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### *Author Talk with Ha Jin: Final Event of Concord Reads About Coming to America Series*

On Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm at the Main Library in Concord Center, renowned Chinese-American novelist and poet **Ha Jin** will present his new novel *A Free Life*. The author talk will be followed by a reception and book sale/signing.

Born in northern China in 1956, Mr. Ha Jin came to America in 1985. He earned his Ph. D. in English from Brandeis Univ. in 1992. He has won a number of awards for his writing, including the National Book Award and PEN/Faulkner Award for his novel, *Waiting* (1999). Many of his short stories have appeared in *The Best American Short Stories* anthologies, and his collection *Under the Red Flag* (1997) won the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, while *Ocean of Words* (1996) has been awarded the PEN/Hemingway Award. The novel *War Trash* (2004), set during the Korean War, won

the PEN/Faulkner Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Currently, he is a Professor of English at Boston University.

This special event completes the month-long *Concord Reads about Coming to America* series. It is free and open to the public - generously sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library and Concord-Carlisle Chinese Club.

Reservations are strongly recommended as space is limited. Please call 978-318-3301.