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1 Bartleby's Books hosts local author Paul Scheufele Feb.

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5 Bartleby's Books will host a book reading and signing
6 event with local author Paul Scheufele Saturday, Feb. 28, at 5
7 p.m. He will read from his new novel, *Damaged Goods*.

8 Scheufele creates "character-driven stories that explore
9 ethical dilemmas, family secrets, and the quiet choices that can
10 change everything," according to event organizers. He holds a
11 bachelor's degrees in American Studies from Middlebury College.

12 | ~~(B.A.) and a master's from~~ Fairfield University ~~(M.A.)~~, and an MBA
13 | from Babson College. Before pursuing fiction full-time, he
14 | worked in finance, ultimately becoming a managing director at a
15 | global investment bank.

16 | -Later, ~~he~~Scheufele taught upper school English at two
17 | private schools in Connecticut for nearly a decade. "These
18 | experiences add depth and authenticity to his storytelling," said
19 | organizers.

20 | ~~When he's not writing, Paul enjoys reading literary~~
21 | ~~fiction, golfing, gardening, hiking and skiing at Mount Snow for~~
22 | ~~the past 25 years, and visiting his children and grandchildren.~~

23 | ~~About the book:~~ "The past collides with the present as
24 | Brendan O'Shay, a high-powered Wall Street trader, is forced to
25 | confront a haunting legacy. When his estranged sister ~~Cassie~~ dies
26 | unexpectedly, Brendan ~~inherits a life-altering secret: he is~~
27 | ~~now~~becomes the custodian of her frozen eggs. This discovery
28 | thrusts him, ~~his wife Laura, and their son Shannon into a~~
29 | ~~whirlwind of~~ and his family into emotional and ethical dilemmas.
30 | Set against the backdrop of the 2008 global financial crisis,
31 | Brendan struggles with ~~existential crises at work and home~~ as he
32 | grapples ~~with the possibility of~~ bringing a part of ~~Cassie~~his sister
33 | back to life. His quest to find ~~nurturing~~ parents for ~~the~~her eggs
34 | evolves into "a heartfelt exploration of love, forgiveness, and
35 | second chances."

36 | Bartleby's Books is located at 17 West Main St. The store
37 | is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. To reserve a copy of
38 | Scheufele's book, or for more information, contact Bartleby's at
39 | 802-464-5425, bartbookvt@gmail.com or visit
40 | myvermontbookstore.com.

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