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Hotel hosts intriguing 'Tales'

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Prepare for an evening of suspense and intrigue when the Hub's top storytellers descend on Hotel Commonwealth on Thursday night.

"Storytelling has been a longstanding tradition in my family," said Marshfield author Casey Sherman. "I remember sitting around my

grandmother's dining table as a kid and listening to my father, uncle and cousins talk for hours on end. I was amazed at how they all moved so seamlessly from one story to the next."

Sherman will recount tense moments from his book "The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue" —

about the rescue of two ships off Cape Cod during a 1952 nor'easter — at "Tales of Suspense," an old-fashioned storytelling event. He'll also discuss the murder of his aunt, Mary Sullivan, from his "A Rose for Mary: The Hunt for the Boston Strangler."

"Boston is such a literary city, and the appetite for great storytelling is out there. We wanted to create an event that was not a lecture, but an actual performance," he said.

The event will be hosted by Emmy award-winning reporter Sara Edwards and also will feature tales by security director of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Anthony M. Amore, who will tell the chilling story of how two thieves disguised as police officers broke into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and escaped with 13 works of art 20 years ago, and mystery novelist Hank Phillippi Ryan, who will share real-life accounts of the crime stories that inspired her novels.

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