

## Galle Literary Festival

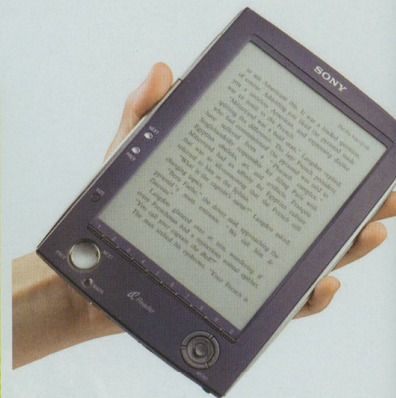
The Galle Literary Festival, Sri Lanka's first, will be held from January 10-14, 2007, in the historic fort. Festival Director Libby Southwell says, "I am delighted to announce a line-up of such internationally acclaimed authors (at) one of the most exciting programmes the South Asian region has seen."

The four-day programme includes writing workshops, panel discussions, literary lunches and dinners, poetry readings, cooking classes, theatre workshops, and a children's programme, amongst other attractions.

Kiran Desai, winner of the 2006 Man Booker Prize, will discuss *The Inheritance of Loss*, whilst acclaimed author and historian William Dalrymple will give an account of India's last Mughal emperor. Former BBC India correspondent and author Mark Tully will be there with other leading journalists from the region, including

foreign correspondent Christopher Kremmer, author of *Inhaling the Mahatma*. Distinguished biographer Victoria Glendinning promises to bring to life her latest biography *Leonard Woolf - A Life*, while 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist Suketu Mehta will share his passion for the vibrant metropolis of Bombay, brought to life in *Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found*. Other authors in this extraordinary gathering are Sir Arthur C Clarke, London's River Café owner Rose Gray, Sri Lanka's Romesh Gunasekera, and renowned chef and actress Madhur Jaffrey. Yasmine Gooneratne, Carl Muller, Tissa Abeysekera, David Blacker, Elmo Jayawardena, and Jagath Kumarasinghe are some of Sri Lanka's finest writers who will also be participating. ✍

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