

RedberyReads: A Newsletter From Redbery Books

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Dear Maureen,

February Hours

Wednesday 10-4

Thurs-Sat 10-7

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extended open hours
during Birkie week.

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Coming Soon
in
February

*The High Mountains of
Portugal*

by Yann Martel

In Other Words

by Jhumpa Lahiri

Midnight Sun

by Jo Nesbo

Dog Love

by Ann DeVito



Ah, amour. Romance is wonderful, but love is more than hearts and flowers. In stories we find the love of home, place, spiritual love, love of country, family and ideals. Love of nature and living things. Love is written beautifully in the lines of memoirs, poetry and self-help books. The love of chocolate has inspired oodles of books! We hope our picks from staff and friends inspire you to find love in new places.

We're also excited to feature the winners of the children's book awards. Each and every one was lovingly written and begs to be read to a child.

Stay warm, enjoy the snow (Birkie skiers rock!), and thank you for shopping your local independent book store.

LOVE OF... PEOPLE, PLACE, COUNTRY, IDEALS, NATURE...
WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?

**STAFF AND FRIENDS EXAMINE
THE MANY FACETS OF LOVE
IN BOOKS**

Sarah

The Firebrand and the First Lady

by Patricia-Bell Scott

Wild By Nature

by Sarah Marquis

Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World

by Adam M. Grant

In *The Home Place* by Carrie LeSeur, successful lawyer Alma Terrabone must return home to Billings, Montana to take care of her niece in the wake of her sister's death. Family secrets are revealed, high school love is rekindled, and mysteries are solved, all centered at the "home place", the old family homestead on the plains of eastern Montana.



A story of family and place.

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**REDBERY BOOK CLUBS
FEBRUARY**

Men's Discussion Group

Thurs, Feb 4 - 6:30pm

The Moveable Feast

by Ernest Hemingway

T.H.U.R.S.

Thurs, Feb 11 - 3pm

My Brilliant Friend

by Elena Ferrante

Word of Mouth

Tues, Feb 16 - 6:30pm

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by Elena Ferrante

Chapter and Verse

Wed, Feb 17 - 4:30pm

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

by Kelly Jones

and

The Perfect Nest

by Catherine Friend

1001 Books To Read

Thurs, Feb 18 - 4pm

Cry, the Beloved Country

by Alan Paton

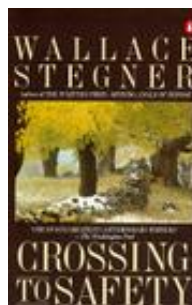
Jane



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Kent Haruf speaks to love in the most subtle of ways. In *Plainsong*, he illuminates, through two 90-year old brothers and a young, pregnant Indian girl, the ability of unexpected love to save us all. In *Benediction*, it is love of the "precious ordinary" that astounds.

Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety* is about the love of friends and their ability to sustain us.

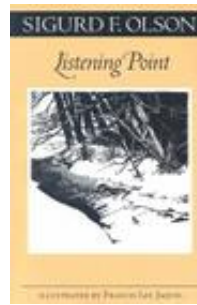


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Listening Point by Sigurd Olson celebrates the love of nature and love of the land and their ability to ground us and elate us amidst the bustle.

Get a Clue! Mystery Book Club

Tues, Mar 8 - 6:30pm
Smilla's Sense of Snow
by Peter Hoeg



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Thank you

To everyone who purchased an animal book during the month of January to benefit Northwoods Humane Society.

Ted

If there were ever a story about a mother's love for her child, Jeff Foltz's book, *Birkebeiner: A Story of Motherhood and War* is it.

Lots of animal love!

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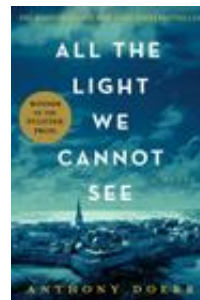
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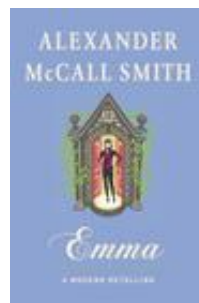
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The most recent book, for me, that deals with the different types of love is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. It covers love between father and daughter, soldier and girl, love of their country, and love of extended family. I thought the descriptions were phenomenal, and made you feel the connections and love.



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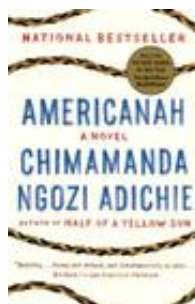
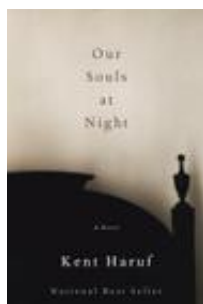
Marilyn



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***Emma* by Alexander McCall Smith. An independent-minded girl living at home with her worry wart father imagines herself to be helpful, but oftentimes is more likely to be meddlesome. In the end love truly does conquer all.**

Susan



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Two very different books, but ones that share a similar thread are *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf and *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. They both center around life change and the loss of self that can come with being uprooted or finding oneself adrift. The characters discover a restorative closeness and comfortable intimacy through another person that brings them back to who they once were. Possibly better than they were before.

We appreciate these additional contributions from reader friends:

Debra: *The History of Love* by Nicole Knauss

***The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro**

Lorrie: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

***The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.**

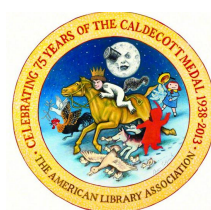
Melisa: *The Neopolitan Novels* by Elena Ferrante

***For You Mom, Finally* by Ruth Reichl**

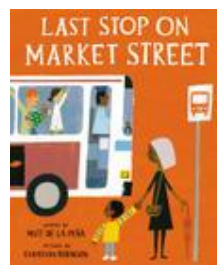
***Just Kids* by Patti Smith**

***Traveling with Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kid**

2016 CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS



The **Newbery Medal** is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. This year's winning book is *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena, Christian Robinson.



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Reviewed by Bev Bauer

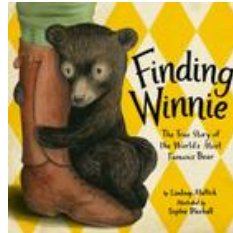
If you know that this book won three prestigious awards*, you don't need to be told this is one fine book. This is the story of every Grandma and child. Nana and CJ make a trip across town every Sunday after church. Along the way the reader is treated to a cityscape where Nana can find beauty everywhere as she encourages CJ to really see his world. As we take the bus trip with the pair, we can only wonder what will be at the *Last Stop on Market Street*. No spoilers here.

*Newbery awarded for distinguished contribution to literature.

*Caldecott Honor awarded for distinguished picture book.

*Coretta Scott King Honor for distinguished book by African American author that honors Dr. King's legacy.

The **Caldecott Medal** is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The **2016 Medal** winner is ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***, illustrated by Sophie Blackall, Lindsay Mattick



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The **Michael L. Printz Award** is for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. The 2016 Printz winner is ***Bone Gap*** by Laura Ruby.



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Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan



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Reviewed by Bev Bauer

On the short list for the Newbery Medal, this is 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, and 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 one is good for any preteen, boy or girl, on your list (ages 10 and up). We want to see this one on the short list for an award.

...**Bery** Delicious

**Training for the Birkie? Check out this cookbook.
(Not training for the Birkie? Pretend.)**

THE FEED ZONE COOKBOOK
Fast and Flavorful Food For Athletes
by Biju Thomas & Allen Lim



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*"Unique, simple recipes for quick meals that will help
fuel your workouts and speed recovery".*
Men's Journal

CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

2 cups cubed, slightly stale bread
4 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup almond milk
1/2 cup chocolate chips, melted
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Sprinkle of cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped bananas

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-inch round baking dish.

Combine all ingredients except bread in a large mixing bowl. Add bread cubes and let soak until bread cubes are thoroughly coated, about 10 minutes. Add a bit more milk if all liquid has been absorbed.

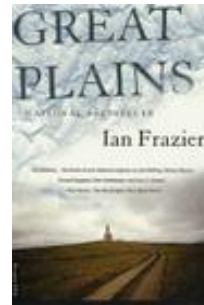
Pour into prepared pan and bake in oven for 30-45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Scoop pudding into a bowl and garnish with fresh fruit.

Guys Talk Books

Great Plains

by Ian Frazier



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Reviewed by Ted Gostomski

"Today, most travelers who see the plains do it from thirty thousand feet...Crossing high and fast above the plains, headed elsewhere, you are doing what rain clouds tend to do...Many banks and insurance companies had a policy of not lending money for the purposes of agriculture west of the hundredth meridian. ...It makes sense that traditional finance would balk there, because the Great Plains don't exactly qualify as real estate.

In the 1980s, Ian Frazier traveled the Great Plains alone in his van, sleeping in truck stops and on road shoulders most of the way, meeting people, and visiting historical places long since overgrown. *Great Plains* is his ode to that open country that sprawls through 10 states from the Canadian border south to Texas. It is both a history and a contemporary view (albeit more than 20 years old now), and it is so well-written that even a slow reader like me can be caught up and move through it like wildfire on the prairie.

Frazier is a scholar and a humanist, but most of all he is an observer and a keen story teller. He relates the region's Native American history with fascinating and thorough detail, talking about Crazy Horse and General Custer with equal aplomb. He reveals Bonnie and Clyde's place in plains history, and he has a story about Lawrence Welk--the most famous export of Strasburg, North Dakota--being whacked on the head with a brick after playing at a

dance. He describes ghost towns and MX missile silos. He provides a history of the Dust Bowl and a little-known episode called the "black exodus" from the Reconstructed South to the freedom of the north. Through it all, he paints the most beautiful picture of dust and grass and blue sky and baking heat and unbroken horizons that perhaps anyone before or since has been able to convey. If you have any interest in this immense part of the nation's mid-section, this book is the place to start learning."

*Dear Redbery friends,
I love books. They take me to places I've never been and introduce me to people I've never met. I thank my parents for instilling in me a love of reading. The worlds of Nancy Drew, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm and The Swiss Family Robinson kept me enchanted for hours on end. Gifts of books were better than any kind of chocolate on Valentine's Day. Who shared their love of reading with you? The Redbery booksellers are always ready to help you fall in love with a new book, so stop in and see us!*

Sincerely and with gratitude,



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