

BOOK AGAIN

NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER SALE!

Sheryl's News

I want to introduce you to Carol, our newest Book Again "worker bee." Carol is not new to Book Again — she has been a customer for years. She once thought that it would be fun to work at Book Again after retiring, but didn't give it much thought until our "help wanted" sign went up. So now here she is, and we are so happy to welcome her! Please come in soon on a Tuesday or Wednesday to meet and welcome Carol.

Carol will be working Tuesdays alone, so until she gets acclimated, please refrain from bringing in too many books for store credit. It is wonderful that we are so busy — and our business is based on a fast turnover of books — but at times it sure can be overwhelming!

—Sheryl

TWO FOR ONE SALE!

Buy one book and get the second (same or lesser price) absolutely free

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
July 22, 23, 24 • July 29, 30, 31

This is our most popular sale—don't miss out!

BOOK REQUESTS

Do you have trouble waiting for your favorite authors to write their next book?

Do you wait until their latest book comes into Book Again so you can buy it at an affordable price?

You are not alone *and we have a hot tip for you.* Put a request in and we will watch for your book for up to three months! When the book comes in we'll call you and hold it for one week.

BOOKS WANTED

- ✓ Elm Creek Quilters Series by Jennifer Chiaverini
- ✓ John Steinbeck, Mark Twain and other Classics in good condition
- ✓ Harry Potter and Lemony Snicket

"I cannot live without books."—Thomas Jefferson

STORE HOURS: Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 4 pm (Closed Mondays)
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Orange Salad

24 ounce cottage cheese

1 large package orange Jell-O

1 large can drained crushed pineapple

2 large cans drained mandarin oranges

8 ounce thawed Cool Whip

- ✓ Pour cottage cheese into bowl and stir in the Jell-O powder
- ✓ Stir in drained fruit and fold in cool whip
- ✓ Chill before serving

This is a wonderful accompaniment to most summer meals.

Folklore

by Joe Nolte

A MEMORY OF FIRE

Not far from here, and indeed accessible by a single, unbroken road that begins just steps away from “Book Again”, there exists an expanse of hills and trees that protrudes out into the Pacific. Its ways are not entirely unknown to our family, and at this time of year the more aged among us cannot help but reflect upon one of the more frustrating aspects of living in that isolated community - namely, the absolute ban of fireworks.

And yet, residents of the eastern portion of those green hills may look down at this time of year upon the harbor, and the community that surrounds it, and wonder if perhaps we have not gone to war...

For, perhaps to balance some unknown sulfurous scale, this little harbor community commences its Independence Day celebrations weeks before the actual day, and night after night one can hear the explosions, see the fire erupt in the night sky, and perhaps feel some kinship with colonists of long ago...

Such as, for instance, those fireworks-loving colonists of Rhode Island, who were so over fond of pyrotechnic pursuits that a law was created, banning fireworks (and unnecessary firing of guns, etc) — in 1731, a year before George Washington was born!

It was probably the first of what are now innumerable restrictions on these happy explosive devices, innumerable nowadays, and indeed inevitable, and probably even wise.

I recall in my youth that nothing was so delightful as the possession of some of that forbidden firework fruit — one could, after all, simply ride one's bike to a neighboring community “below the hill” to find a friendly Red Devil stand — and nothing quite so deliciously naughty as setting one or two off.

I recall in my youth that more than one acquaintance ended up unintentionally burning down a nearby field, or even, in one case, the family garage.

So, yeah, those laws are probably a good thing, particularly in more woody environs.

And I have but begun, and yet my space is done! In the spirit of the holiday, I leave you with an appropriate Book-related quote:

“Books constitute capital. A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years. It is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, it is their only capital.”—Thomas Jefferson