



RedberryReads: A Newsletter From Redberry Books

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Wednesday	10 - 4
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January 5 Last day to sign up to be a World Book Night Book Giver (Click [here](#) to sign up!)

January 7 First meeting of "Get A Clue", mystery book club (Click [here](#) to order *The Burning* by Jane Casey)

March 1 *Wheel Fever* authors book signing event

April 23 World Book Night

Greetings!

Happy New Year! We are grateful for all of the snow that we've got here in the northland, but it's been too cold to go out and play! Just right for cozying up to a fire with a cup of tea and a great book! Please enjoy this edition of our e-newsletter as we share our favorite books from the last year.

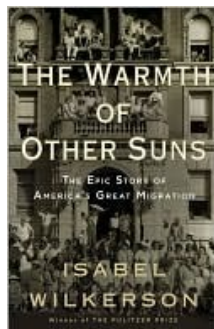


Best of 2013: Staff Picks

The staff at Redberry Books is quite diverse as far as what they choose to read, from bestsellers to mysteries to history to young adult to literary fiction. Here's a short selection of their favorites from 2013:

Bev's Pick

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson



Ida May is someone I will not forget, one of three persons whose story is told of the thousands of southern blacks who migrate to the North. Isabel Wilkerson's well-researched and highly readable book is full of hope, struggle, injustice, and discrimination as these families strive to find a place in the world for a better life and the American dream. It moved me to a better understanding of our history and a culture that is still being played out today. Beautifully written and a must read. To order, click [here](#).

Bev Bauer first opened Redberry Books in 2005. During that time she has met many new friends and not just the ones in books. When not in the store, she is a volunteer courier for National Donor Marrow Program.

Sarah's Pick

Dr. Sleep by Stephen King

Men's Book Club Book of the Year



The orchestra was warming up in some distant pit, the crowd murmuring as they found their seats, nodding and waving to friends across the aisle. This was the holiday event of the season, the one everyone talked about and speculated on and waited for. This was the Men's Book Group Book of the Year! OK, it wasn't quite that dramatic.

To read the rest of Ted G.'s hilarious review of the meeting and to learn what the men decided for their Book of the Year, click [here](#).

TOY OF THE YEAR?



Bev's Review:

"I would have loved this item when I was a kid! It's the latest craze. Kids are creating colorful bracelets using rubber bands. We have looms and the refills in stock. A bonus is that it's educational and can lead to improvement with dexterity, creativity, and the ability to develop an eye for patterns,

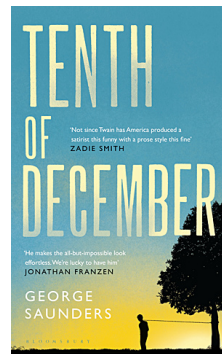
I would love to wear a red and white bracelet. Bring one

Stephen King has finally written a sequel to one of my favorite King novels, *The Shining*. Young Danny is now a middle aged man, still battling the demons acquired at the Overlook Hotel and the resulting addictions, and making a new life for himself in New Hampshire. Danny meets Abra, a 12 year old girl who is learning to control her own Shining, and he must help save her from a nasty group of soul eating paranormals. This is Stephen King at his best. For those of us who are fans of Stephen King's writing from the late 70's, *Dr. Sleep* is like coming home. I savored every page, and I can only hope that his next one will live up to it! To order, click [here](#).



Sarah Letke and her family moved to Cable from Montana. Besides being a bookseller and a substitute teacher, Sarah runs and skis and snowshoes. She's been known to complete a 5K and 10K race in one day!

Susan's Pick *Tenth of December* by George Saunders

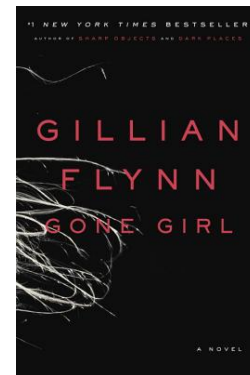


If 2013 was the year of the short story, George Saunders led the pack with a collection of inventive and provocative stories so "out there" that I had to read a couple of them twice. I soon discovered the truth and heart of his writing. He's amazing. To order, click [here](#).

Susan Horrocks lives in an old log cabin on Lac Courte Oreilles with her husband, Kevin, and their dog, Otis. When she's not reading, she's trying to stay warm (ref: "old cabin"), and working on their home-based, custom beaded belt business. She also loves to travel out West.

Trish's Pick *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

My pick for best book of 2013 is Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl*. This is one of the best psychological thrillers of our time. The devastating effect of putting two sociopathic personalities in a marriage is told in a book it is impossible to put down. Flynn draws you into a marriage that has gone terribly wrong and weaves an exciting thriller that keeps you engaged and at times confused until the very end. To order, click [here](#).



Trish Hemming moved to the northwoods after retiring from teaching 8th grade English. She's now teaching at the LCO Community College. Trish loves to read and spend time with her brilliant and talented grandchildren.

Katie's Pick *The Four Season Gardener's Cookbook: From the Garden to the Table in 120 Recipes*

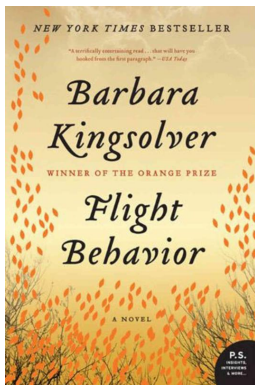
in and receive a free refill packet for your next project."



Rainbow Loom is a finalist in three toy categories: **Activity Toy of The Year**, **Girl Toy of The Year**, and **Special Toy of The Year**.

2013 Redberry Bestseller

The book that found its way into the hands of the most Redberry readers was Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior*.



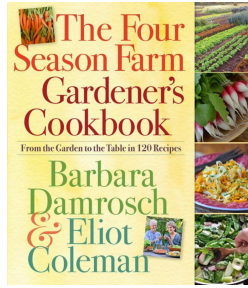
Barbara Kingsolver was recently awarded the "2013 Global Environmental Citizen Award" by the Harvard School of Public Health. *Flight Behavior* is also on the short list for the Women's Prize for Fiction. To order a copy, click [here](#).

Book Club of the Year

T.H.U.R.S.
(The Highly Unusual Readers Society)



by Barbara Damrosch and Eliot Coleman



I love to garden and I love to cook! I also appreciate good writing and this book has all three. The first half is a primer on organic gardening with all of Eliot's best tips and techniques. The second half is chock full of Barbara's best recipes that feature fresh food. To order, click [here](#).

Katie Hancock lives in Cable with her husband and six children. She loves to grow and preserve food, raise chickens, quilt, read, and drive her children to activities. She's now busy getting the Cable Community Farm off to a good start.

Jane's Pick

Benediction by Kent Haruf

Amidst all the world's business, Kent Haruf again writes a quiet ode to the precious ordinary. From the first sentence you know that Walt is dying. With that backdrop we feel the daily life of gratitude, not in a boisterous way, but in that quiet pace that is refreshing. There is one scene that will delight my mind forever: the women tending to his dying takes a break from the heat of the day and jump gleefully into the cold water of the cattle trough, giggling, sagging, spitting water into the air. Haruf always makes me pause, which is a blessing in itself. To order, click [here](#).

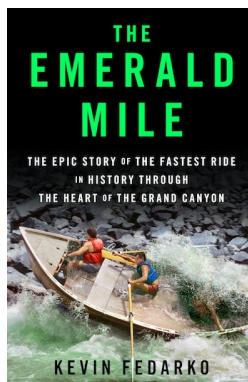


Jane Johnston has been in the bookselling/publishing industry for 38 years. Although she loves life in the northwoods and literary fiction, she has a tendency to "wander everywhere" both in her reading and in her travels around the globe.

Best of 2013: Author Picks

Rob Bignell's Pick

The Emerald Mile by Kevin Fedarko




The Emerald Mile tells the true story of adventurers who make an insurgent run down the Grand Canyon during a year of massive flooding on the Colorado River. Besides the thrills and suspense that kept me up way past my bedtime, Fedarko spellbindingly describes many landscape secrets of the canyon and even offers some insights on the value of nature in our modern, increasingly technological times. To order, click [here](#).

Rob Bignell is the author of *Headin' to the Cabin: Day Hiking Trails of Northwest Wisconsin*. You may have met him at our Author's Market this year.

Here is a photo of the group during a recent book club meeting held at The Rookery where they explored the short story format in general and Alice Munro's work in particular.

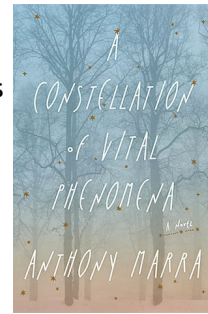


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Jennifer's Pick

A Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Anthony Marra

This is an incredible story about a young girl and the man who decides to take care of her when she is left alone in the world. *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* is powerful, emotional, and incredibly compelling. This novel is not to be missed. You'll be thinking of it long after you've read the last page. To order, click [here](#).



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