



## RedberyReads: A Newsletter From Redbery Books

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Ideas for a Happier New  
Year



Dear

Happy 2016!

Here's to kicking the new year off with a clean slate, and keeping our minds open to new ideas and possibilities. We might all try to laugh more, too, so we've launched a LOL campaign with a few books to get things rolling.

Books are great conduits for inspiration, so come see us. You might finally decide to build a chicken coop, or dust off that manuscript and become the next, best selling Indie author. Could happen, anything's possible...

Cheers!

New Mindset  
Chapter One



As always, thank you for shopping your local independent book store.

**LOL!**

("Laughing Out Loud" or "Let's Order Leinies". Not sure which, but it's all good)

### January Hours

Sun-Tues: Closed

Wed: 10-4

Thurs-Sat: 10-7

*Extended hours during  
event weeks.*

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**LIFE'S  
COMPLICATED.  
HELP IS HERE!**

*Thing Explainer -  
Complicated Stuff  
in Simple Words*  
by Randall Munroe



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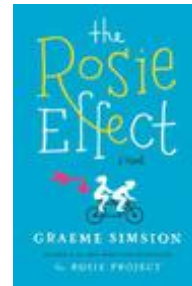
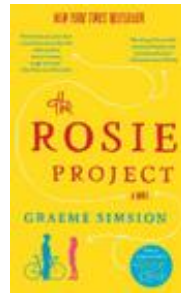
The Redbery staff wholeheartedly agrees that the new year could use a humorous boost. Some of these books are older, some new - it doesn't matter. Funny doesn't have a sell-by date, so have at it!

*The Rosie Project*  
and  
*The Rosie Effect*  
by Graeme Simsion

*The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*  
by Marie Kondo



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**Maureen:**

*I laughed out loud with The Rosie Project, where we meet Don Tillman, an emotionally challenged geneticist who's created a screener for identifying the perfect mate. He finds love with Rosie, instead, who is not exactly his scientific ideal. The Rosie Effect finds them married and expecting a baby, an event which was not factored into Don's carefully constructed life plan.*

**LOVE ANIMALS?  
READ ON.**



This month we're celebrating the good works of our local Northwoods Humane Society, which serves hundreds of animals each year, and operates largely on donations, grants and volunteer time. For every animal book purchased online or in the store during the month of January, Redbery will

*Furiously Happy*  
by Jenny Lawson



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**Jan:**

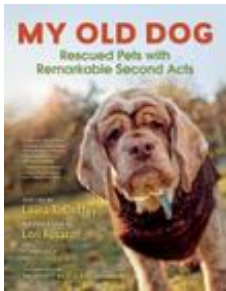
*The book takes a serious topic (mental illness) and puts a humorous spin on a very real illness that people have, and how it affects the whole family.*

*Yes, Please*  
by Amy Poehler

donate 15% to NHS.

Here are just a few. Thanks for your support.

***My Old Dog - Rescued Pets With Remarkable Second Acts***  
by Laura Coffey



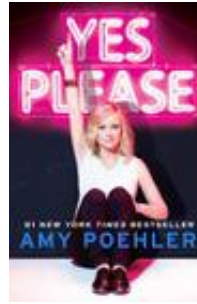
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***H Is For Hawk***  
by Helen Macdonald



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***Soul of an Octopus***  
by Sy Montgomery



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**Jen:**  
*"Yes, Please" is a memoir by the hilarious comedian, Amy Poehler. It's smart, it's funny, it's full of heart. Amy is brilliant, and so is this book.*

***The Midnight Plan of the Repo Man***  
by W. Bruce Cameron



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**Sarah:**  
*Ruddy McCann isn't having the best time of it lately. He used to be an NFL-bound football star and now he's a lowly repo man in northern Michigan. He begins hearing voices in his head that introduce itself as Alan Lottner, and announce that he's been murdered. Ruddy must figure out if he's going crazy (repo madness!) or if the voice is telling the truth.*

***Flashman***  
by George MacDonald Fraser



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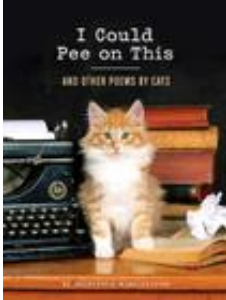
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**Kevin (Susan's husband):**

*Lout, womanizer, self-professed coward and boozier, Harry Flashman finds himself embroiled in historic events, and declared a hero. First in a series of historically accurate, viciously funny, insightful adventures.*

***I Could Pee on This  
and Other Poems by Cats***

by Francesco Marciuliano



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**Where'd You Go, Bernadette**

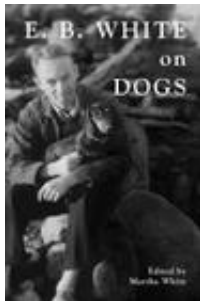
by Maria Semple



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***E.B. White on Dogs  
Essays, Poems Letters***

by E.B. White

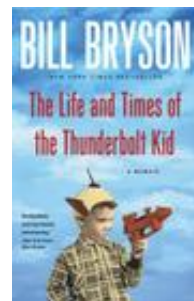


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*Feeling a little crabby? Not for long. This is a comic caper about a wonderfully eccentric, vitriolic, MacArthur-winning former architect and the plucky teenage daughter determined to find her when she goes missing.*

***The Life and Times  
of the Thunderbolt Kid***

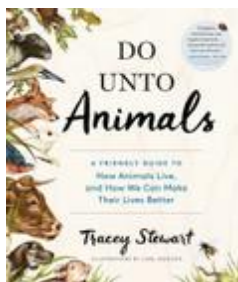
by Bill Bryson



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***Do Unto Animals***

by Tracey Stewart



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**Susan:**

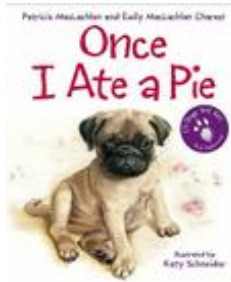
*This book is hilarious, especially if you're a child of the 50's. Bryson brings back the culture of the day; clothes, candy, cars, school days, vacations, crushes, and getting grounded to make you feel like a kid again.*

Book Buzz

Also on the lighter side, here's a  
book-to-movie pick.  
We think you'll love both.

***Once I Ate A Pie***

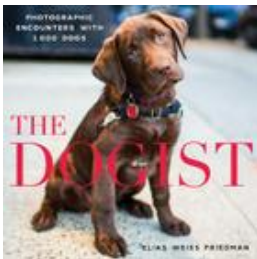
by Patricia MacLachlan



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***The Dogist***

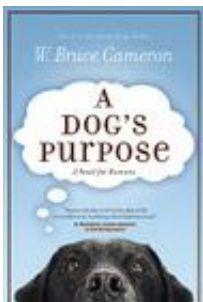
by Elias Weiss Friedman



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***A Dog's Purpose***

by W. Bruce Cameron



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***Shake Cats***

by Carli Davidson

**The Martian**  
by Andy Weir



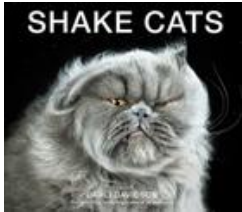
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When I heard the movie *The Martian* was nominated for a 2016 Golden Globe Award in the comedy category, I was surprised, because I assumed it was a serious science fiction story. How wrong I was! What began as a chapter-by-chapter posting on author Andy Weir's personal blog, *The Martian* blasted to the top of the science fiction bestseller lists when the hardcover book was published. *The Martian* is science fiction, comedy and thriller all rolled into one page-turning "un-put-downable" novel. Astronaut Mark Watney is stuck on Mars after a dust storm forces the rest of the crew to evacuate. He has no way to communicate with Earth and is bound to run out of supplies before anyone can reach him. It's a good thing Watney is extremely intelligent, resourceful and wonderfully humorous. Blending science with ingenuity, Watney's gripping daily log entries are completely fascinating as he works through huge setbacks and figures out new ways to stay alive until he can be rescued. I loved the combination of humor and science in this story and highly recommend it to anyone looking for a captivating and plausible adventure book. *Maureen, Redbery owner*

...**Bery** Delicious

**The  
Birchwood Café Cookbook**

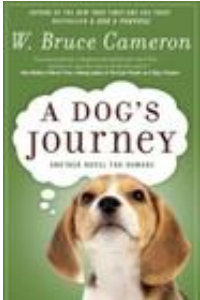
by Tracy Singleton and Marshall Paulsen



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### *A Dog's Journey*

by W. Bruce Campbell



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### **REDBERY BOOK CLUBS JANUARY**

#### **Men's Discussion Group**

Thurs, Jan 7th - 6:30pm

Rivers Eatery

*Giants in the Earth*

by Ole Ralvaag

#### **TH.U.R.S.**

Thurs, Jan 14th - 3pm

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*Some Luck*

by Jane Smiley

#### **Word of Mouth**

Tues, Jan 19th - 6:30pm

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*The Constellation  
of Vital Phenomena*

by Anthony Marra



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For twenty years the Birchwood Cafe has guided diners to live and eat sustainably and joyfully. Now you can sample Birchwood's recipes - adapted for home cooks - and fill your table with the irresistible fare that has made the cafe one of the region's best-loved restaurants.

### **Bacon Blueberry Black Current Oatmeal**

4-6 ounces bacon, cut into 1/4 inch pieces

1 cup steel cut oats

3 cups water

1/4 cup maple syrup

1 tablespoon sambal (Sriracha can be substituted and is available locally)

1/2 cup blueberry black currant jam (or blueberry jam of your choice)

Pistachios, shelled and chopped

In a large skillet set over medium-low heat, cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until it is deep golden brown and crisp, about 5 to 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain.

Put the oatmeal and the water into a medium pot, and set it over high heat. Bring the water to a boil; then reduce the heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the oats are tender, about 20 minutes. Allow to stand for about 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, whisk together the maple syrup and the sambal.

Serve the oatmeal drizzled with the sambal maple syrup and topped with a dollop of jam, crumbled bacon, and pistachios.

Guys Talk Books

*Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine,*

## *and the Murder of a President*

by Candice Millard



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Reviewed by Ted Gostomski

Author, Candice Millard, is a former editor and writer for National Geographic, so she has a lot of experience writing about history and geography in a way that captures the imagination. She put those skills to good use in her story about Theodore Roosevelt's near-fatal trip down a tributary of the Amazon in *River of Doubt*. It is a biography that is slightly out of the mainstream (Roosevelt's trip occurred after his time as president) and not entirely about the person at the center of the tale. In her second book, *Destiny of the Republic*, Millard applies her skills to a historical biography about President James Garfield.

*Destiny of the Republic* is, of course about Garfield's political rise to an unsought-after presidency, but the bulk of the book is about the medicine and technology that were brought to bear in trying to save Garfield's life after being shot by a deranged "supporter" in July of 1881. Alexander Graham Bell played a prominent role in the events following the assassination, and the book tells nearly as much about his life as it does about Garfield's. Bell invented a metal detector that could be used to locate the bullet lodged in Garfield's abdomen. The invention ultimately failed to do so, but through no fault of Bell's; Garfield's primary doctor D. Willard Bliss - who cared for Lincoln after he was shot - tyrannically controlled

every aspect of Garfield's care. He only allowed Bell to search the right side of Garfield's body because that is where Bliss believed the bullet to be. (After Garfield's death, the autopsy found the bullet in the left side of his abdomen). Bliss and the state of medical care in the late 1880's are another topic of Millard's. Dr. Joseph Lister was, at the time, promoting antiseptic techniques in patient care, but many of his colleagues scoffed at the idea of sterilizing equipment and anything else that came into contact with the patient. This ignorance on the part of Bliss proved fatal for President Garfield. Bliss refused to believe there was any infection caused by his less-than-sterile medical practices, and it was this infection that ultimately killed the president.

### **Chapter and Verse**

Wed, Jan 20th - 4:30pm

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**Wanted: Adults who enjoy children's literature to join this group!**

### **1001 Books to Read**

Thurs, Jan 21st - 4pm

*Cry the Beloved Country*

by Alan Paton

### **Get a Clue! Mystery Book Club**

Tues, Jan 12th - 6:30pm

Forest Lodge Library

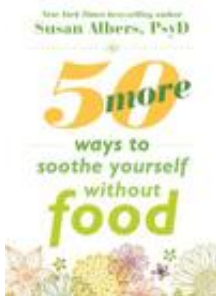
*Dreaming Spies*

by Laurie King

### **KICK BACK AND RELAX**

### ***50 More Ways To Soothe Yourself Without Food***

by Susan Albers, PhD



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**Puzzles.**

***We have tons of puzzles.***

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***Dear Redbery friends,***

***Our pets mean the world to us. They bring joy, comfort and unconditional love into our lives. Redbery is celebrating animals this month by collaborating with***



*our local Northwoods Humane Society, which has helped connect animals with loving owners for many years. Check out our display of new and "old favorite" animal books. Your purchase will benefit NHS and your pet will thank you.*

**Sincerely and with gratitude,**



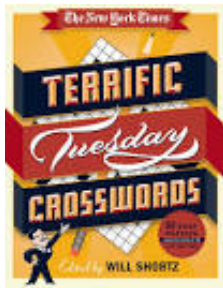
*Easy or hard, we have lots of crosswords too.*

**Maureen and the rest of the staff**

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