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## **Acclaimed Author Laura Hillenbrand Talks About Long-Awaited Second Book, 'Unbroken:'**

**Follow-up to 'Seabiscuit' Chronicles Amazing Journey of Former POW**

**WHAT:** "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption," coming Nov. 16 from Random House, chronicles the early life of an amazing man named Louis Zamperini.

In 1936, when he was 19, he put on a sensational performance in the 5,000 meters at the Berlin Olympics. Zamperini planned to compete in the 1940 Olympics in Japan, but they were canceled because of World War II. He became a bombardier in the Pacific theater, and his plane crashed on a rescue mission. He and the pilot survived 47 days in a raft, only to be captured by the Japanese.

They were held in one prison camp after another until the war ended, and Zamperini remained defiant in the face of horrible abuse. When he came home to the Los Angeles area, he slipped into alcoholism, and his violent behavior put his marriage and even his infant child at risk. The book concludes by telling how his life was transformed at a Billy Graham crusade in 1949. He forgave his captors and established a youth ministry in Southern California.

**WHO:** **Laura Hillenbrand** is the author of the No. 1 New York Times bestseller, "Seabiscuit: An American Legend," published in 2001. It was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and winner of the Book Sense Nonfiction Book of the Year Award and the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award. "Seabiscuit" is the best-selling sports book ever, according to Newsweek, and inspired the film "Seabiscuit," which was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Her New Yorker article, "A Sudden Illness," about her debilitating battle with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome won the 2004 National Magazine Award.

**WHEN:** 9-10 a.m. ET, Monday, Nov. 22 and Tuesday, Nov. 23, and other times by appointment

**NOTE:** For more information, please visit <http://alrcnewskitchen.com/unbroken>. To schedule an interview with Laura Hillenbrand, contact Steve Yount of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or [steve@alarryross.com](mailto:steve@alarryross.com).