

# Librarian offers book suggestions for all types of readers

A haiku for you:  
Spring time is coming  
Outside, reading, thinking, smile,  
Leave us alone snow  
As sure as I write this, we will get  
a foot of snow during March and  
April. Although, considering the  
need for moisture, I guess a foot of  
snow probably wouldn't hurt any-  
one's feelings. There is just some-  
thing about a windless, sunny, 72-  
degree day like we had earlier this  
week — (sigh)

The beauty of a good book is that  
it suits all types of weather — curl  
up next to the fire on a cold day, read  
in a hammock on a warm day or  
loungue around the house on a rainy  
day. A good read simply cannot be  
influenced by the weather. With  
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## Jeff Friesen

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to choose, our books are guaranteed  
to get you through any weather con-  
ditions (with the possible exception  
of a tornado) and — as long as you  
don't drop your book in a puddle.

The following is a smattering of  
tested authors and books that are  
guaranteed to give you many hours  
of reading pleasure for the upcom-  
ing spring season.

— Reluctant Readers: Try "The  
Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown,

"The Call of the Wild" by Jack Lon-  
don or "My Sisters Keeper" by Jodi  
Piccolt

— Quick Reads: "Blink" by  
Malcolm Caldwell, "Fahrenheit  
451" by Ray Bradbury, "Old Yeller"  
by Fred Gipson and "The Five  
People You Meet in Heaven" by  
Mitch Albom

— Adventure: Anything by Jack  
London, Clive Cussler, Robert  
Ludlum or Jon Krakauer

— Mystery/Suspense: Anything  
by James Patterson, David Bal-  
dacci, Sue Grafton, John Grisham,  
Mary Higgins Clark, Patricia Corn-  
well, and John Sanford just to name  
a few

— Audio books: "Da Vinci  
Code" by Dan Brown, "Harry Pot-  
ter" by J.K. Rowling, "At First  
Sight" by Nicholas Sparks or Ar-  
temis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Children: "Fancy Nancy" by  
Jane O'Connor, "Wait! No Paint!"  
by Bruce Whatley or "The Three  
Sillybillies" by Margie Palatini

Comic Books: "Dilbert" and  
"Calvin & Hobbes" (if you don't  
laugh you need to start seeing a  
therapist)

Disturbing: "Catcher in the Rye"  
by J.D. Salinger, "1984" by George

Orwell, Lord of the Flies by Will-  
iam Golding or anything by Ste-  
phen King or Danielle Steele.

That's the short and long of it,  
have a great week!

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### Two puppies and one cat ready for adoption

The Colby Animal Clinic has two  
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poodle mix.

The pups are four months old and  
chocolate brown. In addition to the  
puppies, a stray Persian cat needs a

home as well.

The cat is female, one-year old,  
and a beautiful gray-maroon-char-  
coal coloring, sources said.

Any of these animals can be  
adopted for the price of immuniza-  
tion shots.

To see them, stop by the clinic at  
810 E. Fourth St. or call, 460-8621.

# Wife finds her husband's morning ritual in the bathroom inappropriate

DEAR ABBY: My 53-year-old  
husband insists on raising the win-  
dow shade and turning on the light  
when he takes a bath and when he  
washes up in the morning. He strips  
naked to brush his teeth and wash  
his face while standing 4 feet from  
the window.

The window is large, and it starts  
just above the bathtub.

I have asked him not to do it be-  
cause I don't think it's appropriate.  
I have told him he will be regarded  
as the "weird old man" in the neigh-  
borhood. When I told him the situ-  
ation bothered me, he stopped for a  
few weeks.

Now he's at it again.

Our yard is large and open, so  
there's an opportunity for the neigh-  
bors to see what's going on. How do  
I get him to stop? Or should I just  
let him continue and try to get over  
it?

— WANTS LESS SOUTH-  
ERN EXPOSURE IN MINNE-  
SOTA

DEAR WANTS LESS: Your  
husband isn't "going" to be re-  
garded as a "weird old man" in  
the neighborhood — he's already  
there. That you told him it both-  
ered you and he felt compelled to  
start again indicates to me that he  
gets a thrill out of exposing him-  
self in situations where he could  
get caught.

Because he's in his own home,  
I don't think he's breaking any  
laws.

However, rather than argue  
over it, I have a suggestion: Con-  
tact a window company and have  
the bottom half of the bathroom  
window "frosted." That way,  
your husband can parade around  
the way nature made him, and if  
anyone happens by, there won't  
be any embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I run a small day-  
care business out of my house. I  
watch only the children of relatives  
or friends.

One of my friends wants me to  
start watching her young daughter,  
"Sierra," who will turn 6 this sum-  
mer.

The problem is Sierra is terrified  
of animals, large and small. We  
have a dog, three cats and a guinea  
pig. Sierra refuses to even get out of  
the car and stand in my yard. I think  
they should find day care else-  
where.

They, however, keep insisting  
that Sierra will be "just fine" and  
that she understands that, come  
summer, she'll have to come to my  
house.

Abby, I think it's cruel and insen-  
sitive of them to expect Sierra to  
"get over it" just like that. I have  
asked them to start asking Sierra to  
get out of the car and slowly work  
her way up to coming in before  
summer starts, but they just laugh  
and shrug it off.

Please help me make them under-  
stand without my having to come  
right down and refuse to take the  
child. I'm afraid I'll lose friends



## Abigail Van Buren

### • Dear Abby

over this.

— "MARY POPPINS" IN  
KENTUCKY

DEAR MARY P: I believe it  
was your namesake who coined  
the phrase, "A spoonful of sugar  
makes the medicine go down."  
Because your concerns are real-  
istic, sweetly tell your friends that  
you have instituted an "entrance  
exam."

Unless they can prove to you  
that their daughter can get out of  
the car, enter your house and in-  
teract with the other children,  
you cannot accept her. They are  
doing her — and you — a disser-  
vice by ignoring her animal pho-  
bia.

Their child may need profes-  
sional help to get over it. Say it  
with a smile, but for everyone's  
sake make the statement.

For the parents to pretend that  
their daughter's terror of animals  
will vanish with no intervention  
on anyone's part is not only unre-  
alistic, it's unfair to their daugh-  
ter, to you, and to the other chil-  
dren in your care.

If they're unwilling to take ac-  
tion, they are not "friends." They  
are just poor parents who are try-  
ing to unload their problem onto  
you.

DEAR ABBY: My parents re-  
cently celebrated their 35th wed-  
ding anniversary. As their gift I de-  
cided to write "A Collection of Life  
Lessons and Stories as Seen  
Through the Eyes of Their Daugh-  
ter" to honor them and everything  
they have taught me. My brother  
proofread it for me, and told me sev-  
eral times how impressed he was  
with the content and that he loved  
the idea. His fiancée was also  
moved and expressed her approval.

They even asked for their own copy.

When I presented it to my par-  
ents, they were a bit confused. I tried  
to explain, then asked them to just  
read it, hoping they would under-  
stand how much I love, respect and  
cherish them.

Dad read it that night and simply  
said, "Nice."

Mom read it at work a few days  
later. Her comment, "It was a nice  
tribute." My brother asked them  
what their thoughts were; he was  
sure they would appreciate the ef-  
fort that went into it. He seemed as  
confused by their cool reaction as I  
was.

I'm not sure what I was expect-  
ing, but "nice" was not it! Not one  
thing has been mentioned about it  
since, and frankly, the whole thing  
has left me a bit hurt.

Am I a spoiled brat looking for  
recognition, or am I justified in my  
hurt feelings?

— FEELING EMPTY IN  
FLORIDA

DEAR FEELING EMPTY: A  
gift such as the one you have de-  
scribed must have taken much  
time and effort, so it's not surpris-  
ing that you are hurt and disap-  
pointed that your parents "ho-  
hummed" it.

The time may have come to ask  
yourself if your past efforts to  
please them, or to excel, were  
greeted in a similarly withholding  
manner, because it's a technique  
that some people use to control  
others.

I wouldn't blame you if in the  
future, you remembered your  
parents' anniversaries with  
something less personal — a "nice  
card," a token gift, or even an epi-  
logue for the book titled "More  
Life Lessons My Parents Taught  
Me."

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