



## RedberryReads: A Newsletter From Redberry Books

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Gifts For Everyone On  
Your List!

### December Hours



**Mon-Wed 10-4**  
**Thurs-Sat 10-7**  
**Sun 10-2**

Check our website for  
special holiday hours.

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Dear

It's said the greatest gift you can give someone is the gift of your time. For adults, it can be time to chat and solve the world's problems over a glass of wine. For kids, it's the time you spend talking about school, playing a game (they might even let you win) exploring nature or just goofing around. Being together.

Reading takes us to new places and people and ideas, too. Share a favorite book with a friend. Step out of your comfort zone and try a new author. And whenever you can, read to a child and talk about a book's meaning with the young person in your life. It's one of the best ways to spend a little time - for you, and for them.

Best holiday wishes, and thank you for discovering the magic of words at  
your local independent book store.



### Ideas for the Outdoors Crowd



*Great Wisconsin Weekends*

by CA Andrews



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## Staff Picks For Kids



### ***Discovering America One Marathon at a Time***

by Jim Anderson



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### ***The Whisper*** by Pamela Zagarenski



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Jane says: I am so delighted by *The Whisper* written and illustrated by 2-time Caldecott winning artist, Paula Zagarinski (of the Sacred Bee cards). As words fall off the pages of the girl's book, the whisper of the wind hints at the magic of imagination. Fanciful, colorfully spectacular, this is a gift of exciting possibilities. Ages 4-7.

### ***Paddle Your Own Kayak*** by Gary & Joanie McGuffin



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### ***Blaze Orange*** by Travis Dewitz

### ***Waiting Is Not Easy*** by Mo Willems



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Jane says: The Gerald and Piggie books by Mo Willems are for beginning readers that will tickle all ages. Gerald the elephant is careful; Piggie is not. Gerald



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and Prints**  
by Karen Bicknell



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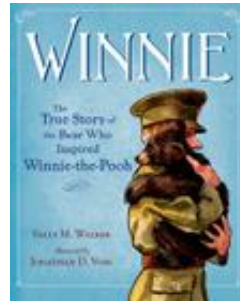
**Men's Discussion Group**  
Thurs, Dec 10th - 7pm  
Rivers Eatery  
They will discuss their  
Book of the Year.

**T.H.U.R.S.**  
Thurs, Dec 10th - 3pm  
Redbery Books  
*Lots of Candles,*

worries so that Piggie doesn't have to. Willems chronicles their friendship, interaction by interaction. My favorite is *Waiting Is Not Easy*, along with *Elephants Cannot Dance*, *We Are In A Book*, and twenty others. Ages 6-8.

***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear  
Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh***

by Sally M. Walker



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Marilyn says: This is the sweet background story of the beloved character, Winnie-the-Pooh. Did you know that Winnie was a girl? Ages 4-8.

***Six***

by M. Vaughan



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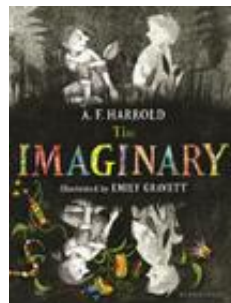
Marilyn says: Parker, 12, and Emma, his deaf sister, 10, work together with Michael, a wealthy computer boy-genius, to locate their missing scientist father. A good mix of adventure, science fiction and mystery. Ages 8-12.

***The Imaginary***

by A.F. Harrold

*Plenty of Cake*  
by Anna Quindlen

**Word of Mouth**  
Tues, Dec 15th - 6:30pm  
The Sawmill  
*At the Water's Edge*  
by Sara Gruen



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**Chapter and Verse**  
Will not meet in  
December.  
Wed, Jan 20th - 4:30pm  
Redbery Books

Marilyn says: A fantasy story of 9-year-old Amanda and her imaginary friend, Rudger. Interesting illustrations help tell the sometimes dark tale of their adventures. Ages 8-12.

**1001 Books to Read**  
Thurs, Dec 17th - 4pm

*Kim*  
by Rudyard Kipling

**Get a Clue! Mystery  
Book Club**  
Tues, Jan 12th - 6:30pm  
Forest Lodge Library  
*Dreaming Spies*  
by Laurie King

*Tenzi* and  
*77 Ways To Play Tenzi*



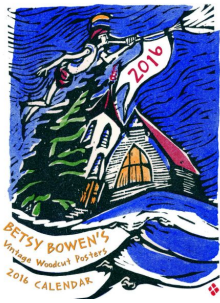
Jan says: The perfect Up North game for all generations to play over the holidays. Similar to Yahtzee, but way more fun and colorful. *77 Ways to Play* makes thinking up challenges easy for all.

**A 2016 Calendar  
Is a Great Gift**

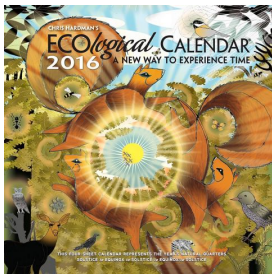
*Buy both together for a 10% discount through Dec 31.  
Available in store.*

**Betsy Bowen's Vintage  
Woodcut Posters**

*Story Cubes*



## ECOfogical Calendar A New Way to Experience Time



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2016 selection.

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Maureen says: Everyone can become a storyteller with these fun and award-winning dice. Just give them a roll and let the pictures inspire your imagination! Choose from *Prehistoria*, *Clues*, *Enchanted*, or all three styles with a handy tote.

## *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day The Crayons Came Home*

by Drew Dewart



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Susan says: In "*Quit*" the crayons become so disgruntled by their own color's lot in the crayon box that they hit the road, sending back hilarious postcards to their owner. They soon realize that things aren't so rosy on their own, so they make their way back in "*Home*". The writing is brilliant and so funny that kids will have to wrestle the books away from the adults. Ages 3-7.

## *Honor Girl* by Maggie Thrash



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Jen says: *Honor Girl* is a fantastic new graphic memoir by Maggie Thrash. Maggie tells a tale of summer camp, celebrity crushes, first love, and coming-of-age with refreshing honesty. It is bittersweet, nostalgic, and authentic. For young adults.

***Fallout (Lois Lane)***  
**by Gwenda Bond**



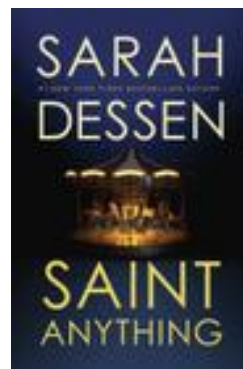
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Sarah says: A reimagined teenaged Lois Lane has just moved to Metropolis and is having trouble fitting in after moving with her Army father more times than she can count. Her only friend is online, and goes by the name, Smallville Guy. Can he help her solve the mystery behind the immersive video game that seems to be controlling her fellow students' minds? For young adults.

**Book Buzz**



***Saint Anything*** by Sarah Dessen



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Reviewed by Bev Bauer

Fans of Sarah Dessen and contemporary realistic fiction will not be disappointed in her somewhat meatier new novel. High school junior, Sidney, is trying to find her place in her family and her world after a terrible accident that lands her charismatic and popular brother, Peyton, in prison. He has always been the center of the family managed by a controlling mother. New friends, new romance and new school help her through the family drama, but not without some missteps. Dessen packs in a cast of fully developed characters, some of whom are likeable, some who are flawed and most who are both. For young adults.

***Echo*** by Pam Munoz Ryan



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Reviewed by Bev Bauer

A brilliantly constructed novel that crosses several genres - part historical and a bit of fantasy that has a feel of contemporary coming of age. Three characters (Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, Ivy in California) each try to keep their families intact under difficult circumstances. The stories are told separately, but tied together with one musical instrument and one surprise ending. This is a good one for any preteen, boy or girl, on your list. We want to see this one on the short list for an award. Ages 10-14.

...**Bery** Delicious

**An Old Fashioned Christmas:  
Sweet Traditions for Hearth and Home**

by Ellen Stimson



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**Eggnog Goopy Butter Cookies**

*If you like that warm buttery taste of eggnog, give these a try!*

*1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature*

*1/2 cup butter, room temperature*

*1 egg*

*1 1/2 teaspoons rum extract*

*1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg*

*1 package golden butter or yellow cake mix*

*1/2 cup powdered sugar and more for sprinkling*

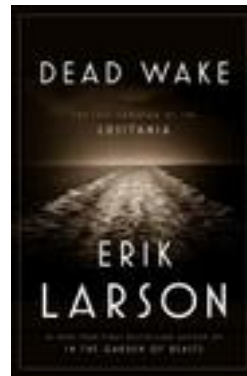
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in the egg. Mix in the rum extract and nutmeg. Lastly, mix in the cake mix until thoroughly incorporated. Cover bowl and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Roll the chilled batter into 1-inch-sized balls and roll them in powdered sugar. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, two inches apart. Bake 12 minutes. The cookies will remain soft and gooey. Cool completely and sprinkle with more powdered sugar (more is always better).



## Guys Talk Books

### ***Dead Wake* by Erik Larson**



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Reviewed by Ted Gostomski

Erik Larson is a master of historical non-fiction. The Men's Book Group learned this with *Devil in the White City*, the runner up for our 2012 Book of the Year. He proves it again with *Dead Wake*.

On May 1, 1915, the British cruise ship *Lusitania* left New York City, bound for Liverpool, England, with 1,959 passengers and crew. War was brewing in Europe, and German submarines were cruising the "war zone" off the coasts of Ireland and England looking to weaken the British effort by sinking anything that might be carrying weapons and supplies, even non-military ships. But the *Lusitania* was the fastest cruise ship on the open seas, so few had any doubt she would outrun any potential attacker. For six days the cruise liner crossed the Atlantic trouble-free, but on May 7, a beautiful spring morning, the *Lusitania* met the German U-20 off the Irish coast, just 20 miles from land. U-20 fired one torpedo and the *Lusitania* sank in 18 minutes. There were 123 Americans among the 1,195 who died.

Using a wealth of historical materials, Larson weaves in sub-plots from both sides of the ocean (and the periscope) to create a compelling story, from a deeply personal struggle in President Woodrow Wilson's life, to what seems near-regret for the tragedy expressed by the submarine's commander, Walther Schweiger. Larson also explores the claim about a conspiracy behind the attack. *Dead Wake* is an engrossing story about a tragedy that initiated the U.S.'s long, slow turn towards entering WWI, and that marked profound shift towards a more modern world.

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*Dear Redbery friends,*

*The holiday season is a time of giving, and the Redbery staff believes a book is the very best gift you can give to a child. Operation Rudolph, a program that provides gifts to children at Christmas time, is the perfect way to make sure that every child receives a book. Donate a new book to Operation Rudolph, and Redbery will match your donation with an additional book. You'll find the donation box at Redbery Books.*

*May you be surrounded by the warmth of family and friends this holiday season!*

**Sincerely and with gratitude,**



**Maureen and the rest of the staff**

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