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Isabel Wilkerson, Author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*, to Speak at AAMLO May 25

**Oakland, CA** – Isabel Wilkerson, author of the nonfiction best-seller *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, will be the featured guest of the Oakland Public Library's annual author talk on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. This year's author event will take place at the African American Museum and Library (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, in downtown Oakland.

*The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the migration of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North and the West. The Great Migration was massive in scope and significance but seldom receives due consideration in American histories. From 1915 to 1970, some 6 million African Americans migrated within the US. Ms. Wilkerson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the *New York Times*, condenses and humanizes this vast history by delivering three compelling narratives, each focusing on the experience of an individual who left the South behind.

The *New York Times* called *The Warmth of Other Suns* "a landmark piece of nonfiction." Cornell West described it as "a masterful narrative of the rich wisdom and deep courage of a great people." The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* said the book "stands as a vital contribution to our understanding of the black American experience and of the unstoppable social movement that shaped modern America."

Ms. Wilkerson will give a talk and answer questions from the audience. Afterwards, books will be available for sale and signing. Seating is limited, and available on a first-come, first served basis. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

This event commemorates National Library Week and the 10th anniversary of AAMLO. It is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library.

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