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Everywhere we go, we hear, "Oooo, one 'a these days, BLAM: Snow up to your arm pits, and freezing cold..." In the meantime, enjoy the 70 and 80 degrees!

Philippa Gregory (*The Other Boleyn Girl*) will soon be penning a young adult, four-book deal for Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. They will be simultaneously published in the U.S. along with the U.K., Canada, Australia and India. We think they will be in hardcover.

It's entertaining to read the Audio critiques in Publishers Weekly (PW). The editors there maintain a "no holds barred" line, and believe me, it doesn't matter WHO you are; if it's a lousy book, or a lousy read, they will tell it like it is. And when both are great: "Page (Michael Page) gives the protagonist a deep macho growl of a voice that fits perfectly with the author's pulpy but enjoyable novel." (*The Thousand Faces of Night* by **Jack Higgins**.)

Audible.com is calling on several top Hollywood Stars to be their readers/performers. I don't know what the big deal is about **Virginia Woolf** all of a sudden, but she is mentioned in several articles, including this one in PW, with **Annette Bening** and **Nicole Kidman** each signed up to read one of her works. **Colin Firth**, **Dustin Hoffman** and **Samuel L. Jackson** are the men among nine women mentioned to read. The authors? Among those listed: **Graham Greene** and **L. Frank Baum**. What did Baum write? *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, of course.



Former bass player and member of *Guns N' Roses*, **Duff McKagan** (like other rockers) has a need to write a book about his former life. McKagan actually has been writing for some time: A column for the *Seattle Weekly*, ESPN.com and also writing for *Playboy*. "*It's So Easy*" is the title.

Gregory Maguire's "*Out of Oz*" completes his Oz series which started with the infamous "*Wicked*."

Anthony Wolf "*I'd Listen to My Parents If They'd Just Shut Up: What to Say and Not Say When Parenting Teens*"

The PW reviewer said this book "is full of understanding, advice and support." I don't know, but if you have a teen-ager (and we had six of them) you don't have time to stand around reading a long title like that. Besides, what worked for one kid, certainly didn't work for any of the others. Wolf is a Clinical Psychologist, but it doesn't say anything about his being a parent.

Old Bookstores, new owners placed on Credit Hold. (And other hard business walls.) **Red Balloon Bookshop** in St. Paul sold earlier this year and the new owners ran into all kinds of problems. When **Rainy Day Books** in Nisswa sold last year, they really struggled because of "some confusion" with Rainy Day Books in Kansas. (?) We now have **Turtle Books & Gifts** in Nisswa.

Area Author of the Month:
Mike Holst
Author of SEVEN Novels
Book signing Oct. 21
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

It's the beginning of Hunting Season. You know, it starts with Grouse and then comes Deer Season—which usually means COLD weather. **Mr. P** is feeling much better this year and is talking (lower your chin, stick out your Adam's Apple, and growl), "Huntin' Time."

He bought an older Jeep, which I think could hold a whole lotta SHOPPING RESULTS, but he insists it could hold a whole lotta VENISON.

Did you know?

John Grisham's "*The Firm*" is being made into a TV Series for 2012. And, I don't know what night it's going to be on, don't know who is starring in it. I don't know much, do I?

Michael Connelly: A clever man, that Connelly, putting his *Mickey Haller* and his *Harry Bosch* together in a novel. "*The Reversal*" is now in paperback and is sure to excite readers as those two take on a sadistic killer. "*The Fifth Witness*" is his 2011 novel, however he had another ready for this November, "*The Drop*". That's 25 books, if you include his non-fiction, 2006 "*Crime Beat*."

I just have to tell this. So, to cover my—er—back, let me say this is from an interview in the May/June 2011 Writer's Digest by Lynn Seldon with married couple, **Pat Conroy** and **Cassandra King:**

Pat, several of your books have been made into movies. Do you have a favorite film story?

PC: I went to Hollywood to work on the screenplay for *The Prince of Tides*. The director fired me. So I asked him, "Why'd you fire me?" And he said, "Pat, you don't understand the story."



Susan Mallery's "*Only Mine*" was on the Paperback Bestseller List for August and September. PW says to check out her Web site where she expanded her Fool's Gold series to encompass an entire town. Check out the clever real estate at <http://bit.ly/n9E8pP>. It is the most fascinating site by an author I've ever seen! It must have taken almost as long to create as writing a new novel.

Congratulate Prof. Bill. His birthday is this month, so the whole month is for HIM!

Remember: **John Sanford's** "*Shock Wave*" is on big box store shelves this month. The *Virgil Flowers*' story is a winner with its PyeMart megastore the cause of the ruckus.

Vince Flynn, in news releases at the beginning of this month, announced the delaying of his next Mitch Rapp thriller, "*Kill Shot*" while he battles prostate cancer. He made it through the first half of his 40 treatments around September 1st when fatigue began to set in. The bestselling author apologized (!) to his fans for the delay, stating that maybe around February he would again be writing. Prayers are welcome.

Kindle Fire the latest. Big question: What happens to all the rejects? Answer: They get piled somewhere along with the 8-tracks.

Mixed feelings: "...If libraries lose the current federal lawsuits against the libraries and Google, that will change (authors getting royalties from library sales) and libraries will finally have to pay authors royalties. That means the government will no longer be subsidizing the reading habits of people who refuse to buy books and instead get them from the libraries..." I have mixed feelings about that statement, because without libraries many, many people could not afford to read—and yet royalties are an author's bread and butter. Can't there be some simple kind of "royalty" payment worked out?

Jaycee Dugard's "*A Stolen Life*" is still on the Hardcover Bestseller Lists.

On Paperback Bestseller Lists:

Port Mortuary by **Patricia Cornwell**

American Assassin by **Vince Flynn**

The Confession by **John Grisham**

The Emperor's Tomb by **Steve Berry**

Strategic Moves by **Stuart Woods**

The Help by **Kathryn Stockett**

Be safe, and be happy!

Gotta go...keep on reading!...

