

## **“Better Must Come”: A Conversation with Desmond Hall**

Wednesday, February 18 at 6pm

Wareham Free Library  
59 Marion Rd.  
Wareham, MA 02571

**Join the Wareham Free Library for an exciting event with Desmond Hall, author of the Massachusetts Book Awards–honored novel *Better Must Come*. Designed for tweens and teens, this program invites young readers to explore the world of the book as the author shares the inspirations behind the story, his path as a writer, and the real-world issues that shaped the novel. He will lead an engaging discussion of the book’s characters, conflicts, and craft, followed by a Q&A and book signing.**

*Better Must Come* follows two teens, Deja and Gabriel, who are searching for ways to lift themselves and their families out of difficult and often dangerous circumstances. Set against a backdrop of gang violence, familial abandonment, and the pressures of survival, the novel delivers an edge-of-your-seat story rooted in urgency and resilience. At its heart, it also offers a tender romance, showing how young love can take root and thrive even amid turmoil. *Better Must Come* is a powerful and timely exploration of perseverance, courage, and hope in the face of overwhelming odds.

This program is sponsored by the [Mass Book Awards Speakers Bureau](#) and is presented in collaboration with the [Massachusetts Center for the Book](#).

**DESMOND HALL** was born in Jamaica, West Indies, and moved to Jamaica, Queens. He is the author of the acclaimed young adult novels *Your Corner Dark* and *Better Must Come*, the latter a Massachusetts Book Awards Honors title. His work often draws on personal and historical contexts to create fast-paced, emotionally resonant stories for teen readers. He currently lives in the Boston area with his family.