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Award-Winning Novel *Something We Never Imagined* Continues to Inspire Readers Worldwide

Captivate Press Acquires 15-Time Award-Winning Novel by Author D.J. Wemple, previously published by Westbow Press.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (August 1, 2026) — Captivate Press is proud to announce the print acquisitions rights of *Something We Never Imagined*, the acclaimed novel by award-winning author **D.J. Wemple**. Previously published by Westbow Press and having earned **15 literary awards**, the inspirational contemporary novel continues to resonate with readers through its powerful themes of faith, forgiveness, redemption, and hope.

Often compared to **Nicholas Sparks' *The Return*** and **William Sirls' *The Reason***, *Something We Never Imagined* follows **Colton Dust**, a small-town country boy who leaves Michigan to pursue a journalism degree at the University of Southern California. After quickly rising through the ranks of Los Angeles journalism, Colton appears to have everything he ever wanted, until meeting **Emma Lee Coal**, a young woman whose compassion challenges him to confront the painful wounds of his past. As their relationship grows, Colton discovers that true healing comes only through forgiveness, faith, and trusting God's plan, even when it leads somewhere he never imagined.

Wemple began writing the novel during one of the most challenging seasons of his life.

"When the pandemic of 2020 struck, it disrupted not only my life but my entire world," Wemple said. "It was a time when I was on the brink of giving up, but divine intervention steered me toward a different path."

Since its release, *Something We Never Imagined* has received widespread recognition for its emotional storytelling, memorable characters, and uplifting message, earning fifteen literary awards and praise from readers seeking stories that inspire hope while exploring life's deepest questions.

Newly published by **Captivate Press**, *Something We Never Imagined* is available in **hardcover, paperback, eBook, and audiobook** (Recorded Books Media) through major online booksellers and retailers on August 1, 2026.

About D.J. Wemple

Michigan native **D.J. Wemple** is an award-winning author whose novels blend compelling storytelling with themes of faith, hope, forgiveness, redemption, and the transformative power of love. After spending more than 40 years dreaming of becoming a novelist, he began writing his debut novel during the pandemic in 2020. Today, Wemple travels throughout the world sharing inspirational messages while continuing to write. He is

currently working on several new novels and enjoys spending time with his three grown children, Elijah, Noah, and Kylie.

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