

WinkWorld January 2008

Hello Friends,

As we begin a new year, I ask you to focus with me on the following two quotations. Thank you.

We must become the change we want to see in the world.
~Mahatma Gandhi

Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education: They grow there, firm as weeds among the stones.
~Charlotte Bronte

This month on *WinkWorld*, I will focus on Free Voluntary Reading (FVR) and another new section, Featuring my Friends (FmF). In addition, I am listing a few sites/blogs/wikis, which I am following. *Prairie Pedagogy* and *Notes from the Real World* follow.

One Laptop Per Child

www.laptopgiving.org

Buy one - give one to a child in a developing nation. My XO computer should be arriving this week. Stay tuned: A blog might follow.

Free Rice Project

www.freerice.com/

An amazing way to begin your day; it takes only a few minutes and will help your vocabulary, while simultaneously feeding hungry children.

The Animal Rescue Site

www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=3

I have already adopted the world's best labrador, but you can always go and find the 2nd best.

Click and Donate a Mammogram

www.thebreastcancersite.com

The American Cancer Society has been having trouble getting enough of us to click daily to meet their quote for donating one per day to a woman who is less fortunate.

BoGo - Buy one Give one

www.bogolight.com

Buy one solar powered flashlight for yourself, and one will be given to someone in a developing nation. Help light the world.

FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

My life is a book club-a daily/dynamic one. All of my dear friends and family read a lot, and they share. What do we do when we read something we love? We run and tell someone; we run to the phone; we get on email. We want to talk about the book.

This is my life - I read and tell my friends, family, and students; and they read and tell me about their books. We love it. We don't take tests on what we read, nor do we want to take tests. We only want to talk about our reading, and we want to read what everyone else is reading. It's contagious.

In what follows is a little glimpse into my December as I drove from SD to NM to AZ to NV to CA. It was a ~moveable feast~ of books. Enjoy.

All the books below are also located on Joan's FVR page: www.joanwink.com/store/

Click on any of the ISBN links for more details.

Joan's Map of "FVR" Free Voluntary Reading States
www.joanwink.com/gifs3/fvr-map.jpg

Avid Readers in SD

Last month, Mary, an avid reader in SD, mentioned that *Three Cups of Tea* was the best book she had read recently. I now agree, and I'm now sharing my book (borrowed from an AZ friend) with a CA friend, who will return it so Dawn of NM can read it next.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ➔ *One School at A Time* by Greg Mortenson

[ISBN-10: 0143038257](http://www.isbn.com/0143038257)

Karen, a new friend and colleague in SD mentioned,
The Blessing Stone by Barbara Wood

She described it as "an enchanting tale of the history of humanity." She then added, "I love books that make me laugh and cry and this one has done both!"

[ISBN-10: 0312320248](http://www.isbn.com/0312320248)

And, for the very best book of this month, you'll have to read to the very bottom of FVR. ;-)

Avid Readers in NM

While spending Christmas with Dawn and The Three 'Lil New Mexicans, we were amazed at how much reading they do. They continue to be a home-without-TV, and it shows: Books everywhere all of the time.

The boys (Luke, 9, and Wyatt, 11) are reading:

Frindle by Andrew Clements

[ISBN-10: 0689818769](http://www.isbn.com/0689818769)

Kidnapped by Robert Lewis Stevenson

[ISBN-10: 0439295785](http://www.isbn.com/0439295785)

Between a Rock and a Hard Place by Aron Ralston

[ISBN-10: 074349282X](http://www.isbn.com/074349282X)

Artemis Fowl (Book 1) by Eoin Colfer

[ISBN-10: 0786817070](http://www.isbn.com/0786817070)

Artemis Fowl (Book 2): The Arctic Incident

[ISBN-10: 0786817089](http://www.isbn.com/0786817089)

City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende
[ISBN-10: 0060535032](#)

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizza
The Field Guide (Book 1)
Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles
The Nixies Song
[ISBN-10: 0689040342](#)

Pendragon Series/Rangers Apprentice
The Ruins of Gorlan, Book 1
[ISBN-10: 0399244549](#)

The Burning Bridge, Book 2
[ISBN-10: 0142408425](#)

The Icebound Land, Book 3
[ISBN-10: 0399244565](#)

The Percy Jackson and the Olympian Series
The Lightning Thief, Book 1
[ISBN-10: 0786838655](#)

The Sea of Monsters, Book 2
[ISBN-10: 0786856866](#)

The Titan's Curse, Book 3
[ISBN-10: 1423101456](#)

Since I left, I hear they have again started The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
[ISBN-10: 0618260307](#)

Wynn, 8, has fallen in love with the Harry Potter books again. Did you know that the series is really all about Hermine? Or so Wynn says. *Happy Potter*
[ISBN-10: 0439887453](#)

Dawn needs to write a little story about how many times she has read the Harry Potter series aloud, and how many times the kids have read it by themselves.

Dawn is reading.
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
[ISBN-10: 1565125606](#)

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky
[ISBN-10: 1400096278](#)

What is the What by Dave Eggers
[ISBN-10: 0307385906](#)

Avid Readers in AZ
Ciudad de las Bestias by Isabel Allende
[ISBN-10: 0060510323](#)

The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew-Three Women Search for Understanding by Idliby, Oliver, and Warner
[ISBN-10: 0743290488](#)

Truth & Beauty: A Friendship by Ann Patchett
[ISBN-10: 0060572159](#)

The Star Garden: A Novel of Sarah Agnes Prine by Nancy E. Turner
[ISBN-10: 0312363168](#)

Sarah's Quilt: A Novel of Sarah Agnes Prine and the Arizona Territories, 1906 by Nancy E. Turner
[ISBN-10: 0312332637](#)

The Girls Who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade by Ann Fessler
[ISBN-10: 1594200947](#)

Going Back to Bisbee by Richard by Richard Shelton
[ISBN-10: 0816512892](#)

And, of course, our beloved J.A. Jance Web of Evil
[ISBN-10: 1416537074](#)

Avid Readers in NV

Battle for Las Vegas: The Law Vs. The Mob by Dennis Griffin
[ISBN-10: 0929712374](#)

The Cambridge Companion to Vygotsky, edited by Harry Daniels, Michael Cole, and James Wertsch
[ISBN-10: 0521537878](#)

Parallel Paths to Constructivism: Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky by Susan Pass
[ISBN-10: 1593111452](#)

Vygotsky's Legacy: A Foundation for Research and Practice by Margaret E. Gredler and Carolyn Claytor Shields
[ISBN-10: 1593854919](#)

Damage Control: Why Everything You Know About Crisis Management is Wrong by Eric Dezenhall and John Weber
[ISBN-10: 1591841542](#)

Avid Readers in ID

Something of Value. Robert Ruark
[ISBN-10: 0881840971](#)

American Hunting Rifles: their Application in the Field for Practical Shooting by Craig Boddington
[ISBN-10: 1571572236](#)

Hunting the Land of the Midnight Sun by Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA)

[ISBN-10: 1571572120](#)

Back in CA

Avid Readers in CA

Sage-ing While Age-ing, by Shirley Maclaine

[ISBN-10: 1416550410](#)

The First Year of Parkinson's Disease: An Essential Guide for the Newly Diagnosed, by Jackie Hunt Christensen

[ISBN-10: 1569243727](#)

Lucky Man: A Memoir by Michael J. Fox

[ISBN-10: 0786888741](#)

Best Book I've read this month:

The Devil's Highway: A True Story by Luis Alberto Urrea

[ISBN-10: 0316010804](#)

Hurd Family Reading Log'07

(See previous logs.)

WW January 2007

www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2007/news0107.php

WW March 2006

www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2006/news0206.php

Denise, web-wizard for WinkWorld shares:

The results of the Hurd Family "reading for pleasure" for 2007 are in. As always the month by month varied as life interrupted. Denise managed 131 books for a total of 50,846 pages, while Shel read 147 and 54,729 pages. All this came from 67 different authors. Elliot finding "teen-age" life and computers more interesting this year read 38.

Unfortunately, we did not have time to watch any reality tv. : This made us ignorant around the water cooler discussions, but I guess we'll manage.

The biggest surprise this year was showing up to the library to pick-up our holds and finding books reserved for us that we hadn't requested. We use our computers to look up and reserve books (holds) and they get delivered to our little local library. The local librarian started putting books that they thought we would like on hold for us. Guess we got them trained!

Currently Denise is reading:

Duma Key, by Stephen King

[ISBN-10: 1416552510](#)

FmF (Featuring My Friends)

We begin. Last month I mentioned that I would begin to focus on great new and old books, which I happen to be reading. The first one I have chosen is the new book by James Crawford and Steve Krashen.

English Learners in American Classrooms: 101 Questions/101 Answers

Frankly, it is the book we have been waiting for in 2nd language acquisition. How many times, have I heard someone ask: What book should I choose for a language acquisition class: Now we have the answer. I will be using Crawford/Krashen, and I encourage you to consider ordering it. Just click on the ISBN and you'll be directed to the check-out line.
[ISBN-10: 0545005191](#)

Here are the reviews, which I found at Amazon. Enjoy.
5 Star Reviews on Amazon
[Read the Reviews](#)