

## RedberyReads: A Newsletter From Redbery Books

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June Hours

Sunday 10-2 Monday 10-4 Tues-Sat 10-7

Redbery is always open online at: www.redberybooks.com

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th

Dad will love these!

The Last Mile by David Baldacci



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Shoe Dog by Phil Knight

#### **Greetings!**

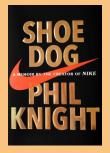
Summer's finally here and we're off to a fast start with some exciting events. There's a little something for everyone, and your out of town guests will be impressed by all that our little town has to offer. (Including a terrific independent book store, if we do say so ourselves!)

Redbery is a strong supporter of literacy, especially among children. So please remember that even though school is out, reading with your kids is essential, year-round. Plus, books are portable no matter where the action happens to be...on the dock or in a sleeping bag with a flashlight. What could be better?

Stop by - we've got a great selection of summer reads for everyone.

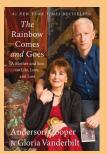


As always, thanks for shopping your local independent book store.



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Comes and Goes
by
Anderson Cooper
and Gloria Vanderbilt



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One Marathon
at a Time
by
Jim Anderson

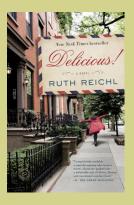


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Redbery Books to host Peter Geye and his new book, Wintering COMING TUESDAY, JUNE 14th, 6:00pm Redbery's Annual Book Dinner at the Brickhouse Café Tickets go fast. Call Redbery to reserve your spot. Limit 20 people.

Highly respected food writer and editor of *Gourmet Magazine*, Ruth Reichl turns her skills to novel writing in our featured book, *Delicious*, for this year's Annual Book Dinner.

If the book alone isn't enough to fire up your taste buds, the aromas wafting from Chef Heather's kitchen will! Full menu coming soon, so stand by.



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\$30 per guest, payable in advance, includes a gourmet dinner, glass of wine, tax and gratuity. Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance of the event. Limit 20 guests.

We are excited to host this annual event, and thank you for buying your book at Redbery.

Please join us!

### **Book Buzz**

The Road to Little Dribbling
by Bill Bryson



Reception and Book Signing

Friday, June 24 6:00-7:30pm Forest Lodge Library

Redbery was delighted to host author Peter Geye in 2013 upon the release of his book *Lighthouse Road*.

The response from that evening was so positive that we've asked Redbery friend Eric Schubring to come back and help lead the discussion with Peter about his great new book, Wintering.

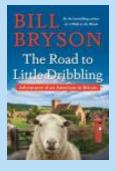
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Please join us!

Redbery welcomes author Tony Dincau and his book, A Trout Fisherman's Soul.



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Reviewed by Bob King

I thought it an exquisite example of synchronicity that I started reading *The Road to Little Dribbling* on the first day of the NCAA basketball tournament, but fair warning, do not do as I did and read the book in the reception area of your local dental clinic. Unrestrained laughter in a place so fraught with dread can have people looking at you as if you are daft.

First, I was taken by the title. I rather assumed it would include directions and maps to apothecaries that carry Depends for people like me of a certain age but, no, it's just a clever way to sell books.

I am a fan of my fellow Iowan, Bill Bryson. I have delighted in his work and enjoyed this one not only for its humour but also for the ton of historical nuggets in the rich vein that is Drib bling.

Early in his career Bryson wrote a travelogue (*Notes from a Small Island*) of his tramps in England. Over thirty years later he revisits many of his original discoveries and comments on how well they have fared.

It is written in proper Iowan English, not that horrid British dialect. He only uses "jolly" once and then I couldn't tell if the object was pleasant or merely jovial. He doesn't use "chips" when referring to French fries, or confuse crisps with Lays Ruffles.

Though he is now a British citizen, he does not alter his Midwestern behavior by anglicising common words like aeroplane and defence. Lift is something you do rather than ride and soccer is the game where you can't use your hands on the ball.

While there is much Bryson likes about his adopted country including his British wife, he does have some fun with things British, the money and measures for instance:

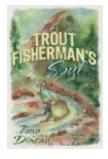
"Or look at the old money, with its florins and half crowns and thrupenny bits, and imagine what it was like in the days when people had to add tuppence ha'penny to one shilling four nibblings or whatever.

"If you suggest to any British person that there is anything odd or irregular about any part of a British system-let's say, just for the sake of argument, about weights and measures- they get very slightly huffy and say, "I don't know what you are talking about." "But it's full of meaningless units like bushels and firkins and kilderkins," you point out. "They make no sense." "Of course they make sense," the British person will sniff. "Half a firkin is a jug, half a jug is a tot, half a tot is a titter, half a titter is a cock-droplet. What's not logical about that?"

He has fun with British men of letters, to wit: "Percy Bysshe (the only poet named for the sound of a match hitting water)."

He has fun with British flora, in this case, wildflowers:

"Andrew, our natural history expert, recited their names for us-ladies' bedsore, yellow cowpox, tickle-me-knickers, sneezle, old man's crack. Didn't have my notebook with me, so I may not have all the names exactly right, but that was the drift of it."



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# Saturday, June 11 2:30-4:00

Come meet Tony and purchase a signed copy of his new book.

### Redbery Book Clubs In June

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

Thurs, June 2 - 6:30
The Guernsey Literary
and Potato Peel Pie
Society
by
Mary Anne Shaffer
and
Annie Burrows

#### T.H.U.R.S.

Thurs, June 9 - 3:00

Delicious

by Ruth Reichl

#### Word of Mouth

Tues, June 21 - 6:30

The Cherry Harvest
by Lucy Sanna

#### **Chapter and Verse**

Wed, June 15 - 4:30

Salt to the Sea

by Ruta Septys

and

The Cello of Mr Oby

by Jane Cutler

#### 1001 Books to Read

Thurs, June 16 - 4:00

The Land Remembers

by Ben Logan

Get a Clue! Mystery Book Club Bryson simply has fun all the way through his adoring review of the new England.

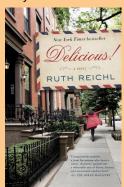
So if you are a bibliophile who is also an Anglophile, or merely a crusty old file looking for an entertaining, historically correct top-to-bottom tour of America's most steadfast ally, give *Dribbling* a read.

### ...Bery Delicious

There's only one recipe in Ruth Reichl's book, *Delicious*, but it takes gingerbread to a whole new level.

### **Delicious**

by Ruth Reichl



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### Billie's Gingerbread

### **CAKE**

Whole black peppercorns

Whole cloves

Whole cardamom

1 cinnamon stick

2 cups flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

3 large eggs

1 large egg yolk

1 cup sour cream

1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature

1 cup sugar

2 large pieces fresh ginger root (1/4 cup, tightly packed when finely grated)

Zest from 2-3 oranges (1-1/2 tsp finely grated)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour a 6-cup Bundt pan.

Grind your peppercorns, cloves, and cardamom and measure out 1/4 tsp of each. (You can use pre-ground spices, but the cake won't taste

Mon, July 11, 6:30 The Informationist by Taylor Stevens

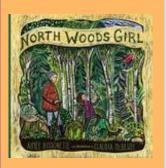
### Memoirs In The Morning Book Club

Wed, June 29, 10am

Just Mercy
by Bryan Stevenson

There is a new book club at Redbery Books! This first meeting, we will be discussing our favorite memoirs/biographies and choosing the upcoming months' picks, so please bring a few suggestions. This book club will meet every other month.

2016 Award-Winning Book and Author North Woods Girl by Aimee Bissonette



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Book Signing
Saturday, July 16th
2:00pm
Redbery Books

The 2015 Sigurd
F.Olson winner
for children's literature
tells the story of a young
girl's visits to her
grandma's north woods
home, and celebrates the
treasures of our natural
surroundings.
A terrific cabin book.

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as good.)

Grind your cinnamon stick and measure out 1 tsp. (Again, you can use ground cinnamon if you must.)

Whisk the flour with the baking powder, baking soda, spices, and salt in a small bowl.

In another small bowl, whisk the eggs and egg yolk into the sour cream. Set a side.

Cream the butter and sugar in a stand mixer until the mixture is light, fluffy, and almost white. This should take about 3 minutes.

Grate the ginger root - this is a lot of ginger - and the orange zest. Add them to the butter/sugar mixture.

Beat the flour mixture and the egg mixture, alternating between the two, into the butter until each addition is incorporated. The batter should be as luxurious as mousse.

Spoon batter into the prepared pan and bake for about 40 minutes, until cake is golden and a wooden skewer comes out clean.

Remove to a rack and cool in the pan for 10 minutes.

### **SOAK**

1/2 cup bourbon1-1/2 Tbs sugar

While the cake cools in its pan, simmer the bourbon and sugar in a small pot for about 4 minutes. It should reduce to about 1/3 cup.

While the cake is still in the pan, brush half of the bourbon mixture onto its exposed surface (the bottom of the cake) with a pastry brush. Let the syrup soak in for a few minutes, then turn the cake out onto a rack.

Gently brush the remaining mixture all over the cake.

#### **GLAZE**

3/4 cup powdered sugar, sifted or put through a strainer 5 tsp orange juice

Once the cake is cooled, mix the sugar with the orange juice and either drizzle the glaze randomly over the cake or put it into a squeeze bottle and do a controlled drizzle.

### Guys Talk Books

This way to our new



Paddling to Winter by Julie Buckles



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Reviewed by Ted Gostomski

In 1999, Julie Buckles and her husband Charly Ray paddled away from a Lake Superior beach in northern Wisconsin and headed north on what they had long-called "The Trip." It was a dream trip for Charly, one that he was now sharing with Julie as their honeymoon. Their plan was to paddle west from the Bayfield Peninsula to Duluth, north up the Lake Superior shore, then carry over into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, where they would thread their way along 1,700 miles of lakes and rivers to Wollaston Lake in northeast Saskatchewan. They planned to spend the winter at Wollaston Lake, then continue north the next spring, 1,300 miles to the Arctic Ocean. They make it to Wollaston Post, Saskatchewan, before freeze-up and spend the winter in a cabin on Estevan Island in Wollaston Lake, 15 miles from town. They occasionally paddled into town, or skied there over the frozen lake, but even then, they were still 28 miles from the nearest road, and that road went 260 miles before reaching the next town.

What's interesting about this book is that paddling is only half the story. Buckles goes beyond the trip details to show what else canoe travel can be: a distillation of life to its common essentials (food, water, and shelter) and the raising of one's awareness--you pay attention to wind, to clouds, and to sounds. But being fortunate enough to spend a winter in such a place, is not always the paradise one might imagine. Solitude is both a gift and a challenge because there is, as Buckles writes, a "great pressure that goes along with the gift of time." Once the dream of endless days in a beautiful place is actually achieved, one comes up against an insistent sense of needing to do something wonderful with the gift they have been given--write a great novel perhaps, or create a masterpiece of art. Julie and Charly struggled with this, but they came through in shining fashion. This book is proof of that.

Woe to the person who, without reading a word, pigeon-holes this book as a travelogue, another outdoors story filled with wind and mosquitoes, sunsets and silence. *Paddling to Winter* is about more than just a canoe trip. It is about a way of living that is rare and very special.

There's nothing more exciting to a bookseller than attending a national book conference complete with authors, publishers, editors and hundreds of fellow booksellers. Recently my husband Brad, Sarah Letke, Bill Bauer and I attended Book Expo America in Chicago, where we met many outstanding authors and attended sessions that were informative and highly



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