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Authors Johnson, Pezzullo and Chacón to Discuss Works at Libraries

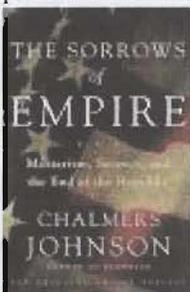
In May, the Library will host programs with three authors: retired political science professor and award-winning writer Chalmers Johnson; novelist, poet and playwright Ralph Pezzullo; and university professor, poet, playwright and novelist Daniel Chacón. Both Johnson and Pezzullo are San Diego authors. All programs are free.

Chalmers Johnson was the recipient of the Library's annual Local Authors Lifetime Achievement (LOLA) Award this year. In **"Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy and the End of the Republic,"** he explores the new militarism that is transforming America and compelling its people to pick up the burden of empire. Reminding us of the classic warnings against militarism, Johnson uncovers its roots deep in our past. Turning to the present, he maps America's expanding empire of military bases and the vast web of services that supports them. He offers a vivid look at the new caste of professional warriors who have infiltrated multiple branches



Chalmers Johnson

of government, who classify as "secret" everything they do, and for whom the manipulation of the military budget is of vital interest. Johnson is president of the Japan Policy Research Institute, a nonprofit research and public affairs organization devoted to public education concerning Japan and international relations in the Pacific. He taught for 30 years at the Berkeley and San Diego campuses of the University of California. *On Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St, 619-236-5800.*



Ralph Pezzullo's latest novel is **"Eve Missing,"** a gritty detective mystery set in New York City. In the story, retired cop Tony Annicelli (aka Smokey) is hired to look for a young model Angela Bowman (Eve) who has suddenly disappeared. A year earlier Eve was



Ralph Pezzullo



working as a prostitute when she was taken in by a sophisticated designer named Danielle Gioux. Smokey falls hard for Danielle the first time he meets her. He soon finds out Danielle attacked Eve the night before Eve disappeared. Then Danielle goes missing, too. Pezzullo is an award-winning playwright and screenwriter. He has had more than

a dozen plays produced across the country and is the recipient of five Jerome Foundation playwright fellowships. He has written for television and radio, and is author of "At the Fall of Somoza" and numerous published poems. Other novels by the author include "The Testimony of Miguel" and "The Resurrection of Thomas Leer." *On Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.*

Daniel Chacón's **"And the Shadows Took Him"** is a novel about William and Rachel Molina, who have three children, and live their version of the American dream in a Fresno barrio. When William gets a better job in Oregon, however, it's the family's chance to enter the ranks of the middle class. They soon flee the crime and ethnic tensions of Fresno only to discover that their new community won't overlook the Molinas' Latino background. Chacón is also author of



Daniel Chacón



"Chicano Chicanery" as well as various short stories and plays. His fiction has appeared in several journals, and his plays have been produced in California and Oregon. He has a master's in fine arts from the University of Oregon and currently teaches creative writing at the University of Texas at El Paso. *On Friday, May 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the City Heights-Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100.*

Copies of all three books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors at the end of the presentations.