

Saferstein Book Reading Slated For Feb. 12

Author Merle R. Saferstein will hold a talk and book signing for her new book, *Room 732*, at the Hollywood Beach Resort Cruise Port on the second floor in the Tucan Tango Restaurant, 101 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

In her debut short story collection, Saferstein captures the essence of the famed Hollywood Beach Hotel and brings to life the characters that have crossed the threshold of *Room 732* (December 2012).

Set against the backdrop of Florida's Atlantic Ocean, *Room 732* reflects the hotel's transformation from an elegant getaway during the '20s and '30s to a U. S. Navy training and indoctrination center during World War II. After the war, the upscale hotel re-opened. Then, in 1971, Florida Bible College moved in, followed by timeshares and condos. More recently, the ever-changing edifice

was restored to the vacation resort it was originally intended to be.

Woven through intimate letters, journal entries, and private conversations, each story explores the threads of connection, communication, and life experiences and echoes the culture of the times. Breathing life into the walls of *Room 732*, the characters experience a range of emotions as they live with the effects of war, the joy of discovering faith, the death of a loved one, the challenges of marriage, and the intimacy in relationships. *Room 732* can be purchased at www.Amazon.com and at www.BarnesandNoble.com.

Saferstein spent over 40 years as an educator, most recently as the director of educational outreach at the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center. As a prolific journal writer, she facilitates writing workshops which help others preserve and pass along their legacy.