

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

DANIEL WALLACE: *THE HOLE STORY*

Chapel Hill author, illustrator, and scholar Daniel Wallace (*Big Fish*) makes a good match with Book Harvest. The seven-year-old nonprofit in Durham's Rockwood Shopping Center dedicates itself to putting books in the hands of young people (more than 500,000 to date) who wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford them. Wallace's novels, in their fusion of mythology and tall tales, speak in a language of wonder one associates with childhood. And, having spent more than a decade working in a bookstore, Wallace has a belief in the power of the written word that surely comes from the heart. He's written for children twice before, most recently in *The Cat's Pajamas*, and he's donating the profits of his new book for kids, *The Hole Story*, to Book Harvest. Authors rarely read an entire work aloud, but Wallace debuts the whole *Hole Story*—twenty-one page books have many charms. Pick up a copy or three for the imps in your life, and support the cause of literacy in the Triangle. There will even be milk and cookies; pajamas are welcome.—David Klein

BOOK HARVEST, DURHAM

6:30 p.m., rsvp@bookharvestnc.org, www.bookharvest.org

READINGS & SIGNINGS

Jean Bolduc: *African Americans of Durham & Orange Counties: An Oral History*. Fri, Dec 9, 7 p.m. Regulator Bookshop, Durham. www.regulatorbookshop.com.

Gary Phillips: *The Boy, The Brave Girls*. Sat, Dec 10, 11 a.m. McIntyre's Books, Pittsboro. www.mcintyresbooks.com.

Holly Rogers: *The Mindful Twenty-Something: Life Skills to Handle Stress & Everything Else*. Thu, Dec 8, 7 p.m. Regulator

Bookshop, Durham. www.regulatorbookshop.com.

Daniel Wallace: *The Hole Story*. Wed, Dec 7, 6:30 p.m. Book Harvest, Durham. www.bookharvestnc.org.

Marcia Zug: *Buying a Bride: An Engaging History of Mail Order Matches*. Wed, Dec 14, 7 p.m. Regulator Bookshop, Durham. www.regulatorbookshop.com.

LITERARY RELATED:
Fireside Tales To Warm Your Heart: "24th Annual Winter Stories for Children of All

Ages" with Brian Sturm and students. Thu, Dec 8, 5:30 p.m. UNC Campus: Wilson Special Collections Library, Chapel Hill. www.lib.unc.edu/wilson.

The Monti: God: \$20. Wed, Dec 14, 7:30 p.m. Motorco Music Hall, Durham. www.motorcomusic.com.

Tim Hallinan, Paul Oliver, Juliet Grames: SOHO Press. Thu, Dec 8, 6:30 p.m. McIntyre's Books, Pittsboro. www.mcintyresbooks.com.

