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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHIN MUSIC

By Lee Edelstein

“Lee Edelstein has captured the dream of reaching the majors with a new twist based on baseball's most legendary figure. Chin Music will take you on an adventure that embraces the spirit of family and the game in a story that is as inspiring as it is entertaining.”

—**Dick Stockton**, sportscaster

“Lee Edelstein has spun a fascinating tale of what if. Don't mistake this for just another run-of-the-mill sports story. Like any great baseball game, Chin Music mixes elements of romance, mystery and suspense, leaving the reader wishing it was only the first game of a double-header.”

—**Charles Salzberg**, author of *Swann's Last Song* and *Swann Dives In*

In baseball, “chin music” is a 95 mile-per-hour fastball thrown at a hitter’s chin. It presents two possibilities—disrupting a batter’s concentration or hitting him in the head. As a metaphor in life, chin music is that split second—a phone call in the middle of the night or a visit to the doctor—when our lives are irrevocably changed and our destinies are forever altered.

For Lee Edelstein, **CHIN MUSIC** is the title of his new novel to be released straight into the spring training season in March 2013. **CHIN MUSIC** is a warm-hearted salute to the game of baseball; the kids who dream of being in the majors; the collectors who hold onto their jerseys, hats, and cards; and a storytelling tradition that springs from the lore surrounding the greatest ballplayer of all - Babe Ruth.

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CHIN MUSIC opens in St. Petersburg, Florida. It is 1926 and the New York Yankees have begun spring training. Their famous star player, Babe Ruth, nonchalantly walks into a barbershop for a haircut and a shave, and Zel, a female barber (rare for those times), becomes Ruth's favorite. As the season goes on, their friendship deepens.

Flash forward to Jupiter, Florida. It is now 2013 and Ryan Buck, a high school senior and talented athlete, is weighed down with guilt and the nightmare that has haunted him for the past two years. After the horrific car accident that maimed his brother and killed his father, his mother, Susan, is forced to consider selling the valuable Babe Ruth artifacts that have been in her family for five generations. But a chance meeting with a retired baseball memorabilia collector leads to a close friendship that provides the support Susan needs to investigate a secret that has plagued her family for as long as she can remember.

CHIN MUSIC is a great story about family, secrets, and the childhood dream of making it in baseball while offering an intriguing plot that begs the question: What if?. Readers who loved *The Blindside*, *The Natural* and/or *Rudy* will enjoy reading **CHIN MUSIC**—a novel with strong characters that will leave you guessing until the very end.

Learn more at www.chinmusicthenovel.com.

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Lee Edelstein was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY where his love of baseball was kindled by his dad, an ardent Dodger fan. After a successful business career, Lee resolved to pursue a lifelong passion for writing. **CHIN MUSIC** is his first novel.

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