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THE OLD DETROIT SHOP TO HOST A BOOK SIGNING

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DETROIT, MI- The Detroit Historical Museum's Old Detroit Shop is pleased to host a book signing featuring local author Lolita Hernandez on Saturday, January 21 at 1 p.m. The book signing will take place in the Museum's Motor City exhibit.

Hernandez's first book, "Autopsy of an Engine and Other Stories from the Cadillac Plant," (published by Coffee House Press) is a riveting collection of 12 stories reflecting her many years working in the Detroit Clark Street Cadillac factory, which closed in 1994. Although these stories are fictional, Hernandez's goal was to capture a composite of the real life and diverse workforce inside the giant walls of the plant. Hernandez recently received the 2005 Beyond Margins Pen American Center award for her book. This award celebrates book-length writings published in the United States by authors of color.

Combining the background of her Trinidad and St. Vincent families with over 30 years of experience as a UAW worker, Hernandez writes with the lyrical ease of a musician. Hernandez lives in Detroit and has received a B.A. in journalism from Wayne State University, a B.A. in psychology from the University of Michigan and a M.F.A from Vermont College.

Admission to the event is free with paid admission to the museum.

Hernandez's book is available at the Old Detroit Shop for \$14.

For more information on the book signing, contact the Old Detroit Shop at (313) 833-7911 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors (60+) and students and youth ages 5-18, \$3.50 for college students with a valid college ID card, and free for children ages four and under. For more information on the Glancy Trains Show or other exhibits and programs at the Museum, call (313) 833-1805 or check the Museum's website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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