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Remember, our “Winter Hours are “OPEN on Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Hours are 10:00 – 5:00.

My goodness, remember when everyone was afraid of the Millenium (the year 2000)? Well, here it is already 2008. No wonder the face in the mirror is that of an older person.

We’re all going to age pretty fast if we have to listen to the candidates for all the upcoming months. So, let’s get on to more interesting things: Book Titles & Author News!

Last month we told you about the death of James Oliver Rigney, Jr., (**Robert Jordan**) well-known fantasy author in September of a rare blood disease. Word is that **Brandon Sanderson** will be completing the final novel, “*A Memory of Light*” in Jordan’s Wheel of Time fantasy series. The novel should be published in the fall of 2009.

Tax Time is on publisher’s minds in January, so there are a gazillion new books listed in all review magazines regarding finances. Sometimes I think the only ones getting rich on their financial plans are the authors of these books that just say the same ol thing over and over: *Pay your bills on time and cut up your credit cards.* I could do that.

RomanticTimesBookReviews magazine (RT) had an article on **e-books**. **Problems:** 1) No affordable readers, 2) Hard on the eyes, 3) Cost, 4) Too many formats—may not fit your particular reader. **Advantages:** 1) Easy ordering for rural areas, 2) Ease in downloading. Looks like they need a little more work.

Harlequin will soon be entering the non-fiction publishing world. Under consideration is a memoir by Ida Cook, who wrote as “**Mary Burchell**”. She (now deceased) used some money from her 129 Harlequin books to finance smuggling Jews out of Germany between 1937 and the start of WWII.

Carole Nelson Douglas: “*Dancing with Werewolves*” is claimed to be a great read. *Publishers Weekly* (PW) already awaits the sequel to this fascinating suspense.

“**Gallop!**” An innovative design patented by **Rufus Butler Seder** called Scanimation is used in this children’s “*the pictures really move*” book. Yes, the animals DO move with each turn of the page. Because the book had to be hand assembled in China, it took many workers to complete each one. Reports are that adults are buying the book for themselves, and the fascinated (big kids) just keep turning and turning the pages. It’s already on my Christmas Wish List.

An informative article by **Jodi Picoult** in a recent *Writer’s Digest* had an end note which surprised me. I did *not* know that she has written five issues of *Wonder Woman* (DC Comics). Or, of course, I’d forgotten. Again.

One of our writers in the **Walker Writers Group** has joined the (**Whoa!** I dropped the RT magazine and it opened to an – um—*shocking* page...) – oh, yeah, about the writer: she joined the **NaNoWriMo.org**, which you sign up for (and pay) to write a novel in 70 days. She said it’s really hard, but you have to write about

2000 words a day; forget spelling & proper sentence structure, just write!
Updates are on 70DaysOfSweat.com

Arvid Lloyd Williams & Bonnie Shallbetter:
Their newest **Hawk** novel (*Hawk's Quest—a superior pursuit*) will have a Book Release Party on Saturday, Dec. 8th at “Just Up North” in Outing (Corner of Hwy 6 & Cty Rd 58) from 1:00 to 4:00. Bonnie assured me that we will receive books as soon as possible. Watch our store windows for information. This is the third and final book in the series.

Norman Mailer: 1923 – 2007

Sometimes, due to agent/publisher changes/agreements, an author has no choice and his/her earlier books are “lost” forever. Those who can afford the costly buy back of their rights are indeed republishing.

Lindsay McKenna's website is terrific. She has a complete printable list of the books she's written since 1982—and in the listing she indicates the “Morgan's Mercenary Series” which began with *Silhouette #22*. She also has other very popular series, which are indicated by codes within the listings.

Stephen Kings “*Dark Tower: The Gunslinger Born*” been adapted by **Marvel Comics**. The review that I read was so-so, but the reviewer did find it interesting. Pricey, but fans most likely will pay the \$24.95.

Mr. P is out in the woods again, following tracks of the illusive deer, his black powder at the ready. He has seen quite a few deer, but none are decent shots—which he's not too upset about, as the freezers already have a winter's worth of venison. He loves it out there! We have actually had tracks in our backyard (right next to the Catholic Church).

Prof. Bill doesn't hunt. So a deer was hunting him and ran into the side of his pickup.

Visit and join our Walker Writers' Group.
We meet at the store every 2nd & 4th
Thursday at 5:15 pm. Christmas month off.

A great book for Christmas: “*The Fish House Book*” by **Kathryn Nordstrom**. (Pictorial book includes some from The Eel Pout Festival.) We have them in stock!



Gotta go...Happy Holidays!.....