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NEW BOOK TO BE LAUNCHED POSTHUMOUSLY OCTOBER 21 — BORDER CROSSINGS: COMING OF AGE IN THE CZECH RESISTANCE by Charles Novacek

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“Border Crossings is the well-told and dramatic story of a young man whose comfortable life is abruptly transformed by the savagery of World War II. Forced to rely on primal instincts and his familiarity with the rugged highlands of Moravia, Charles Novacek casts his lot first with the anti-Hitler Underground and then with the resistance to the Nazis’ Communist successors. “My recollections pain me,” he writes, “still, they have made me who I am.” Novacek’s experience as a Hungarian-speaking Czecho-Slovak patriot demonstrates the folly of petty nationalism and the resilience of human decency and love.”

Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State

DETROIT, Michigan, September 24, 2012 — Celebrate the publication of ***Border Crossings: Coming of Age in the Czech Resistance***, a new memoir by Detroitier Charles Novacek. The Book Launch Party is set for Sunday, October 21, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Emerald, a new gift boutique in the Park Shelton, Woodward at 15 E. Kirby, just north of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

To those he met in his adopted hometown of Detroit, Michigan, Charles Novacek was a fascinating Renaissance man. He spoke seven languages, traveled the globe and continually pursued knowledge. After retiring from a successful career as an engineer in Detroit, Novacek returned to school, following his lifelong dream of becoming an artist. He earned a master’s degree in painting eventually showing his paintings in Detroit area galleries.

What most people never discovered, however, was that the charming, erudite engineer turned artist spent his youth in the Czech resistance, defending his homeland of Czechoslovakia from the Nazis and the Communists.

In his memoir Novacek recounts his life in the Czech resistance from age eleven to twenty during World War II and the Cold War in ***Border Crossings***. He completed the book shortly before his death in 2007.

Novacek was eleven years old when his father and uncle recruited him into the Czech Resistance. Already trained in skills to survive in the wild, Novacek was prepared to survive in wartime. He was taught to trust no one and how to resist pain, hunger, and fear. Among his first assignments was the delivery of messages to RAF soldiers parachuting behind enemy lines and hiding them in caves he equipped for their shelter.

After World War II ended, Novacek continued to his work in the resistance fighting the Communists, enduring torture, imprisonment and a displaced person's camp before marrying and immigrating first to Venezuela and then the United States.

After the overthrow of the Venezuelan government, Novacek and his family fled, settling in Detroit where he worked as chief engineer for Cobo Hall, and other projects including quality assurance manager for the Detroit People Mover, and Chrysler Styling Complex designed by Minoru Yamasaki. His first wife Valentina died in 1994. Novacek married again in 1996 to Sandra, a librarian, who promised to see that this memoir was published.

Border Crossings will be available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com, other major electronic book outlets and some local bookstores. For more information visit the website and blog at www.charlesnovacekbooks.com.

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