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1 | Three award-winning children's authors come together
2 | for holiday signing event at ByWay Books

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5 | ByWay Books & More, 399 Canal St., will host three
6 | children's authors — Eileen Christelow, Karen Hesse, and Liza
7 | Ketchum — for a **very special** book signing ~~on~~ Saturday, Nov. 15,
8 | from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9 | “Each renowned author is a master of their craft,” wrote
10 | Severia Draike, proprietor, in a news release. “They have been in
11 | a writer’s group together for many years. This is an opportunity to

12 not only purchase signed copies of their books, but to personally
13 meet the authors and talk about their experiences as successful
14 local writers."
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15 Christelow is well known for her **beloved** *Five Little*
16 *Monkeys* picture book series, **perfect** for ages 2-6. She has
17 authored and illustrated many **other** children's picture books
18 inspired by true stories and with reappearing characters who
19 enhance creative learning.

20 Two of her nonfiction books are *Vote!*— which explains
21 everything **you need** **to** know about voting and democracy, and
22 *Robins!— How They Grow Up*—, which follows two young robins
23 through their first year. Both books "have beautiful illustrations,
24 lots of humor, and are full of kid-pleasing details," Drake said.
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Christelow resides in Brattleboro.

26 Hesse received the Newbery Medal for *Out of the Dust*,
27 published by Scholastic in 1997. The novel, told in verse, is the
28 story of a teenage girl struggling with her family during the Great
29 Depression and the Oklahoma Dust Bowl during the 1930s.

30 Hesse's other novels address familiar themes from the
31 perspective of middle-**grade** children who must overcome
32 adversity. Hesse writes historical fiction, dystopian fiction, and
33 realistic fiction for children of all ages, from 4 to young adult.
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35 Ketchum, a lifelong educator, became a children's book
36 author soon after college and has over 17 published works. Her
37 works include middle grade and young adult fiction and
38 nonfiction, **and more**.

39 Her adult memoir, *The Last Garden*, is illustrated by
40 local artist Bobbi Angell. *Begin with a Bee*, a nonfiction picture
41 book, is about the life cycle of one queen rusty-patched
42 bumblebee. *Turtles Heading Home*, an account of rescuing sea
43 turtles off Cape Cod, is a **riveting** nonfiction book for middle
44 grade animal lovers and conservationists. Ketchum divides her
45 time between Dorset, and Watertown, Massachusetts.

46 | All are invited to meet, chat, and shop for ~~the perfect~~
47 gifts signed by these local authors. Children are welcome. Light
48 refreshments will be served. For more information, call 802-490-
49 8014 or email contact@bywaybooks.co.

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