



RedberryReads: A Newsletter From Redberry Books

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*Some extended hours on weekends with ski events



We'd love to hear your suggestions for our spring Book Club Dinner!

In the past, we've had a "farm fresh menu" inspired by Michael Perry's *Coop*, a French menu inspired by Julie Powell's *Julie and Julia*, and several other memorable dinners.

Greetings!

The American Birkebeiner has come and gone. Cable got sixteen inches of snow the next week. And now we're hunkering down with our stacks of books to wait for spring!



Literary Trivia Question: Who is this man?

Hint #1: He's an author.

Hint #2: His birthday is March 2.

Hint #3: He's also known as Ted Geisel and P. D. Eastman

Be sure to check out the coupon at the end of this newsletter!

Book Clubs = Community



We love Book Clubs!

Here are five reasons to join or start one:

1. You meet interesting people.
2. You read things that you wouldn't otherwise read.
3. Some books seem to require discussion.
4. Book Clubs reflect all the best things about being in a community: people from all different backgrounds coming together to listen, to share, to reflect, to laugh, to agree, to disagree, then to go back out into the world strengthened by the experience.
5. **Redberry Books is here for you!** Your book club can come to the bookstore after hours for a private "book talk" about what books are getting the buzz and what might appeal to your group. In addition, you can order books for your book club at a discount. For more information or to schedule a time for your group, send an email to read@redberrybooks.com.

New Book for the Natural Word



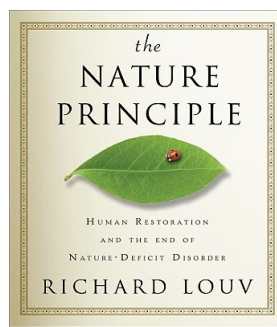
To make a suggestion, send your idea (book and theme for menu) to read@redberybooks.com. If we use your idea, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate!

Bev Bauer reviews a YA page-turner



The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

This teen book starts when Jessica, a track star with a record setting race, wakes up in the hospital after a tragic accident which took her leg. The reader is right there with Jessica as she goes through all the emotions associated with the ups and down of recovery and healing. It isn't easy but she grows in her understanding of herself and others with disabilities. This is a refreshing alternative to zombies, vampires, and dystopia but



The Natural Word Book Club has selected a second book. It's Richard Louv's newest book, *The Nature Principle*. Louv's first book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*, was widely read and discussed in many venues.

The Natural Word Book Club will meet March 22 at 5:00 p.m., at the Cable Natural History Museum.

Redbery Books: Tell us why your group chose this book?

Emily Stone: After reading about the fascinating bite-sized research projects that Bernd Heinrich investigates every moment he's outside, our group is inspired to investigate our own relationships with nature. If learning cool facts discovered by someone else can be so exciting, why not take the next step and discover things for ourselves? We're intrigued by Richard Louv's newest book, *The Nature Principle*, which talks "about the power of living in nature-not with it, but in it. We are entering the most creative period in history. The twenty-first century will be the century of human restoration in the natural world."

To order, click [here](#).



Birke Author Recap

Thank You, Birke Authors!
(and Birke readers, who came out in large numbers to visit with the authors and have their books signed!)

Lise Lunge-Larsen, author of *The Race of the Birkebeiners* and *Gifts From the Gods*, delighted an audience of children and adults with stories from around the world.



every bit as much as a hard-to-put down novel. A story of the power of the human spirit.

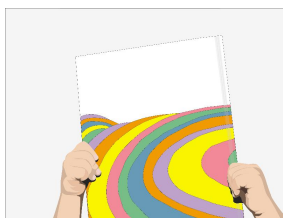
To order *The Running Dream*, click [here](#).

Fashion Idea of the Day:



Fabulous!
(especially if you've been invited to a "Book Lovers' Ball")

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"



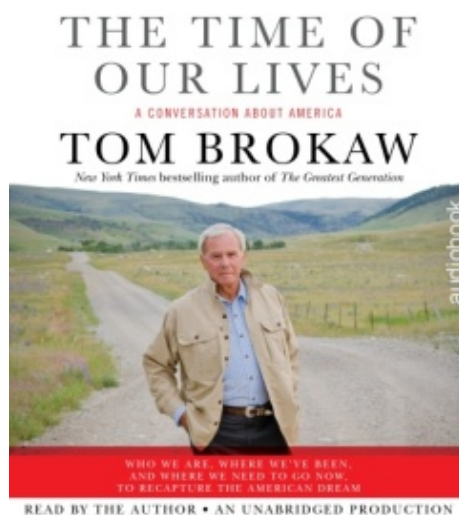
Walter Rhein (pictured on the left with his daughter), author of *Beyond Birkie Fever*, enjoyed talking with fellow skiers and signing his book. **Jeff Foltz** (pictured on the right), author of *Birkebeiner: A Novel of Motherhood and War*, also enjoyed the audience after skiing his sixth Birkie that day!

We still have some signed copies in stock! To order online, visit www.redberybooks.com.

BOOK BUZZ: Staff Reviews

Libby Recommends...

The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation about America by Tom Brokaw



What happened to the America I thought I knew? This is the question that prompted Mr. Brokaw's latest book. He writes from a perspective drawn from his experience as a journalist who for many years has witnessed history in the making. The book contains his observations, hopes, memories, and suggestions. What he knows for sure is many people feel America is a drift, and now is the time to converse about our legacy and destiny for which each of us as individuals are accountable. He states, "We

will be judged not simply by the cacophony of those on the left and right with access to a cable system or a blog, but rather by the tangible legacy we leave behind."

The book has four parts: Getting the Fundamentals Right, Assignment America, Help Me Make It through This New Dot-Com Age, and What Now, Grandma and Grandpa? Each chapter begins with a highlighted box containing a fact and a question resulting from the fact. Brokaw then proceeds to add context by examining the past, looking at the present and speculating on the promise of the future. To illustrate his points he uses stories of people he has met along the way and also stories from his own family and upbringing on the plains of South Dakota.

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Sarah Recommends...

Next Stop: A Memoir, by Glen Finland

Mark Your Calendar

***March 1** 9:30 am
Babies and Books

***March 8** 3:00 pm
T.H.U.R.S. Book Club


***March 15** 4:30
1001 Books to Read Club

***March 16** 6:30 pm
Men's Book Discussion

***March 20** 6:30 pm
Word of Mouth Book Club

***March 21** 5:00 pm
Chapter and Verse

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The life of a parent is often difficult, and Glen Finland's life raising an autistic son is especially challenging. *Next Stop* tells of Finland's struggles to raise her son David to be an independent adult in world that won't give him many breaks. She struggles to keep David on track while trying to raise two older sons, who often feel ignored for being "normal." From trying to control each aspect of David's life to finally learning to let go a little more each day, Finland's story gave me a better understanding of the difficulties and struggles that parents of special needs children face everyday.

She is brutally honest in her writing, and both the love and anguish she feels for her son and family are evident. *Next Stop* is a book you'll keep thinking about long after you've read the last chapter.



Next Stop: A Memoir comes out March 29th. To preorder a copy, click [here](#).

Katie Recommends...

Vaclav & Lena, by Haley Tanner



Vaclav and Lena meet when they are five years-old, both children of Russian immigrants living in Brooklyn, New York. Lena craves the stability in Vaclav's household, as she lives with an aunt who provides little care for her. After Vaclav's mother makes a heartwrenching discovery, Lena seems to disappear. The children are reunited on the eve of Lena's seventeenth birthday, only to find that nothing has changed and everything has changed. The story begins with charming dialogue and very engaging characters, yet there is secrecy and a sense of dark mystery that is just below the surface. It's wonderfully written, with

moments of humor, sadness, and wonder woven together to create an unforgettable tale.

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Thanks for reading our newsletter.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!!
(aka Ted Geisel and P.D. Eastman)



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who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**

Sincerely,



Bev and Katie

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