

**Patrick Radden Keefe, NYT bestselling author of: *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty*, to be featured in conversation with Beth Macy at a virtual Bookmarks event in April.**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (February 19, 2021) – New York Times bestselling author Patrick Radden Keefe will discuss his new book, *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty*, during a virtual live streamed event on the book's publication day at 7:00 pm EST on Tuesday, April 13. The event is sponsored by Bookmarks and 88.5 WFDD.

Keefe is a staff writer at *The New Yorker* and the author, most recently, of the *New York Times* bestseller *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland*, which received the *National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction*, was selected as one of the ten best books of 2019 by *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post*, *the Chicago Tribune* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and was named one of the "10 Best Nonfiction Books of the Decades" by *Entertainment Weekly*.

The April 13 event will be a conversation with Beth Macy. Macy is the author of the widely acclaimed and bestselling books *Truevine* and *Factory Man*. Based in Roanoke, Virginia for three decades, her reporting has won more than a dozen national awards, including a Nieman Fellowship for Journalism at Harvard.

*Empire of Pain* is a grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin.

Admission for the event is free, to register go to:

<https://www.bookmarksnsc.org/PatrickRaddenKeefe>

Bookmarks will have copies of *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* and signed book plates available.

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