

# LIFESTYLES

## Books to make you think summer

The weather continues to vex many of us with its lack of sunshine and cool temperatures. I want to be outdoors in the sunshine soaking up warmth but resort to reading about warmth and summer.

Here are a few books that made me feel warm (at least when I read them with two cats on my lap).

Road trips always make me think of summer and in this literary road trip from Montgomery, Ala., to the Pacific Ocean through southern states I relived the days of teenage angst.

Mary Miller has written a coming of age story on the road in “The Last Days of California” as Jess’s family journey west in anticipation of the rapture. How many literary devices does she need? “Bingo’s Run” by James A. Levine is also a coming of age story of sorts, Bingo, a teenager, who passes for a younger boy, lives in the slums of Kibera, Nairobi and is a drug runner. After



Diane  
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witnessing a drug-related murder, his drug lord sends him to an orphanage for ‘protection,’ and Bingo learns that life itself is the ‘run.’

Continuing the trend of potentially depressing, crime-ridden stories is “B.O.Q.” by N.P. Simpson,an NCIS special agent Fran Setliff novel. B.O.Q. or the Bachelor Officers’ Quarters is where many people stay when they return to Camp Lejeune to visit friend or shop at the base exchange, but most don’t end up

floating in the New River.

Special Agent Setliff soon discovers that as a freelance journalist Ann Buckhalter was in a position to ruin more than one promising military career and there seems to be no end of secrets she was keeping. Who killed her and wants to keep Agent Setliff from discovering it?

We’ll end with two sweeter stories. Susan Wiggs in “The Apple Orchard” has written a sweet, crisp, juicy story of discovering family you never had. Tess has never had much family until she inherits half of Bella Vista, a 100-acre apple orchard from a grandfather she never knew along with a half sister she didn’t know existed. “Pioneer Girl” by Bich Minh Nguyen is a mystery novel about a Vietnamese family and their connection to Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The New York Times Bestseller list has four

familiar, well-known authors at the top of the fiction list including David Baldacci with “The Target,” Greg Iles with “Natchez Burning,” Nora Roberts with “The Collector” and Maeve Binchy with “Chestnut Street.”

Also on the list is Donna Tartt with “The Goldfinch,” while not as well known, the book was released last October and has been on the list much of that time. The non-fiction list from the New York Times bestseller list has three titles we already have in the library including “A Fighting Chance” by Elizabeth Warren, “Flash Boys” by Michael Lewis and “Everybody’s Got Something” by Robin Roberts with Veronica Chambers.

These titles may be requested for your reading pleasure, but are most likely not sitting on the shelf waiting for you.

## MEMORIAMs

*Put your arms around her Lord,  
Don't leave her on her own,  
For today is our daughter's birthday,  
Her third away from home.*  
Celebrating and remembering our sweet daughters 8th birthday in Heaven.

Sadly missed and never forgotten -  
We love you to Heaven and back.  
Happy Birthday **Audrey Julie Ann** on May 22.

Love,  
**Dad, Mom and Kyan**

We lost our son, **Darwin Fish**, May 21, 2008.  
*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

**Mom, Dad and the whole family**

In loving memory of the most wonderful husband, father and grandfather, **Gene Pelland**, who passed away one year ago, May 22, 2013.

*We thought of you with love today,  
But that was nothing new;  
We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence,  
And often speak your name;  
All we have is memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake,  
With which we'll never part;  
God has you in His keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.*

**Love and miss you always -**

**Your wife, Linda  
daughter, Lori (Mike)  
son, Tom (Jess)  
grandchildren, Chris, Jessica and Ayla**

In memory of -  
**Archie and Ella Anderson  
Clifford Anderson  
Donald Anderson and Debbie  
Dennis Anderson  
June Elaine Anderson  
Deloris Sirotiak and Susan  
Jay and Kim Jackson**

### The Litany of Remembering

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.*

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.*

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.*

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them.*

**Always loved and remembered -  
June Jackson Nelson  
Ramona Anderson  
Susan Anderson  
Bob and Dori Pullar  
June Anderson**

## VFW Ladies Auxiliary meet

BY BETH JOHNSON

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 was called to order May 13 by president Pat Delapp with 11 members present.

The opening ritual was held and roll call of officers conducted with Linda Chezick, guard, pro-tem. There were no petitions for membership.

Minutes from the April meeting were read and corrected; Margarete Kostiuik was elected soloist/musician and Michele Dahlin trustee. Correspondence and the General Order were read.

The treasurer’s report was read and filed subject to audit and the audit from the last three months was read and accepted. Chezick reported that two additional members are needed to be at 100-percent membership.

Care packages were sent to soldiers serving in Afghanistan and a 100-cup coffee pot has been purchased for the kitchen.

Bingo at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls is done for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Delapp reported on Can-

cer Aid and Research. May is skin cancer awareness month and she read the ABCs of checking moles for signs of skin cancer.

Kostiuik reported there will be a party Aug. 28 at the Post Home for residents of the local care centers.

Elections were conducted by Irene Anderson.

Donations were given to the Silver Bay Veterans Home for a Lake Superior fishing trip, wreaths were purchased for Memorial Day for the National Cemetery, candy was purchased to hand out at the Fourth of July parade and to National Home for upgrading of computers.

Memorial Day services will be conducted May 25 starting with Ray Cemetery, then to Kabetogama, Ericsburg and International Falls cemeteries. A light lunch will follow services at the Post Home.

Flags will be placed May 24 at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Door prize was won by Beth Johnson.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 with closing ceremonies.

The next gathering will be at 5 p.m. (note time change) June 10. Following the brief meeting, members will carpool to the Woodland Inn for a meal.

## PET OF THE WEEK



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Hi, my name is “Rambo.” I am big and strong and I suppose my size can be intimidating, but I have the heart of a lion. I am a gentle boy who likes to take it easy and just chill. Rambo can be described as amazing. To meet him is to fall in love! A long-haired domestic cat, Rambo doesn’t have to fight his way into any

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## How do you know something that is not there?

People who are not able to hear high frequency sounds do not hear what they are missing. They do not hear some bird songs. They do not hear the turn signal beep. They may remember hearing the bird songs and the beeps. Then again, hearing loss is usually so subtle that those memories have faded away.

Family and friends will notice a problem with hearing long before the person suspects a problem. The primary complaint will be that people are mumbling. Conversations when in a noisy settings will also be difficult to sort out. People deny problems hearing because they do cannot hear what they are missing. How do you know what is not there?

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June 14, 2014

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June 14, 2014

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June 21, 2014

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July 19, 2014

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