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New Children's Book Showcases Cincinnati, Adoption

Meet Authors at blue manatee
National Adoption Day, Nov. 19

A Cincinnati Night Before Christmas, the first children's picture book to ever feature Cincinnati's signature places and traditions, is based on a true local adoption story. On National Adoption Day, local author Nadine Woodard Huffman and illustrator Marilyn M. Lebhar will read and sign their book at the blue manatee children's bookstore and decafé in Oakley on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Huffman and Lebhar are donating ALL proceeds from the book to local non-profit adoption organizations. "Since adoption inspired our book, and we know so many families who have adopted children, we felt it was right to give back to our community in this way," said Huffman.

National Adoption Day is a national day of celebration of adoptive families and an opportunity for courts to open their doors and finalize the adoptions of children from foster care. "We are honored to be at the blue manatee on National Adoption Day, because they share our belief that reading books helps develop children's minds and create family bonding," said Huffman.

A Cincinnati Night Before Christmas features little boy Matty and his grandparents, as they await the Christmas Eve arrival of his adopted sister. Their memorable week together includes trains, ballet, zoo animals, Krohn Conservatory's Nativity Crib, and iconic Cincinnati eateries. Vibrant watercolors by Lebhar bring their adventures to life.

"Many families are buying the book for Christmas gifts, and for out-of-town friends who've enjoyed visiting Cincinnati," commented Huffman. "Kids love recognizing chili parlors and other places they've been to, and families have fun reading it together."

Huffman and Lebhar have several area appearances planned. Please see www.CincinnatiNightBeforeChristmas.com or the book's Facebook page for dates and times.

A Cincinnati Night Before Christmas, published by Orange Frazer Press, is available at all area Graeter's stores, various retail outlets, and online at www.orangefrazer.com and www.amazon.com.

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