

Family Book Shop Newsletter September 2008

The harder I work, the luckier I get.

We've planned another big yard sale at the store on Sunday, October 5th. We'll be selling outside in the parking lot, weather permitting. There will also be several families selling "stuff" and several encyclopedia sets to give away. We've room for about 4 more spots. Let me know if you're interested. As before, any book sales will go toward sending books to our soldiers in the Middle East. We've sent about 40 boxes so far. We need names. Do you know of any soldiers over there? Please share their addresses with us.

Long awaited, Brisinger by Christopher Paolini is on sale September 20th. We offer a free gift to the first 10 who buy it.

The independent store for this month is called Thrifty Nikki's. It's a new second hand store on north Woodland Blvd. about halfway between us and Wal-Mart...same side of the street. Nikki is a young woman hoping to make a go of her own business while planning her wedding. You'll find her to be very pleasant and cute as well.

Kelli is reading The Jury "New York Times" bestselling author Fern Michaels pens the fourth novel in her Sisterhood series, delivering a fast-paced, satisfying story about female friends who dish out their own brand of justice. This time, their target is an abusive, high-profile Washington powerbroker husband of one of their own." I've read the first three and they are extraordinary. She's also reading Sherrilyn Kenyon's Dark Side of the Moon, "New York Times bestselling author Kenyon delivers a sizzling, fast-paced paranormal story full of unexpected humor and high stakes." It's the 10th in the series but Kelli still insists she doesn't read paranormals.

Nikki is reading Untouchable by Linda Winstead Jones "A new series from the author

of the Prince trilogy begins. For the Emperor of Colymbyana, no bride can compare to Sanura, an exotic slave with the power to see into men's souls. To touch her brings incredible pleasure--and certain death, even for the Emperor's brother, who loves her." This will likely be a pick for their DemonRiders Book Club (Pun intended.) She is also reading wedding magazines and has her wedding planned for April 18th.

Amanda is reading the book club pick, Turbulent Sea by Christine Feehan "Bewitching rock superstar Joley Drake can have any lover she wants. But when her life is threatened, her dangerously sexy bodyguard is the only man she needs. There's just one problem: his shadowy reputation as a secret Russian hit man may put Joley in even greater peril." She is also reading Feehan's Safe Harbor, one of the Drake Sisters' fantasy novels and Anna Windsor's Bound by Shadow "Riana Darwin is a fully trained Sybil, a warrior priestess battling evil whose practical magic keeps her grounded in earthly science--and desires. After Riana joins New York City detective Creed Lowell to solve a bizarre murder, dangerous spells and passionate sparks begin to fly, in this first title of a sexy new trilogy."

She and Nikki devoured Acheron, "From the #1-bestselling author Kenyon comes the biggest publication event in Dark-Hunter history: the story of Acheron, the god of final fate and the leader of the Dark-Hunters." Both say the 728 page book was well worth the money.

Jen is reading the book club books as well as Jean Plaidy's Rose Without a Thorn, "A wonderfully engrossing first-person account of Katherine Howard, King Henry VIII's fifth wife. Cousin to Anne Boleyn, Katherine took a very different path to come to the same unjust fate." And Philippa Gregory's Constant Princess. "From the "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Virgin's Lover," this enthralling new novel answers one of history's most intriguing questions: What lay behind Katherine of Aragon's enormous, history-changing lie?"

Last month I told you Lori gave up reading for dating. This month she's given up dating for reading. Her tastes are a bit esoteric...are you ready? She's reading Gospel Fictions by Randel Helms, "Looking at theology as literature, Helms analyzes the most familiar and powerful stories about Jesus. He reveals that the gospels are

works of narrative art, contrived and creative interpretations; the supreme fictions of our culture." She is also reading *Altered Carbon* by Richard Morgan. "--Morgan's acclaimed cyberpunk-noir debut novel--a Philip K. Dick Award winner--that introduces antihero Takeshi Kovacs, a hard-boiled private eye in the dangerous urban world of the future."

I just finished *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry. "In Barry's captivating debut, Towner Whitney, a young woman descended from a long line of mind readers and fortune tellers, has returned to her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts, for rest and relaxation. Any tranquility in her life is short-lived, however, when her aunt drowns under mysterious circumstances."

The annotation doesn't do it justice. It was as enthralling as it was unusual.

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I loved, absolutely LOVED *Songs For the Butcher's Daughter* by Peter Manseau. "Manseau's debut novel introduces readers to two people whose lives merge unexpectedly in the last years of the 20th century: Itsik Malpesh, a 90-something Russian poet and his 21-year-old American translator."

This one haunts me. (That's a compliment.)

I'm also reading *Serena* by Ron Rash (*Saints at the River*, *The World Made Straight*.) "An award-winning writer pens this Gothic tale of greed, corruption, and revenge set against the backdrop of the 1930s wilderness and America's burgeoning environmental movement, in his biggest, most accessible novel to date."

This is the part that has nothing to do with books...more like the "Share and Tell" of our kindergarten days. As I approach my 7th decade it occurs to me how many things change. What I once thought was provocative, my husband in tight jeans and a white long sleeve shirt rolled up to show his forearms, has changed. I now find his dear bald head, and the dignity he exudes while walking with a cane, appealing. Where once he came to me on a Harley, he now comes to me slowly. But he makes heart sing. I am a very lucky woman.

Enough.

The best sellers follow:

The Indie Bestseller List

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Booksellers: The Indie Bestseller List may be downloaded as a color PDF for display in your store. Go to the bestseller page on BookWeb.org and choose the format that works best for you, or click on the bestseller link in Thursday's Bookselling This Week email.

Debuts for the week:

Hardcover Fiction

#6-The Little Book, by Selden Edwards (9780525950615)

Hardcover Nonfiction

#14-Ghost Train to the Eastern Star, by Paul Theroux (9780618418879)

Paperback Fiction

#15-Barefoot, by Elin Hilderbrand (9780316018593)

Mass Market

#9-The Ghost, by Robert Harris (9781416551829)

Children's Illustrated

#3-Let's Dance, Little Pookie, by Sandra Boynton (9780375845192)

#13-Splat the Cat, by Rob Scotton (9780060831547)

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows, Dial, \$22, 9780385340991
2. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle
David Wroblewski, Ecco, \$25.95, 9780061374227
3. The Art of Racing in the Rain
Garth Stein, Harper, \$23.95, 9780061537936
4. The Lace Reader
Brunonia Barry, Morrow, \$24.95, 9780061624766
5. The Host
Stephenie Meyer, Little Brown, \$25.99, 9780316068048
6. The Little Book- Debut
Selden Edwards, Dutton, \$25.95, 9780525950615
7. Off Season
Anne Rivers Siddons, Grand Central, \$24.99, 9780446527873
8. Moscow Rules
Daniel Silva, Putnam, \$26.95, 9780399155017
9. Unaccustomed Earth
Jhumpa Lahiri, Knopf, \$25, 9780307265739
10. The 19th Wife

David Ebershoff, Random House, \$26, 9781400063970
11. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
Junot Diaz, Riverhead, \$24.95, 9781594489587
12. The Enchantress of Florence
Salman Rushdie, Random House, \$26, 9780375504334
13. Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Sanction
Eric Van Lustbader, Grand Central, \$25.99, 9780446539869
14. The Gargoyle
Andrew Davidson, Doubleday, \$25.95, 9780385524940
15. A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hosseini, Riverhead, \$25.95, 9781594489501
ON THE RISE:
18. Man in the Dark
Paul Auster, Holt, \$23, 9780805088397
An intense, yet tender new novel by the author of Brooklyn Follies.

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. The Last Lecture
Randy Pausch, Hyperion, \$21.95, 9781401323257
2. When You Are Engulfed in Flames
David Sedaris, Little Brown, \$25.99, 9780316143479
3. Goodnight Bush
Erich Origen, Gan Golan, Little Brown, \$14.99, 9780316040419
4. The Obama Nation
Jerome R. Corsi, Threshold, \$28, 9781416598060
5. The Way of the World
Ron Suskind, Harper, \$27.95, 9780061430626
6. Traffic
Tom Vanderbilt, Knopf, \$24.95, 9780307264787
7. What I Talk About When I Talk About Running
Haruki Murakami, Knopf, \$21, 9780307269195
8. The Dark Side
Jane Mayer, Doubleday, \$27.50, 9780385526395
9. Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea
Chelsea Handler, Simon Spotlight, \$24.95, 9781416954125
10. The Wrecking Crew
Thomas Frank, Metropolitan, \$25, 9780805079883
11. The Secret
Rhonda Byrne, Atria/Beyond Words, \$23.95, 9781582701707
12. The Post-American World
Fareed Zakaria, Norton, \$25.95, 9780393062359
13. In Defense of Food
Michael Pollan, Penguin Press, \$21.95, 9781594201455
14. Ghost Train to the Eastern Star- Debut
Paul Theroux, Houghton Mifflin, \$28, 9780618418879
15. My Stroke of Insight
Jill Bolte Taylor, Viking, \$24.95, 9780670020744
ON THE RISE:
18. The Night of the Gun
David Carr, S&S, \$26, 9781416541523
A memoir of addiction by a New York Times reporter.

TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION

1. The Shack
William P. Young, Windblown, \$14.99, 9780964729230
2. Run
Ann Patchett, Harper Perennial, \$14.95, 9780061340642

3. Bridge of Sighs
Richard Russo, Vintage, \$14.95, 9781400030903
 4. Out Stealing Horses
Per Petterson, Picador, \$14, 9780312427085
 5. Loving Frank
Nancy Horan, Ballantine, \$14, 9780345495006
 6. Water for Elephants
Sara Gruen, Algonquin, \$13.95, 9781565125605
 7. In the Woods
Tana French, Penguin, \$14, 9780143113492
 8. The Road
Cormac McCarthy, Vintage, \$14.95, 9780307387899
 9. Away
Amy Bloom, Random House, \$14, 9780812977790
 10. The Yiddish Policemen's Union
Michael Chabon, Harper Perennial, \$15.95, 9780007149834
 11. The Alchemist
Paulo Coelho, HarperOne, \$13.95, 9780061122415
 12. The Friday Night Knitting Club
Kate Jacobs, Berkley, \$14, 9780425219096
 13. On Chesil Beach
Ian McEwan, Anchor, \$13.95, 9780307386175
 14. Songs Without Words
Ann Packer, Vintage, \$14.95, 9780375727177
 15. Barefoot- Debut
Elin Hilderbrand, Back Bay, \$13.99, 9780316018593
- ON THE RISE:
29. Breakfast With Buddha
Roland Merullo, Algonquin, \$13.95, 9781565126169
- A joyous road novel by the author of Golfing With God.

TRADE PAPERBACK NONFICTION

1. Three Cups of Tea
Greg Mortenson, David Oliver Relin, Penguin, \$15, 9780143038252
2. Eat, Pray, Love
Elizabeth Gilbert, Penguin, \$15, 9780143038412
3. Animal, Vegetable, Miracle
Barbara and Camille Kingsolver, Steven Hopp, Harper Perennial, \$14.95, 9780060852566
4. A New Earth
Eckhart Tolle, Plume, \$14, 9780452289963
5. A Long Way Gone
Ishmael Beah, FSG, \$12, 9780374531263
6. The World Without Us
Alan Weisman, Picador, \$15, 9780312427900
7. The Omnivore's Dilemma
Michael Pollan, Penguin, \$16, 9780143038580
8. Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar
Thomas Cathcart, Daniel Klein, Penguin, \$12, 9780143113874
9. Dreams From My Father
Barack Obama, Three Rivers, \$14.95, 9781400082773
10. The Power of Now
Eckhart Tolle, New World, \$14, 9781577314806
11. The Glass Castle
Jeannette Walls, Scribner, \$15, 9780743247542
12. The Audacity of Hope
Barack Obama, Three Rivers, \$14.95, 9780307237705

13. Stuff White People Like
Christian Lander, Random House, \$14, 9780812979916
 14. Big Russ & Me
Tim Russert, Miramax, \$13.95, 9781401359652
 15. Infidel
Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Free Press, \$15, 9780743289696
- ON THE RISE:
20. Agent Zigzag
Ben Macintyre, Three Rivers, \$14.95, 9780307353412
The story of WW II British double agent Eddie Chapman.

MASS MARKET

1. Playing for Pizza
John Grisham, Dell, \$7.99, 9780440244714
2. You've Been Warned
James Patterson, Howard Roughton, Grand Central, \$9.99, 9780446198974
3. The Pillars of the Earth
Ken Follett, Signet, \$7.99, 9780451166890
4. The Catcher in the Rye
J.D. Salinger, Warner, \$6.99, 9780316769488
5. 1984
George Orwell, Signet, \$9.99, 9780451524935
6. The Secret Servant
Daniel Silva, Signet, \$9.99, 9780451224507
7. The Tin Roof Blowdown
James Lee Burke, Pocket, \$7.99, 9781416548508
8. To Kill a Mockingbird
Harper Lee, Warner, \$7.99, 9780446310789
9. The Ghost- Debut
Robert Harris, Pocket Star, \$7.99, 9781416551829
10. Lord of the Flies
William Golding, Berkley, \$9.99, 9780399501487

CHILDREN'S INTEREST

1. The Book Thief
Markus Zusak, Knopf, \$11.99, 9780375842207
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Jeff Kinney, Amulet, \$12.95, 9780810993136
3. The Mysterious Benedict Society
Trenton Lee Stewart, Little Brown, \$6.99, 9780316003957
4. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules
Jeff Kinney, Amulet, \$12.95, 9780810994737
5. Math Doesn't Suck
Danica McKellar, Plume, \$15, 9780452289499
6. The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Brian Selznick, Scholastic, \$22.99, 9780439813785
7. The Tale of Despereaux
Kate DiCamillo, Candlewick, \$7.99, 9780763625290
8. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
Sherman Alexie, Little Brown, \$16.99, 9780316013680
9. Eldest
Christopher Paolini, Knopf, \$12.99, 9780375840401
10. Just Listen
Sarah Dessen, Puffin, \$8.99, 9780142410974
11. Kiss My Math
Danica McKellar, Hudson Street, \$24.95, 9781594630491
12. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Kate DiCamillo, Candlewick, \$9.99, 9780763639877

13. The Giver

Lois Lowry, Laurel-Leaf, \$6.99, 9780440237686

14. Kenny & the Dragon

Tony DiTerlizzi, S&S, \$15.99, 9781416939771

15. Seekers: The Quest Begins

Erin Hunter, Harper, \$16.99, 9780060871222

CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED

1. Goodnight Moon

Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, \$8.99, 9780694003617

2. Gallop!

Rufus Butler Seder, Workman, \$12.95, 9780761147633

3. Let's Dance, Little Pookie- Debut

Sandra Boynton, Robin Corey, \$5.99, 9780375845192

4. Pat the Bunny

Dorothy Kunhardt, Golden, \$9.99, 9780307120007

5. Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak, Harper, \$17.95, 9780060254926

6. Bats at the Library

Brian Lies, Houghton Mifflin, \$16, 9780618999231

7. Fancy Nancy and the Boy From Paris

Jane O'Connor, Robin Preiss Glasser (Illus.), Harper, \$3.99, 9780061236099

8. The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Eric Carle, Putnam, \$10.99, 9780399226908

9. Fancy Nancy at the Museum

Jane O'Connor, Robin Preiss Glasser (Illus.), Harper, \$3.99, 9780061236075

10. The Night Before Kindergarten

Natasha Wing, Julie Durrell (Illus.), Grosset & Dunlap, \$3.99, 9780448425009

11. Alphabet

Matthew Van Fleet, S&S, \$19.99, 9781416955658

12. Fancy Nancy

Jane O'Connor, Robin Preiss Glasser (Illus.), Harper, \$16.99, 9780060542092

13. Splat the Cat- Debut

Rob Scotton, Harper, \$16.99, 9780060831547

14. Make Way for Ducklings

Robert McCloskey, Puffin, \$7.99, 9780140564341

15. Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly

Jane O'Connor, Robin Preiss Glasser (Illus.), Harper, \$16.99, 9780061235887

CHILDREN'S FICTION SERIES

1. Twilight (hardcover and paperback)

Stephenie Meyer, Little Brown

2. Magic Tree House (hardcover and paperback)

Mary Pope Osborne, Sal Murdocca (Illus.), Random House

3. Percy Jackson & the Olympians (hardcover and paperback)

Rick Riordan, Miramax

4. Artemis Fowl (hardcover and paperback)

Eoin Colfer, Miramax

5. Clique Summer Collection (paperback)

Lisi Harrison, Poppy

6. Harry Potter (hardcover and paperback)

J.K. Rowling, Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine

7. Alex Rider Adventures (hardcover and paperback)

Anthony Horowitz, Puffin

8. Junie B. Jones (hardcover and paperback)

Barbara Park, Denise Brunkus (Illus.), Random House

9. Warriors (hardcover and paperback)

Erin W. Hunter, Avon

10. The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (hardcover and paperback)

Ann Brashares, Delacorte

OTHER INDIE FAVORITES

Hardcover

IODINE by Haven Kimmel (Free Press, \$24, 9781416572848/1416572848)

"Trace -- or Ianthe, depending on her level of clarity -- is a brilliant college senior with a very troubling past, which begins to manifest itself as she begins writing a 'dream journal' for a class. Is Trace descending into madness, or clawing

her way out of it? I could not put this book down!"-- Piper Richmond, Inklings Bookshop, Yakima, WA

A FEW SECONDS OF PANIC by Stefan Fatsis (Penguin Press, \$25.95,

9781594201783/1594201781) "The Word Freak author hangs a Plimpton on the Denver Broncos when he joins the team as a place kicker for the 2006 training camp and preseason. Fatsis (who can routinely nail a 40-yarder by the end of the book) offers

a rare glimpse at this strange culture from the inside that is revealing, sobering,

and very entertaining." -- Stan Hynds, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

Paperback

FEATHER MAN by Rhyl McMaster (Marion Boyars, \$15.95, 9780714531489/0714531480)

"In this beautifully written and disturbing Australian coming-of-age novel, McMaster

tells the story of Sooky, who struggles to overcome her difficult childhood, the effects of which are powerfully portrayed as she moves from relationship to relationship and from Brisbane to London."--Nancy Felton, Broadside Bookshop, Northampton, MA

For Ages 4-8

BAD KITTY GETS A BATH by Nick Bruel (Roaring Brook, \$12.95,

9781596433410/1596433418) "As every cat owner knows, giving kitty a bath generally

isn't a problem, right? This wildly funny illustrated chapter book will have readers

of all ages rolling with laughter! Bruel details his steps for giving his beloved

Kitty a proper bath -- if only Kitty can be found! Includes cat-sound interpretations and a glossary every cat-lover will appreciate."-- Tish Gayle, The

Blue Marble Bookstore, Fort Thomas, KY

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else matters."