



STORY TIME FOR GROWNUPS

**at Grendel's Coffee House
presents**

**Jeeves and Wooster
by P.G. Wodehouse**

Monday, August 2, 2010

For the August edition of "Story Time for Grownups," David Loftus will read one of Wodehouse's Jeeves and Wooster stories at Grendel's Coffee House, 729 East Burnside, 503-595-9550, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2010. Admission is free.

P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975), known as "Plum" to his friends, published nearly a hundred novels and story collections during his lifetime, wrote about 250 lyrics for 30 musical comedies (including the book for Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* and the hit song "Bill" for *Show Boat*), and has earned the admiration of writers as diverse as Rudyard Kipling, Evelyn Waugh, Douglas Adams, Salman Rushdie, Terry Pratchett, and Christopher Hitchens.

Perhaps his most famous creations were the foppish, upper-crust Bertram Wooster and Jeeves, his dry but prescient manservant who perennially saves "Bertie" from various predicaments (usually, engagement to marry some silly or overbearing young woman he was too polite to turn down). The pair's adventures filled more than a dozen books, and were brought to life in a 1990-1993 TV series that featured Hugh Laurie (currently the star of "House") as Bertie and Stephen Fry as Jeeves.

Loftus, founder of "Story Time for Grownups," is a Portland writer and actor who most recently appeared in productions of "The King and I" and "Aladdin" with the Broadway Rose Theatre Company in Tigard. He has read aloud to live audiences at Powell's, Borders, Umpqua Bank, and the Multnomah County Libraries; recorded books for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, and "Golden Hours" broadcasts for blind and elderly housebound listeners; performed Gandalf, Bilbo, samurai, London street punks, and Civil War soldiers with the Willamette Radio Workshop; done voices for the science fiction detective audio drama series "Dry Smoke and Whispers" on XM Satellite Radio; and voiced Shakespeare characters for Speak-the-Speech.com.