

GOOD DEED

Author donating proceeds of book sales to Camp Callahan program

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Author Craig Harms will be signing copies of his new end-times novel "Day Omega" at 2 p.m. June 7 in the Mustard Seed Christian book and music store in the Quincy Mall.

Harms is donating proceeds from the book to Camp Callahan's "Sponsor a Child" program for physically and mentally challenged children.

"I am supporting local charities in the name of my stepson, Jamey, who died in an accident at age 9 in 1994," Harms said. "This book is dedicated in his memory."

Harms, who lives with his family in Dallas City, is currently involved in writing

projects for an art gallery in New York City. His background also includes work in advertising, research, the broadcasting and entertainment industries (including network and cable television), radio, theater and stand-up comedy.

"Day Omega' is my first full-blown book," Harms said. "(The book) was a great emotional and psychological catharsis, as it was as a way to relieve my anger, sorrow, grief, and frustration after my 9-year-old stepson died in a yard accident in 1994. These emotions show up loud and clear in various sections of the story.

"Friends, family, acquaintances — and even pets — have also been modeled into various characters, as I think they give the mind's eye something real to extrapolate

from. And this lends an air of authenticity to the entire work."

Harms said the book deals with the Rapture, a global government and other events dealing with the biblical theme involving the second coming of Christ.

"This has been the most wonderful, unexpected ride — one that has really made me a better Christian," Harms said in a recent interview. "(It is) one that I believe God wants me to enjoy ... not one to worry or stew about — that's what real life is for."

Harms has degrees from the University of Nebraska and Western Illinois University.

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