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Caption: Douglas Brinkley

### **‘Ding’ to host private dinner lecture with Douglas Brinkley**

Douglas Brinkley, one of America’s most renowned contemporary historians, returns to Sanibel Island for a private dinner and lecture in his honor on March 14, 2017, at the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island. He will speaking about his new book, *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*, with dinner to follow.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the exclusive Dinner with Douglas Brinkley starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each for the event, of which \$75 is tax deductible. Available seating is limited to the first 100 reservations. Contact Carrie Alexander at 239-472-1100 ext. 256 or [carrie@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:carrie@dingdarlingsociety.org) to reserve.

History commentator for CBS News, Douglas Brinkley is the prolific best-selling author of a number of books, many of which have been listed on New York Times Notable Books of the Year.

His works include other presidential biographies such as *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America*, and a series of histories focusing on American conservation efforts.

Brinkley is a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, history professor at Rice University, former Roosevelt Scholar at Tulane, and fascinating speaker.

#### ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

