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Wally Lamb Book Signing at Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT – October 30 2009 - On **Tuesday, November 24**, Bank Square Books will co-host an evening with **New York Times #1 bestselling author Wally Lamb** at the **Mystic Arts Center**.

A reception begins at 5:30 pm, followed at 6:30 by Lamb's discussion of his upcoming novel, *Wishin' and Hopin'*, which will be released by HarperCollins on November 10.

Set in Lamb's beloved fictional town of Three Rivers, CT in 1964, the holiday novella introduces a new cast of endearing characters in a poignant and hilarious story about fifth grader Felix Funicello. The novella captures the warmth of the holiday season and is being compared to Jean Shepherd's *A Christmas Story* and David Sedaris's *The Santaland Diaries*

Lamb is a Connecticut native who holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in teaching from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Fine Arts in Writing from Vermont College. Lamb was in the ninth year of his twenty-five-year career as a high school English teacher at his alma mater, the Norwich Free Academy, when he began to write fiction in 1981.

Since then, he is most known for his best selling novels, *The Hour I First Believed*, *I Know This Much Is True*, and *She's Come Undone*. Lamb has also taught writing at the University of Connecticut, where he directed the English Department's creative writing program.

Lamb will sign books following his discussion and books will be available for purchase. A suggested \$5 donation will be collected for the Homeless Hospitality Center, New London's overnight shelter. For more information about the book signing event, contact Bank Square Books at (860) 536-3795. The Mystic Arts Center is located at 9 Water Street in downtown Mystic and can be reached at (860) 536-7601.

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