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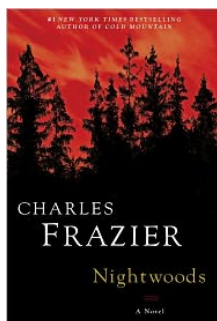
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### Winter Hours

Wednesday	10 - 4
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Friday	10 - 4
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\*Some extended hours on weekends with ski events

### Trish Recommends...



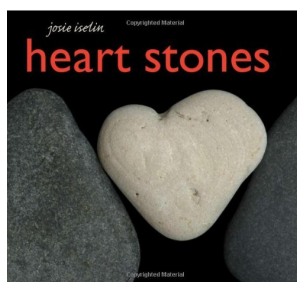
**Nightwoods**  
by Charles Frazier

Charles Frazier's incredible new novel is filled with suspense and love. Set in the twentieth century in a

### Greetings!

This month, we are pleased to announce the return of two "Birkie authors" to the store. Jeff Foltz, author of *Birkebeiner: A Story of Motherhood and War*, and Lise Lunge-Larsen, author of *The Race of the Birkebeiners*, will both be here Birkie weekend. In addition, Walter Rhein, author of *Beyond Birkie Fever*, will be making his initial appearance the same weekend! Details below.

We'd be **tickled pink** if you'd stop at our store for your Valentine's Day gifts. Here are two sweet ideas:



#### *Heart Stones* by Josie Iselin

This little book would bring great pleasure to anyone who seeks inspiration, solace, and beauty in the natural world.

#### B. T.

#### McElrath's Chocolate Bars

With choices such as "Love Notes", "Passion Hearts", "Salty Dog", and "Buttered Toast", how could one possible go wrong?



## World Book Night

**Do you sometimes love a book so much that you want EVERYBODY to read it?**

Well, we need you! **World Book Night** is scheduled for April 23 (which just happens to be Shakespeare's birthday). The goal is to give books to new readers, to encourage reading, and to give you an opportunity to share your passion for reading. Publishers have donated the books and authors have donated their royalties, so there is no cost to you. You just need to register as a "book giver" to pick up a box of 20 books from your "pick up point" (that would be **Redberry Books**!). There are 30 fabulous titles to choose from. The deadline to sign up is February 6 at midnight. Just visit

[www.worldbooknight.org](http://www.worldbooknight.org).

small town in North Carolina, *Nightwoods* captures the same lyrical prose of *Cold Mountain* and *Thirteen Moons*. Frazier is known for his historical fictional odysseys and for making his characters come to life and his imminent understanding of human nature.

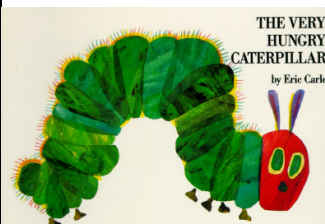
Frazier's new heroine, Luce, proves to be one of his most memorable yet. Luce is a young woman who is content with the beauty of the Appalachian nature around her and prefers to live apart from her small community. Until she inherits her sister's murdered twins, and she is forced to open her solitary life in dangerous, hard, and hopeful ways.

*Nightwoods* is filled with Frazier's musical writing style and his ability to tell a story makes it well worth reading.

To purchase *Nightwoods*, click [here](#).

## Babies and Books

Thursday, February 2  
9:30 am



Babies and Books is a storytime for young children and their

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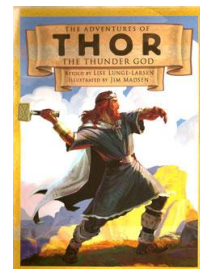
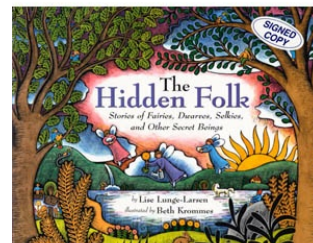
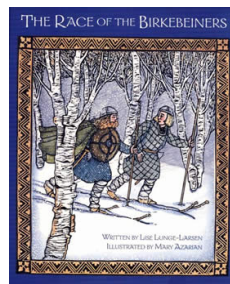
P.S. We'd love to know if you've signed up. Send an e-mail to [read@redberybooks.com](mailto:read@redberybooks.com) to let us know you're participating!

## Birkie Storytime



Lise Lunge-Larsen, author of *The Race of the Birkebeiners*, will be at Redbery Books on **Friday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m.** for storytelling and booksigning!

*The Race of the Birkebeiners*, which is beautifully illustrated by Mary Azarian, tells the true story of the heroic rescue of the baby Prince Hakon in the year 1206 in Norway. But the real treat is hearing Lise tell stories! She was born in Norway "with skis on her feet" and has skied the Birkie many times. She is known as "the troll lady" in Duluth, where she now lives, due to her vast knowledge of trolls, fairies, and folklore.

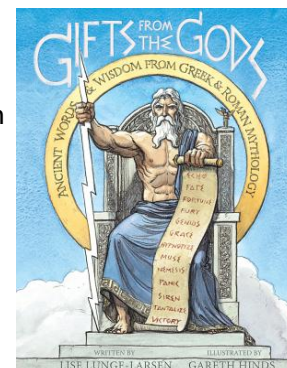


Lise's new book, *Gifts From the Gods: Ancient Words and Wisdom From Greek and Roman Mythology*, is sure to appeal to fans of mythology as well as those interested in language.

"This smart and well-executed compilation should provide readers with a deeper understanding of the ways in which language evolves and of the surprising symbolism behind certain words".

---Publishers Weekly (starred review)

To order, click [here](#).





parents. We meet at Redbery Books on the first Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome! This month, we'll be reading books by Eric Carle - bring your own favorites! **We'll also have a drawing for an Eric Carle tote bag!**

## BOOKS



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### Celebrity Sighted with Literary Toy



Suri Holmes, daughter of Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise, was recently spotted with

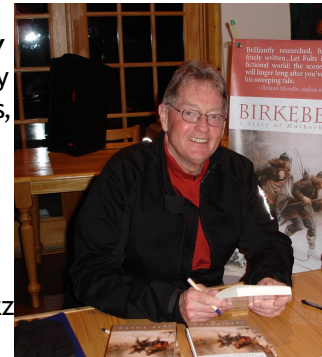
## Birkie Book Signing

**Saturday, February 25**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

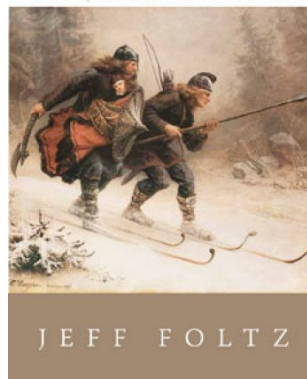
### Back by Popular Demand!

Jeff Foltz, author of *Birkebeiner: A Story of Motherhood and War*, will be at Redbery Books to read from his book, answer questions, and sign books.

Jeff, who has skied the Birkie six times, noticed the famous portrait by Knud Larsen Bergslien, depicting two medieval soldiers skiing with a baby in hand. Fascinated, Foltz went to Norway to research the legend and learned about the baby prince's mother, Inga, who became the main character in his novel.



### BIRKEBEINER



Set in Norway in the year 1203, *Birkebeiner* is 260 pages of action-packed historical fiction. Readers will feel as if they're skiing next to the novel's heroes. What a thrilling read for anybody who has skied the race before! To order, click [here](#).

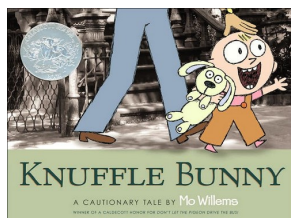
### First time at Redbery!

Walter Rhein, author of *Beyond Birkie Fever*, will also be available to sign copies of his book. Walter grew up in Northern Wisconsin, spent ten years living and working in South America, and is now back in the northland. Jeff contributes regularly to the run, bike, and ski blog at CyclovaXC.com and writes fantasy novels for Rhemalda Publishing.

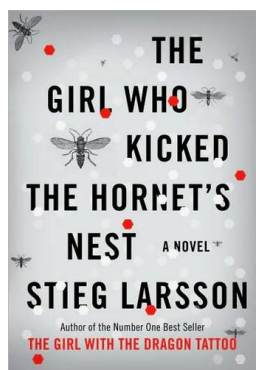


The book's prologue was taken from an interview with race founder, Dave Landgraf in December 2010 about the first American Birkebeiner. Landgraf was tragically killed in August after he was struck by a car while training on his bicycle. "Dave is an amazing athlete who has skied in every single Birkie and continues to finish among the elites despite the fact that he is more than sixty years old," commented Rhein. Rhein is now involved with making ski hats to honor Landgraf. The hats say "Ski Like Landgraf" and the proceeds will be donated to the Ski Strong Foundation. To order

Knufflebunny on the streets of New York. We love Knufflebunny, too!



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### Mark Your Calendar

\*Feb. 2 9:30 am  
Babies and Books

\*Feb. 11 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Book signing with author,  
Walter Rhein

\*Feb 24 11:00 am  
Birkie Storytime with  
Lise Lunge-Larsen

\*Feb. 25 5 - 7 pm  
Book signing with authors,  
Jeff Foltz and Walter  
Rhein

Find more information  
about these events at  
[www.redberybooks.com](http://www.redberybooks.com)

Beyond Birkie Fever, click [here](#).

In addition to his appearance on Birkie Saturday, **Walter Rhein will be at Redbery Books on Saturday, February 11, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** This is the weekend of two ski events: The Pre-Birkie and the Cable Classic.

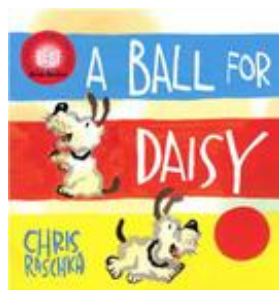
Can't make it to this event? You can still pre-order a book, have it signed and personalized, and pick it up in the store at a later date!

## Children's Literature Awards

In January, the American Library Association announced the award winners for the Newbery Medal, the Caldecott Medal, and the Printz Award. Congratulations to the authors and illustrators!



The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. This year's winning book is *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos. Gantos draws on his own experience in the novel (even naming the main character "Jack Gantos") to show how a model community created in the 1930's shaped the lives of its townspeople. To order, click [here](#).



The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The 2012 Medal winner is Chris Raschka, the author and illustrator of *A Ball for Daisy*. In this nearly wordless picture book, Raschka explores the joy and sadness that having a special toy can bring. The swirling, impressionistic illustrations will appeal to dog lovers of all ages. To order, click [here](#).



The Michael L. Printz Award is for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. The 2011 Printz winner is *Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley. This novel is set in a small town in Arkansas the summer before Cullen Witter's senior year. What once was painfully dull and ordinary suddenly changes and Cullen is forced to navigate loves, losses, and the sudden and inexplicable disappearance of his sensitive and gifted fifteen year-old brother. To order, click [here](#).

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