

Antonucci Signs Books at Watchung Booksellers for SRO Crowd

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Eager readers filled Watchung Booksellers in Montclair to hear first-time novelist, Jeffrey J. Antonucci of Wayne, speak about his newly published book, *Deep Within a Blueberry Sky*, on December 5. His inspiring presentation about the experience of evolving from a bricklayer to a published author truly wowed the audience, especially when he explained the unexpected but timely signs he received during his writing endeavor.

Antonucci's beautifully illustrated hard-cover novel tells the story of a young girl who spends part of each summer in the country with her grandfather enjoying life in the great outdoors and overcoming challenges along the way that shape her life forever. *Deep Within a Blueberry Sky* exemplifies the quintessential

elements of what the selfless acts of giving and teaching, both profound offerings of love, really signify, and the tremendous good that comes, as a result.

First-time author, Jeffrey J. Antonucci, followed in the footsteps of his father, uncle, and grandfather, all master tradesmen, by working in construction as a bricklayer. It wasn't until the idea for this story came to Jeff, as he tells it, like a slideshow before his eyes, that he ever even thought of writing, what would become, this novel. Up until that point, Jeff's writings consisted of small personal pieces and poems for family members and friends.

The book, published by Woodpecker Press, Livingston, New Jersey, is available at the author's site, www.inspiredworks.net as well as at Watchung Booksellers in Montclair, NJ.

Book Description:

This book is about Sarah, a spunky seven-year-old, who thinks she and her family are on their way to visit her grandfather for their typical summer getaway. Sarah soon learns that this year will be different. Sarah's grandfather, Poppy Tom, will be implementing a plan using the elements of a beautifully penned poem lovingly devised by him and Sarah's late grandmother, Jennie, that embarks Sarah on an enchanting journey of adventure and discovery—including of her inner-self—that spans decades.

As the plan is put into action and Sarah's journey unfolds, we learn why her dedicated grandparents felt it necessary to provide their granddaughter with the tools and defense mechanisms she needs to succeed in an often challenging and unforgiving world.

Deep Within a Blueberry Sky emotionally immerses the reader into the inner workings of this ambitious plan that, if successful, confirms there are no limits or barriers to what a person can accomplish, no matter what their condition or circumstances. It simultaneously guides the reader, every step of the way, with Sarah on her daring and undaunted effort to overcome her "burdens" and achieve what just might be the richest reward.

Will Poppy Tom's and Grandma Jennie's plan work? Will Sarah be up to the task?

The ultimate of discoveries and triumphs await Sarah—and the reader, too—if she rises to the challenge and succeeds.

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Seated: Jeffrey J. Antonucci, author, with his wife, Kathleen. Standing: son, Jeff, Jr., and daughter, Ashley