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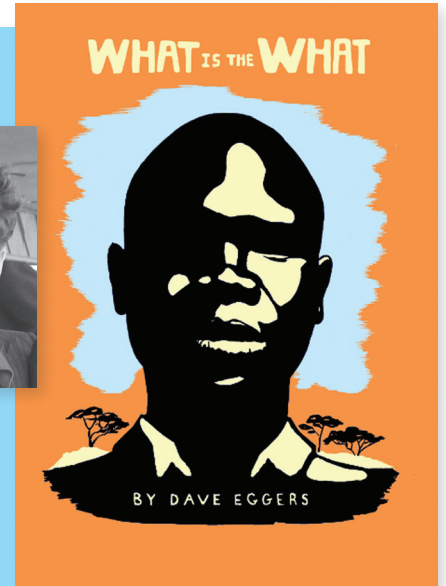
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The libraries of Marin County and and their Community Partners
Invite the Public to Join them for a Special Evening Celebration of

ONE BOOK ONE MARIN 2009'S SELECTION

**Dave Eggers's
*What Is The What***



Dave Eggers and Valentino Achak Deng
in Conversation with
Michael Krasny, Author & KQED "Forum" Host

Special Evening Celebration

Thursday, April 23, 2009 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Angelico Hall, Dominican University • 50 Acacia Ave. • San Rafael

This event is free to the public.

Seating is limited, and will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information, please visit www.OneBookOneMarin.org, or contact Earp Events & Fundraising at 510-839-3100, or events@earpevents.com.

The 2009 selection for One Book One Marin is Dave Eggers's highly-acclaimed novel *What is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng*. This story of the lost boys of the Sudan is an inspired choice. Deng was chased from his village at age seven and forced to trek across Africa under the most harrowing circumstances. The San Francisco Chronicle calls the book "strange, beautiful and unforgettable."

Francine Prose, writing in the N.Y. Times Book Review, called it "An extraordinary work of witness, and of art." *What is the What* was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

After the publication of *What Is the What*, Valentino Achak Deng and Dave Eggers established the Valentino Achak Deng Foundation, a non-profit organization working to advance education in Southern Sudan.

The Foundation is currently building an 11-structure educational complex in Valentino's hometown of Marial Bai, including the first secondary school in the region, a library, a teacher-training college, a community center, and sports facilities. The secondary school opens in April 2009. For more information, including videos of Valentino and Dave in Marial Bai, visit www.valentinoachakdeng.org.

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