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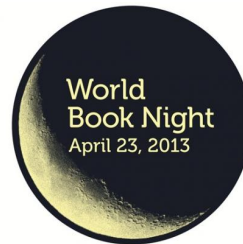
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Announcing... the Men's Book

Greetings!

Happy New Year from all of us at **Redberry Books!**

Let's make 2013 the best year ever, full of joy, gratitude, laughter, and kindness! One way to share some of the good things in life (e.g., books!) is to participate in **World Book Night**. This is an opportunity to give free books to light or non-readers on April 23, 2013 (Shakespeare's birthday). You choose the book you'd like to give from a list of 30 titles and you choose where you'd like to give the books away. There's no cost and it's a good time. **Redberry Books** will be one of the "book pick up" sites again this year. You may apply now at www.WorldBookNight.org. There's lots of information on the site!



Q & A on YA

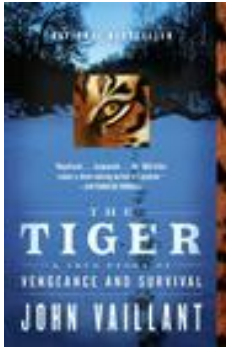


"Young Adult" literature has been steadily gaining popularity among many not-so-young readers. Why is this? Because it can be **REALLY GOOD STUFF!** Here's how a recent conversation between Bev and Katie went down:

Bev: Have you always been interested in YA literature?

Discussion Book of the Year

After much rigorous intellectual debate and an analysis of the numerical ratings, the men decided that *The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival* by John Vaillant was the winner.



The Tiger's win was carried by its story. "When I think back on what book I remember the most about, it's *The Tiger*," said Irv. "It has good imagery, and it's a very good adventure story," commented Adrian. Ron noted that the book won the 2011 Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award.

To read a full account of this action-packed book club meeting, click [here](#).

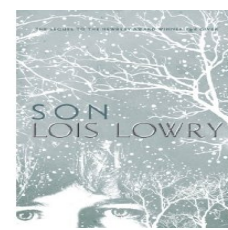
To order a copy of *The Tiger*, click [here](#).

Oh, the weather
outside is
frightful...



"Perhaps I am a bear, or

Katie: It all started with *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. One of my kids was reading it for school and said that it was the best book they'd ever read, so I read it. It made me remember that sensation of falling into a book so completely that I hadn't really experienced since I was a teenager. The fourth book in the series, *Son*, was just released this fall. It's fantastic!

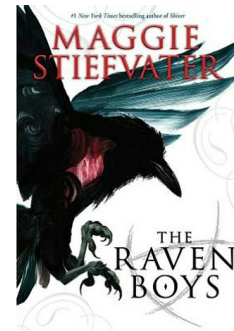


Bev: And then...?

Katie: And then came *The Hunger Games* and I was hopelessly hooked! The thing about YA books is that teenagers have a low tolerance for boredom, so the book has to grab you within the first two pages or teenagers won't keep reading. Actually, adults like that, too. YA books tend to be fast paced and emotional and full of twists and turns that surprise and delight till the last sentence.

Bev: Who are some of your favorite YA authors?

Katie: Maggie Stiefvater, whose most recent book is *The Raven Boys*, is a fantastic writer! Her use of language is lovely and interesting, with unique characters that somehow really resonate with today's world. I also love anything by Lauren Oliver, especially *Before I Fall*, in which a teenage girl has to relive a single day over and over, each time learning something important and becoming a better person.



Bev: Why do you think more adults don't try YA literature? Is it not serious enough?

Katie: I'm not sure, but some of it is very serious. The current trend seems to be to use a dystopian post-apocalyptic world with varying levels of governmental control to explore ideas related to current society. Of course, in the end, human kindness and courage and beauty tend to win out, themes that young adults and old adults can both appreciate.

BOOK BUZZ: Staff Reviews

Bill Bauer recommends...

The Third Bullet: A Bob Lee Swagger Novel,
by Stephen Hunter

some hibernating animal, underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh,
Bring Me A Unicorn

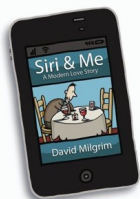
but the fire is so
delightful!



"The cold was our pride, the snow was our beauty. If fell and fell, lacing day and night together in a milky haze, making everything quieter as it fell, so that winter seemed to partake of religion in a way no season did, hushed, solemn."
- Patricia Hampl,
A Romantic Education

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quote about winter at
read@redberybooks.com

From the author of
Goodnight ipad,
comes a quirky love
story for our times...



by the bestselling author of GOODNIGHT IPAD

*Siri & Me: A Modern
Love Story*
by David Milgrim

Dave's never met anyone like Siri. She's helpful, smart, and easier to talk to than any girl he's ever known. She really gets him...

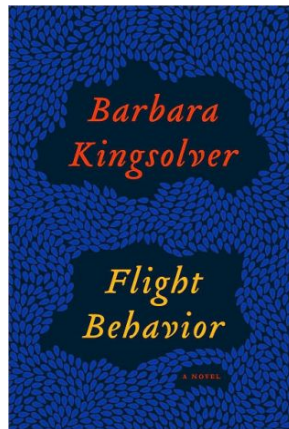
To watch a short book trailer, click on the image

"There is no shortage of books on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, but Hunter has done what no one has previously done: supply a breathtaking new angle on the event. While staying true to the underlying facts of the Warren Commission Report, Hunter adds a layer of historical fiction, creating a new theory of the events of that day. Swagger hunts the mastermind behind a second assassin who supplies the third, and fatal, bullet. As Swagger focuses on the shooter and closes in on the mastermind, the mastermind, in turn, hunts him. A heart-pounding thriller!" **Bill's review will appear as a Great Read in the January Indie Next list!** To order *The Third Bullet*, click [here](#).



Katie recommends...

Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver
(again!)

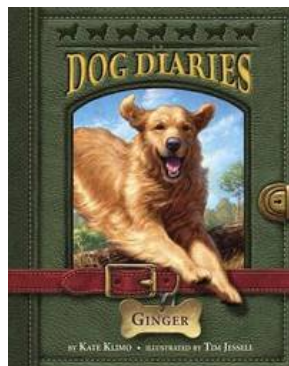


Okay, so I finished this book and have to say that it is one of the best books I've read in a long time! It's bold in its message, broad in its scope, and beautiful in both its imagery and its language. Even the title is perfect as there are many kinds of "flights" throughout the story. Della Robia, our heroine, is constantly on the verge of fleeing her domestic life as the butterflies are demonstrating unusual and potentially disastrous flight behavior. If you'd like to order *Flight Behavior* from our website, click [here](#).

BOOK BUZZ: Customer Reviews

Mimi Norman* (Age 9) recommends...

Dog Diaries #1: Ginger by Kate Klimo



Ginger is about a Golden Retriever puppy. In the beginning, his sister dies and his mother gets taken away, and then he is separated from his littermates. The helpless little pup is taken on a ride with many twists and turns. He goes through many families, in which he gets many holes and tears in his heart, but finally he finds a loving family and lots of new friends. I think a lot of animal-loving readers will love this book.

*Mimi, an avid reader, is the daughter of Margy Stratton and the granddaughter of Fred and Anne Stratton. Thanks, Mimi!

Liza Jackson* (age 11) recommends ...

Road Trip by Gary Paulsen

below:




To order *Siri & Me*, click [here](#).

Are you a truly **INDEPENDENT** reader?

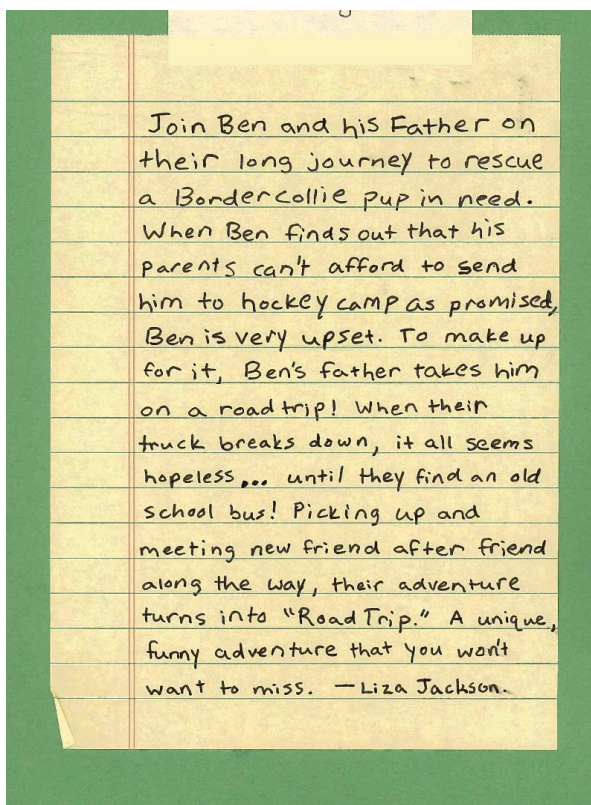


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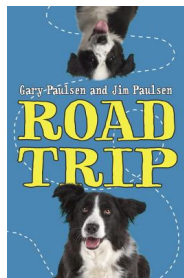
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*Liza is the daughter of Heidi and lives in Westby, WI. Thanks, Liza!



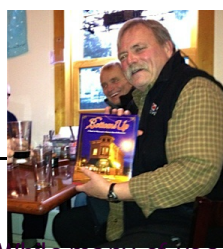
"The authors score on all fronts: they set an entertainingly frenzied pace, provide twists aplenty, create true dialogue that blends humor and pathos, and bring together a close-knit ensemble."

--Publisher's Weekly (starred review)

To order *Road Trip*, click [here](#).

We love your words! Feel free to send us YOUR review of a recently released book and if we publish it in our e-newsletter, there just might be a gift card in it for you!

Bottoms Up!



Thanks to all of you who came to The Rivers Eatery during Christmas in Cable weekend for the Bottoms Up Happy Hour Toast. And thanks to Mick for the 25 cent pints! Mark Fay, the photographer for Bottoms Up, is pictured here, holding *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars and Breweries*.

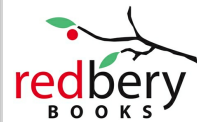
While many of us are exploring new ways to read books on all sorts of electronic devices, most people still seem to prefer nonfiction the old-fashioned way. Here's one of our favorites. *Snow Play: How to Make Forts, Slides, and Winter Campfires*. It makes a great winter gift for families looking for winter fun. It also makes a nice hostess gift! To order, click [here](#).



As always, thanks for reading our newsletter and shopping with us!

Hope to see many of you at the inspiring IPC Nordic World Cup at Telemark, January 10 - 21.

Sincerely,



Bev and the rest of the staff