

## **Book & Leaf Press Release**

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**Writers Read: Don E. Mitchell, Wade C. Davis**

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**Book & Leaf** Bookstore is presenting two authors, **Don E. Mitchell** and **Wade C. Davis**, for its May 19<sup>th</sup> **Writers Read** series. Both have traveled extensively, chronicle wide-ranging experiences with a sense of humor, and proudly call Vermont their home. Both write memoir and fiction. Come and enjoy great presentations and conversation, and of course, complimentary tea, coffee and sweets!

For the past 44 years, **Don E. Mitchell** has lived on a farm in New Haven, Vermont where he and his wife, Cheryl, have raised two children and cared for a flock of sheep. Mitchell is the author of four novels, three essay collections, a travel guide to Vermont, and the "eco-memoir" *FLYING BLIND: ONE MAN'S ADVENTURES BATTLING BUCKTHORN, MAKING PEACE WITH AUTHORITY, AND CREATING A HOME FOR ENDANGERED BATS*. Of this most recent book (Chelsea Green, 2013), Howard Frank Mosher has written: "*FLYING BLIND* does for rural New England what *Wendell Berry's* essays do for Kentucky and Norman Maclean's *A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT* does for the American West. Beautifully written, relentlessly honest, and unfailingly entertaining."

**Wade C. Davis** teaches at the Mary Hogan School in Middlebury and marks the birth of his daughter as the beginning of his writing career. He will be reading from his novel, *The Rapsallions*, an eco-thriller that combines paranormal skills (think mild X-Men), nifty gadgets (think Q from James Bond), and a desire to make the world better by sticking it to 'the man' (think Edward Abbey's Monkey Wrench Gang). His memoir, *Ride Collector* is a collection of the 25 stories of the 25 hitchhiking rides he received in the summer of 1993 as he traveled from a gig at a summer camp in Vermont to celebrate his mom's (and his own) birthday with her in Mississippi.

Please join us for a reading and tea at the Book & Leaf. Support your local talent and keep expanding our community of lovers of the written word.

**Don E. Mitchell** is a novelist, essayist, and sometime screenwriter whose most recent books are *The Nature Notebooks* (a novel) and a guidebook to Vermont in the Fodor's/Compass American series. From 1984 to 2009 Don taught courses at Middlebury College, primarily in creative writing—especially narrative fiction and writing for film—and environmental literature. One of his current interests is forest management with the goal of enhancing habitat for endangered bats. He devotes most of his time to projects designed to enhance the family farm and support the vision of Treleven, Inc.

**Wade C. Davis** is an elementary educator, Aikido teacher, bassist, and gardener currently living at the tip of the Taconics in Vermont's Champlain Valley. He grew up primarily in coastal Mississippi (but also Missouri, Iowa, England, and Texas), went to college in Minnesota (and China and Vermont), studied Aikido intensively in Michigan (and Minnesota and California), and learned music through sheer tenacity (in Vermont, Minnesota, and Michigan). Luckily, a town like Brandon, Vermont has the requisite need for authors/musicians/martial artists/parents/gardeners that allows Wade to live his life to the fullest.