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**Meet *The Riches of Our Universe* author at April 22 book signing**

*SURF announces the latest book from Steven T. Mitchell, invites public to book signing event*

**LEAD, SD**— The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) invites the public to a book signing with Steven T. Mitchell, author of *The Riches of Our Universe: The Homestake Legacy at the Sanford Underground Research Facility*.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center (Visitor Center) in Lead, South Dakota. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the author and purchase a signed copy of his latest release, *The Riches of Our Universe*. Light refreshments will be provided.

**About *The Riches of Our Universe*:**

Filled with vibrant photographs, maps, and diagrams, this coffee-table book traces the story of the Homestake Gold Mine through the discovery of gold in the Black Hills, 125 years of mining, the mine's closure in 2001, and the creation of an underground science facility in its place. The book was published earlier this year by the SDSTA and is available for purchase at the Visitor Center.

For full details, visit our event webpage: <https://sanfordlab.org/event/riches-our-universe-book-signing-author-stein-t-mitchell>

To ensure this work is accessible to the public, the SDSTA has donated copies of *The Riches of Our Universe* to the following public libraries, schools, universities, and organizations: Lead-Deadwood High School, Deadwood Public Library, Phoebe Apperson Hearst Library, Western Dakota Technical College, Center for Western Studies, South Dakota State Archives, McGovern Library (Dakota Wesleyan University), Leland D. Case Library for Western Historical Studies (Black Hills State University), Beulah Williams Library (Northern State University), Devereaux Library (South Dakota Mines), Hilton M. Briggs Library (South Dakota State University), I.D. Weeks Library (University of South Dakota), Karl E. Mundt Library (Dakota State University), Black Hills Mining Museum, and Deadwood History, Inc.

**About the author:**

Mitchell is a native and life-long resident of the Black Hills of South Dakota. He is a graduate of South Dakota Mines with BS and MS degrees in mining engineering. Mitchell spent his mining career with Homestake Mining Company at the Homestake Mine in Lead, South Dakota, now the home of the Sanford Underground Research Facility. His latest book, *The Riches of Our Universe*, is a successor to his first book, *Nuggets to Neutrinos: The Homestake Story*. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Rapid City and have two grown children, Brian and Sheryl.

To learn more, read our Q&A with Mitchell on our website: <https://sanfordlab.org/article/qa-stein-t-mitchell-author-riches-our-universe>

Mitchell has requested that all media requests be directed to the publisher, the SDSTA. For photos of the book and the author, quotes from the author, or other supporting materials, please contact Matthew Kapust, acting communications director, at [mkapust@sanfordlab.org](mailto:mkapust@sanfordlab.org) or (605) 722-4046.

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