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Multiple appearances scheduled in St. Augustine for local author Shannon O'Neil

O'Neil will be greeting fans and signing copies of her debut novel, *I'll Be Home for Peacemas* at Wolf's Head Books and the St. Johns County Library in the next week.

St. Augustine, Fla. -- Among the other exiting holiday festivities taking place in the Nation's Oldest city this December, locals and visitors alike will have a chance to meet local author Shannon O'Neil at Wolf's Head Books on Saturday, Dec. 12 or at the Southeast Branch of the St. Johns County Library on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Fans can pick up a copy of O'Neil's debut novel, *I'll Be Home for Peacemas* and have it personally autographed at Wolf's Head Books in downtown St. Augustine between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, or next Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Johns County Library Southeast Branch located on US1 South near SR 206.

"I'm really looking forward to both of these wonderful events," said O'Neil. "The community has given me so much support and I'm so happy that I'm able to reach out to them with these two signings and maybe even have a dialogue about the book itself."

O'Neil first premiered her novel in December of 2008 under the title *Ancient City Christmas*. After a very exclusive short run, O'Neil pulled the novel to re-edit it, add a chapter, and include a preview of the book's sequel due out in the spring of 2010.

"It needed a little polishing," said O'Neil. "It's the same story and the same cast of colorful characters, just with a few improvements."

I'll Be Home for Peacemas details the hilarious journey of Bailey Hamilton as she returns to her hometown of St. Augustine, Florida, for the holidays. Bailey's enormous family nearly drives her to the brink of insanity, but memories of the Hamilton's tragic past manage to keep the family together.

"It's a great read," said St. Augustine resident Toni Huffman. "The setting in St. Augustine is just perfect for the eclectic cast of characters who come together for the holidays. But even though it takes place around the holidays, at its core, this book is really about family."

The novel is also available through most online booksellers including Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Books-A-Million.

For more information on *I'll Be Home for Peacemas* or its author, please visit ShannonONeil.net.