



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek author Kim Michele Richardson will be the featured speaker for the April Lunch with Author Series on Tuesday, April 30 at noon at Sea Pines Country Club in Hilton Head.

Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a tale of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere — even back home.

In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Mary Carter is the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry.

The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky and becomes a librarian, riding across creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

Along her dangerous route, Cussy, known to the mountain folk as Bluet, confronts those suspicious of her damselfly-blue skin and the government's new book program. She befriends hardscrabble and complex fellow Kentuckians, and is fiercely determined to bring comfort and joy, instill literacy, and give to those who have nothing, a bookly respite, a fleeting retreat to

faraway lands.

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Join us for Lunch with Author Kim Michele Richardson at Sea Pines Country Club on Tuesday, April 30 at noon. Reservations are required by April 20. Ticket are \$45 and include a delicious lunch and book signing (books will be available for purchase) For additional information and to purchase tickets go to www.uscbcenterforthearts.com or call the Box Office at 843-521-4145