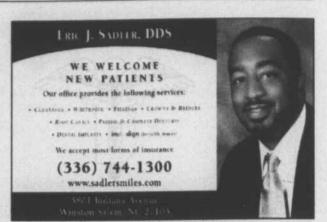
Firefighters Promoted



Fire Chief Antony Farmer (back row, second from left) promoted Fire Engineer Jason M. Allred (front row, left) to fire captain and Firefighters Ellen D. White (front row, center) and Jeremy E. Burris (front row, right) to fire engineers earlier this month. Allred, a 10-year WSFD veteran, now heads Engine 3.





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Jason Mott poses with "Resurrection" stars Frances Fisher and Nicholas Gonzalez.



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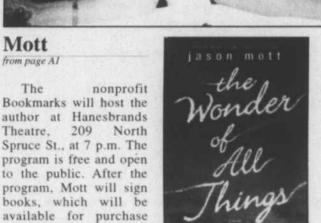
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Mott is a Bookmarks

favorite; he has been a

featured author at the

nonprofit's massive annu-

Things" is about a little

girl named Ava who has

the ability to heal people by touching them. When

word of her touch gets

out, seemingly the whole

world descends on her

town wanting healing

I hope," said Mott, who

earned both bachelor and

master of fine arts

degrees from UNC

response has been very

his success has been surreal. He began writing

when he was 14 but did

not take it seriously until

his 20s. In the beginning,

rejection letters were common and agents

wouldn't give him the

time of day. "The

Returned" changed all of

deceased coming back to

life and returning to an

idyllic town caught the

attention of ABC and

Brad Pitt's Plan B

Entertainment. Now in its

"Resurrection," which

airs Sundays at 9 p.m., is

TV adaptation of "The

it. I didn't write the book

thinking it would be

optioned or picked up. Even when it was

optioned, I didn't expect

it to go anywhere, but all

of a sudden things just

started happening," he

said. "They had a writer,

not long after they had a

director and before you

know it, they were shooting an entire season."

Mott has worked with

Mott said that it was exciting to hear about the

"I didn't really expect

based on Mott's book.

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The 36-year-old said

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"Readers are reading it and having a good time,

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filmed in the Atlanta

"They are so incredibly down-to-earth, more so than I expected," he said. "When you are encountering actors and Hollywood types, you are not really sure what to expect. They are amazingly centered, amazingly grounded people who are just good people to know. I consider them friends, honestly."

The television show has made new fans of his

"Readers are still reading it. I get emails from new readers every day who are just really in love with the book. It has gone further than I expected any book to go. I'm still adapting to all of it," said Mott, who is working on a new novel and looking to get into screenwriting. "I'm a big film buff and I would love to contribute to the

conversation of film." Bookmarks Executive Director Ginger Hendricks is excited to have Mott return to Winston-Salem.

"When Bookmarks hosted Jason for the release of his debut novel, "The Returned", at our 2012 Festival of Books and Authors, we fell in love with him as a person and an author," Hendricks said. "We are delighted for him to return to Winston-Salem to talk about his second book, "The Wonder of All Things." We know that all of the attendees whether new readers, readers of his debut novel or devotees of the TV show based on his book are in for a treat."

Mott said he loves interacting with readers. He wants attendees to come with lots of questions for him.

"I try to make the events as fun as possible. I tell a lot of stories about book tours and publishing and try to have a few laughs. I do a little reading, but I don't read for that people will nod off. I like having a conversation. I would rather talk with people than talk at them," he said.

For more information, contact Bookmarks at 336-747-1471 or visit www.bookmarksnc.org. L earn more about Mott at jasonmottauthor.com/.



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