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## MCCC WELCOMES AUTHOR JAMES McBRIDE

### *To Discuss Featured Novel of ‘One Book, One Community of Monroe’*



MONROE, Mich. – Critically acclaimed author, musician and screenwriter James McBride will discuss his book, “The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to his White Mother,” at Monroe County Community College on Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the La-Z-Boy Center Meyer Theater. It will be followed immediately by a book signing in the atrium.

The La-Z-Boy Center is located on the MCCC Main Campus at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

McBride’s piece was selected as the featured novel for One Book, One Community of Monroe County, a community read sponsored by 13 community partners. One Book, One Community promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events.

“The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother,” is the autobiography of McBride, as well as a tribute to his mother. The chapters alternate between McBride’s descriptions of

his early life and first-person accounts of his mother Ruth's life, mostly taking place before her son was born.

McBride depicts the conflicting emotions that he endured as he struggled to discover who he truly was, as his mother narrates the hardships that she had to overcome as a white, Jewish woman who chose to marry a black man in the 1940s.

Books are available for purchase at the Monroe County Community College Bookstore for \$15 plus tax and at this and other One Book, One Community events.

A Kindle will be given away to one lucky person in attendance.

There have been 12 One Book, One Community events since late February, and another 10 are slated for April. For more information and a calendar of events, visit [www.monroeccc.edu/onebook](http://www.monroeccc.edu/onebook). Questions can be directed to the MCCC Humanities Division at (734) 384-4153.

The community partners of One Book, One Community, are The Book Nook, Café Classics, The Honorable Joe Costello, Jr., The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, Meadow Montessori, Monroe County Community College, Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Monroe county Library System, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe Public Schools, The Monroe Publishing Company – The Monroe Evening News, St. Mary Catholic Central High School and Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.