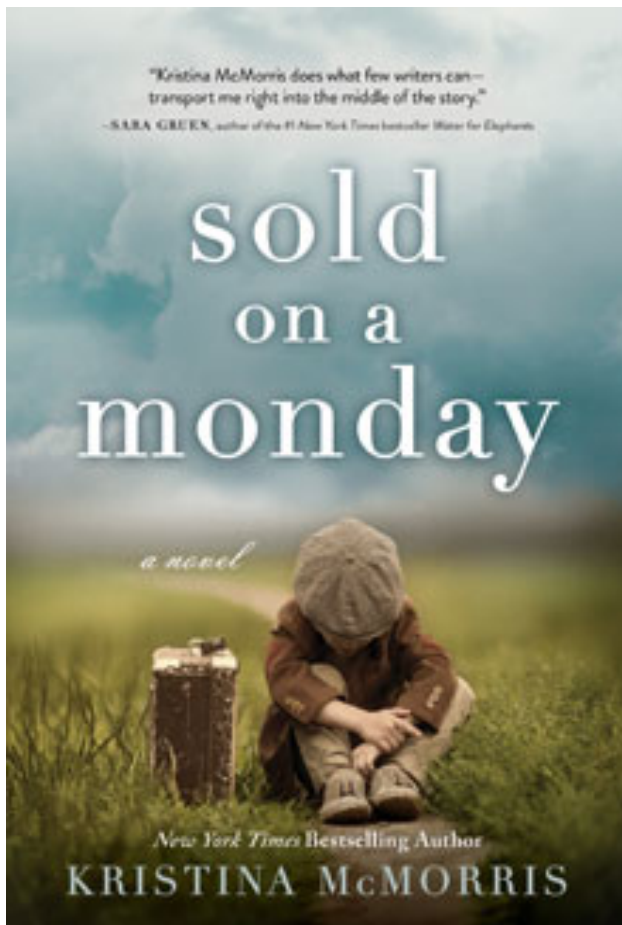




New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling author Kristina McMorris will be the featured guest at the USC Beaufort Author Luncheon Series with her remarkable new work of historical fiction set during the Great Depression, *Sold on a Monday* (Sourcebooks Landmark, September 2018).

Kristina will speak at Hampton Hall in Bluffton at noon on November 15. For tickets and more information, visit www.uscbcenterforthearts.com

Protagonist Ellis Reed—a young reporter relegated to banal assignments at the *Philadelphia Examiner*—shoots a picture of two children advertised for sale on a farmhouse porch in Laurel Township, Pennsylvania, in 1931. The act catapults both his career and the superbly paced action in *Sold on a Monday*.

The photo comes to the attention of the editor-in-chief after his secretary, Lily Palmer, discovers the picture in the darkroom and surreptitiously assists Ellis. Unfortunately, the photo and negative are destroyed before publication, and Ellis must return to the scene for a second photo. The family, however, is gone. Torn between conscience and desire for his big break, Ellis stages a second photograph with a different pair of young siblings, spurring an unforeseen

