

## **Friday March 26 at 7:00pm Stuart Warner book signing/wine tasting**

**Cleveland-** March 1 ,Visible Voice Books will offer members of the Press Club of Cleveland a \$2.50 discount on Stuart Warner's new book, "Jock: A Coach's Story" at a wine tasting/book signing event at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 26. The book store is located at located at 1023 Kenilworth Avenue in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood .

You can sample five varieties of wine as you stroll the store and talk to Stuart about the stories behind his book and career. The cost of the wine-tasting is \$10.00.Reservations are recommended. The cover price of the book is \$16.

Warner brings the story of one of Kentucky's most colorful sports characters to life in this biography that covers the career of Jock Sutherland as basketball coach at Kentucky's smallest rural school; as a recruiter at the University of Alabama, where he helped break the color barrier at the school; as a coach at Kentucky's largest urban high school; and finally as a radio commentator who divided the state into red (University of Louisville) and blue (University of Kentucky) fans. But the story is more than about sports. It is about a fatherless boy who became a father figure to dozens of players; it is about a boy who stuttered who became a raconteur who rarely stopped talking; it is about a class clown who became a serious husband and parent. Most of all it is a story about a man who guided his players through decades of change, then needed guidance himself when his life took the most unexpected turn of all.

"For more than three decades, Stuart Warner has used his considerable skills as an editor and master storyteller to coach other writers to career heights, including several Pulitzer Prizes. Now, this nationally celebrated editor weaves a story of his own, and it is breathtaking in its scope and depth. Sports lovers will devour this story of Coach Jock Sutherland, but even if you've never watched a basketball game or cared about a score, you will cherish this book. JOCK is the moving narrative of one man's dream, but page by page, one riveting moment after another, it unfolds as the story of America."

--- Connie Schultz, Pulitzer-winning columnist, *The Plain Dealer*

Warner worked with Schultz, Pulitzer finalist Regina Brett and local authors like Michael Heaton, Tom Feran and Margaret Bernstein when he was the writing coach at The Plain Dealer. Currently, Warner teaches journalism at Case Western Reserve University and is a regular contributor to AOL News. He has been invited to speak on writing at the Nieman narrative conference at Harvard, the Let's Do It Better conference at Columbia University and the National Writers Workshop sponsored by the Poynter Institute.

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