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JONESBORO, AR – Noted author and Arkansas native J.P. Cunningham will hold a book signing for his latest novel, "The Emerald Amulet," Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library at Arkansas State University.

Cunningham is originally from northeast Arkansas, where his father's family had lived since 1873 and his mother's since the 1840's. He is fluent in Spanish and worked for years in the field of international sales, traveling widely throughout Latin America. Prior to that, he worked as an aide for the United States Congress, specializing in foreign affairs.

With one graduate degree in political science and another in international business, he now lives in northwestern Georgia where he works writing fiction. Currently, he lives in Georgia where he writes fiction.

In 2011, Cunningham was one of six nominees for a Georgia Author of the Year Award (first novel category), based on his novel "Somerset." Separately, that book placed within the top 20 percent of contestant entries in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award contest during early 2011.

The release of his second novel, "The Emerald Amulet," is available, and Cunningham has once again been nominated for Georgia Author of the Year, this time in two categories: fiction and also in young adult fiction.

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