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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Author Naeem Murr will visit the Illinois Wesleyan University campus to read selections from and answer questions about his latest novel, *The Perfect Man*, on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Davidson Room of Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington). A group discussion of the book will take place on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the Cartwright Room also in Memorial Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

Members of the University's award-winning chapter of the international English honor society Sigma Tau Delta selected Murr's novel for its book club, which is open to the entire campus. Book club participants were encouraged to read Murr's novel during the winter break.

Set primarily in small-town Pisgah, Mo., *The Perfect Man* follows the life of Rajiv Travers as he is immersed in the troubled relationships harbored in the Pisgah community.

"This 'Our Town'-ish locale is an ideal showcase for Murr's impressive talents, says the *New York Times Book Review*. "Murr weaves an elaborate plot, shifting perspective between small-town characters – adults, outcasts and the handful of teenagers who form the novel's core."

Murr has been a writer-in-residence at the University of Missouri, Western Michigan University, and Northwestern University. He is currently a member of the M.F.A. fiction program faculty at Queens University of Charlotte. In 2007, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. His first novel, *The Boy*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book and has been translated into six languages. His *The Genius of the Sea* was published in 2003, followed by *The Perfect Man* in 2007. Murr is also the author of several short fiction works.

For additional information about the event, e-mail iwusigmatd@gmail.com. To read more about Murr or *The Perfect Man*, visit www.naeemmurr.com.

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