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**Lifting the Lid on the Mysterious World of Hospices - Book signing for a Real Life Hospice Doctor's Debut Novel, 'Feathers in the Dust'
Meet Dr Jeff Stephenson at Waterstones, New George Street, Plymouth on Saturday, April 2nd 2011, 11am – 1pm**

Have you ever wondered what happens inside a Hospice? If, like most people, you imagine a dark and depressing place where people go simply to die, you'd be completely wrong and you should definitely read 'Feathers in the Dust'!

The debut novel of real life hospice consultant Dr Jeff Stephenson, under the pen name of David Trevelyan, the book is set more than a decade ago in the fictional St Julian's Hospice. It completely lifts the lid on the often misunderstood world of hospices and dispels many long held myths and unfounded fears.

Likeable characters, humour, pathos and love - Feathers in the Dust is a highly readable story, descriptively written and told through the eyes of a young doctor who really wants to be a surgeon – not a hospice doctor (not yet anyway!)

Author Jeff Stephenson's day job is that of a Consultant in Palliative Medicine at St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth. He said: "People think it must be depressing to work at a hospice but in reality it isn't, there are many misconceptions. I hope that as well as entertaining people my book will help to take away some of the fear surrounding our work." He adds: "Although grief and shock are routinely encountered as part of my profession, there is also fun and laughter a great deal of the time."

Waterstones manager Liz Bennett added "St Luke's really is a charity that all of Plymouth has taken to heart, and it's great for them to receive recognition through this fabulous book"

Following a recent release date, Feathers in the Dust has already received a good deal of positive feedback from patients and colleagues alike.

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