

A National Library Week Event  
Onondaga County Public Library and CNY Reads Present

# A Poetry Reading by Charles Simic

2007/2008 National Poet Laureate



**Thursday, April 16  
at 1:00 pm**

Charles Simic was born on May 9, 1938, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia where he had a traumatic childhood during World War II. In 1954 he emigrated from Yugoslavia with his mother and brother to join his father in the United States.

They lived in and around Chicago until 1958. His first poems were published in 1959 when he was twenty one. In 1961 he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and in 1966 he earned his Bachelor's degree from New York University.

His first full length collection of poems, *What the Grass Says*, was published the following year. Since then he has published more than sixty books in the U.S. and abroad, twenty titles of his own poetry among them, including the 2008/2009 CNY Reading Selection *Sixty Poems*.

He has received numerous awards including the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and the 2007 Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets. Simic is Emeritus Professor of the University of New Hampshire where he has taught since 1973.

This program is free and open to the public. Call 435 1900 for more information.

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