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**RENEWED AUTHOR WALLY LAMB CONFIRMED TO
SPEAK AT NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**

Festival to take place April 23-24, 2010

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. – The organizers of the Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), taking place on April 23-24, 2010 in venues throughout downtown Newburyport, are pleased to announce that renowned author Wally Lamb is confirmed to speak at this year’s festival.

Lamb is the author of three *New York Times* bestselling novels—*The Hour I First Believed*, *I Know This Much is True*, and *She’s Come Undone*—of which two were Oprah’s Book Club selections.

Lamb edited *Couldn’t Keep It to Myself* and *I’ll Fly Away*, two volumes of essays from students in his writing workshop at York Correctional Institution, a women’s prison in Connecticut, where he has been a volunteer facilitator for the past ten years.

Lamb’s newest novel, *Wishin’ and Hopin’: A Christmas Story* was published in November of 2009. He is currently at work on his fifth novel, tentatively titled *We Are Water*.

“We are elated to have Wally Lamb present at this year’s festival and are positive our attendees and supporters are as well,” said Vicki Hendrickson, chairperson of the NLF.

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The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading, and the love of books. The NLF in 2010 features more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown



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