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A Collection of Stories that Capture the Gritty Spirit of Detroit

[East Lansing, MI] – [April 25, 2011] Jim Ray Daniels's new book, *Trigger Man: More Tales of the Motor City*, is to be released September 1, 2011 by Michigan State University Press and will be available for sale through their website at www.msupress.msu.edu and through fine bookstores.

Trigger Man is a superb collection of stories capturing the gritty spirit of Detroit and the sometimes grim circumstances of the characters shaped by its industry and economics. Grounded on the bleak streets of the Motor City, these stories also explore the mythical "Up North," the idealized country of many Detroit workers' fantasy — an escape from the concrete and metal reality of their daily lives. Daniels' characters are resilient and defiant, inhabiting a world that has often placed them on the margins of society, scouring a declining region for spiritual providence. Building on Daniels' earlier collections of stories, *Trigger Man* brings vivid life to individuals struggling both to remain in and to flee the city that once sustained them.

About *Trigger Man*:

"*Trigger Man* is riveting, revealing—full of gritty detail, atmosphere, beauty, and meaning. I savored this collection the first time through . . . the second time, I read for the fun, shock, and memorable (life-changing!) epiphanies of the stories. The Motor City has found a true bard in Daniels. He has put to words a kind of secret history for the ages."

—Laura Kasischke, author of *In a Perfect World* and *The Raising*

"Jim Ray Daniels' characters in *Trigger Man* inhabit an emotional demolition derby, where even the 'winners' do as much damage to themselves as they do to others. Stories as close to desperation as the city they're set in."

—John Sayles, filmmaker and author

About the Author:

Jim Ray Daniels is the Thomas Stockman Baker Professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University. He has published three previous collections of short stories and received the Best Regional Fiction Gold Medal in the 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards.

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