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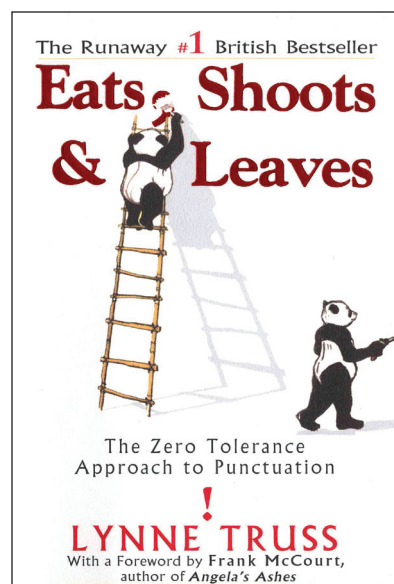
## Lynne Truss Is Coming to Waco!!!

Realizing that increasing numbers of people “don’t know their apostrophe from their elbow,” British freelancer Lynne Truss wrote a book that has precipitated rave reviews such as “A funny and fascinating read . . . [*Eats, Shoots & Leaves*] is that rare thing — both educational and entertaining.” — *The Sunday Tribune* (Ireland)

Truss, author of the surprise international bestseller, *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation*, will present the fourth annual Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture sponsored by the Baylor University Libraries. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, in Waco Hall. All proceeds from the event will be used for student-centered projects in the libraries.

After her publisher suggested she try a book on punctuation, Truss tackled the task with

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# Connect@BU Libraries

Prepare for an evening of laughter and enlightenment when British author Lynne Truss joins us for the Ferguson-Clark lecture. Her lively history of punctuation makes a good case for preserving the system of printing conventions in this day of e-mail and text messaging.



The mystical isle of Ireland is the destination for an 11-day excursion of discovery and illumination. In June 2006, the libraries will sponsor a delightful trip to Ireland complete with a viewing of the original *Book of Kells* at Trinity College.

Presently, a team of librarians and information technology specialists are redesigning the library web pages. The ease of using these pages is directly linked to student success.

The innovative iPod experiment, "Audio Reserves 2Go," undertaken this spring in the Crouch Fine Arts Library, was highly successful, and additional iPods have been ordered. With donor assistance, new study stations by furniture designer Herman Miller will be added in the fine arts library during this academic year.

Please stop by the libraries and see what's new. We look forward to your visit.

— Reagan Ramsower  
Dean of Libraries

## Lynne Truss (Continued from Page 1)

humor and passion, imploring "sticklers" to unite and save a "system of printers' marks that has aided the clarity of the written word for the past half-millennium . . . The reason to stand up for punctuation," she says, "is that without it there is no reliable way of communicating reason."



Lynne Truss adds an apostrophe to correct the movie title, *Two Weeks Notice*. (Photo courtesy of Britain's *The Daily Telegraph*)

The first printing of *Eats, Shoots & Leaves* was a mere 15,000 since no one thought the book would ever become a "runaway" bestseller. After hitting #1 on Britain's bestseller list and winning book of the year at the 2004 British Book Awards, it quickly became popular in America, climbing to #1 on the *New York Times*' list. It has sold well over two million copies worldwide.

A literary editor, columnist and novelist, Truss is also the author of numerous radio comedy dramas. She spent six years as the television critic and four years as a sports columnist for *The Times of London*. She won columnist of the year for her work in *Woman's Journal*. A familiar voice on the BBC's Radio 4, Truss also hosted *Cutting a Dash*, a popular series about punctuation.

More information about the lecture may be found on the library web page, [www.baylor.edu/librarygifts/index.php?id=26274](http://www.baylor.edu/librarygifts/index.php?id=26274), or by contacting Mary Goolsby by e-mail ([Mary\\_Goolsby@baylor.edu](mailto:Mary_Goolsby@baylor.edu)) or at 254-710-6735.

— Nancy Pederson  
Library Advancement

### Tickets Available Aug. 1

Patron tickets — \$50  
(includes reception and book signing at Armstrong Browning Library after lecture)

General admission — \$15

Baylor faculty and staff — \$10

Baylor students — \$5

254-710-7249 or

[www.baylor.edu/librarygifts/authortickets](http://www.baylor.edu/librarygifts/authortickets)

### Sponsors to Date

Baylor alumnus Collen A. Clark established the lecture series endowment in honor of his mother, Carla Sue Ferguson Garrett, a Baylor alumna and a member of the libraries' Board of Advisors.

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