotelmonteleone.com/walkingtour>.

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, www.hotelmonteleone.com, has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located eleven miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a three-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for "An Outstanding Guest Experience" for the past three years.