Stephen King was born in Portland, Maine, in 1947, the second son of Donald and Nellie Ruth (Pillsbury) King. He made his first professional short story sale in 1967 to Startling Mystery Stories. In the fall of 1971, he began teaching English classes at Hampden Academy, the public high school in Hampden, Maine. Writing in the evenings and on the weekends, he continued to produce short stories and to work on novels. In the spring of 1973, Doubleday & Co. accepted the novel “Carrie” for publication, the sales of which allowed him to leave teaching and write full-time. He has since published more than 50 books and has become one of the world’s most successful writers.

King lives in Maine and Florida with his wife, novelist Tabitha King. They are regular contributors to a number of charities, including many libraries, and have been honored for their philanthropic activities.

A Conversation With
Stephen King
The Inaugural Event of the Chancellor’s Speaker Series
Friday, Dec. 7
Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell
7:30 p.m.

This program is supported through corporate and individual donations, as well as individual ticket sales.
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- Preferred seating for two guests
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- Contributor recognition at the event
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Stephen King’s words on page and screen have thrilled and chilled fans for three decades, but opportunities to hear those words spoken by the author himself are rare. For one night only, King will take to the stage at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell, offering fans the chance to hear King read his work. He will also take questions, discuss his passion for writing and offer advice for aspiring authors. “A Conversation with Stephen King” will be moderated by Andre Dubus III, best-selling author and professor in UMass Lowell’s English Department. King will donate his fee from the appearance to help endow a new scholarship fund in his and his wife’s name.