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Mercury Retrograde Press is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of *Raven Wakes the World: Tales for the Winter Holiday*, a collection of Christmas-themed novellas by John Adcox. The book includes four very different tales, all of which are sure to touch the heart:

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John Adcox has had a 20-year career in advertising, marketing, and new media. He has two feature films and two television pilots moving slowly from development hell to development purgatory; his first novel, *Blackthorne Fair*, is scheduled for release in Spring 2010. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

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