

# BOOK AGAIN

## NEWSLETTER

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### Sheryl's News

Summer has arrived with a bang! The weather's heating-up and so is the book turnover at Book Again!

We've been very busy lately trying to keep up with the amount of new books coming in and, just as quickly, going out (frequently being sold before they even reach the shelves)! However hectic, we love this fast turnover, and would like to use this opportunity to remind you of one of our lesser-known free services: the *Book Again Request Service*. We will watch for up to 3 titles of your choice for 3 months. If and when your books come in, we will notify you and hold them for up to a week.

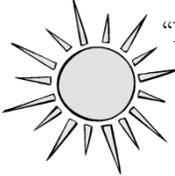
This is the best way to get the more popular titles and those newly-released hard-covers! Although there is **no charge** for this service, it is important to know that neither the daily special nor trade credit applies to the purchase of books that are held for you.

Hopefully we will continue to enjoy a happy summer filled with lots of sun and good books!

—Sheryl

*"A Bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking."*—Jerry Seinfeld

### SUMMER 2 FOR 1 SALE!



"Every book inside the store will be 2 for the price of 1"

*Buy one book and get the second book of same or lesser value free!*

Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
**July 21, 22 and 23**  
And again on  
**July 28, 29 and 30**



### What is the Best Book You've Recently Read?

by Sheryl

A customer once asked me this question, and after some thought I realized the books I personally would describe as "best" are usually found in our literature or "oversize" section. I thought I'd share a few of my favorites with you...

I just finished *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. This book portrayed 19th century China culture so vividly that as I read, it became very real to me (although their culture some 150 years ago couldn't be more different than mine). As the story develops from a young girl's Milk

Years to her Sitting Quietly and the intricacies of relationships, thoughts and ambitions unfold, the differences disappear because now I could understand and see our similarities.

This book held my interest, taught me and was thoroughly enjoyable to the end. Some other titles that I recommend are *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, and *Miss Maggie's Whole New World* by Miriam Kinsey.

# Recipes!

## *Sarah's Everlasting Slaw*

1-pint vinegar  
2 cups sugar  
½ tsp. Tumeric

1½ tsp. celery seed  
1 tsp. Mustard  
1 tsp. Salt

**Boil** then **Cool** the above ingredients and then pour over the following:

- ✓ 1 chopped head of cabbage
- ✓ 2 chopped medium onions
- ✓ 1 cup chopped green pepper

**Refrigerate!** *Delicious and it will keep for up to one year!*

## Folklore

by Joe Nolte

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to pen an appropriate Independence Day column, we have typically told tales of relatively famous personages from our country's early history.

This time we're trying something different. In honor of all our Unsung Fighting Men everywhere, I give you the following story of a particular Unsung Fighting Man. He wasn't special to most of the world, he's not in the history books, he was just one of the many thousand unknown soldiers from those legendary days of the Revolution, who fought to create a New Nation...

Our tale begins on November 7, 1749, in the middle of the Atlantic, on a boat filled with German immigrants bound for the New World. That day, a woman gave birth at sea, sadly dying in the process.

This sea-born child made it safely to the Colonies, and grew up with what was left of his family in an area then part of Pennsylvania (it would later become a part of Ohio. A blacksmith in his mid-twenties when the Revolutionary War began, we are reasonably certain that he was married, with children.

At any rate, young family notwithstanding, he joined the Revolutionary forces in 1776, marching with Captain Richard Brown's Militia. This force subsequently became part of General Stirling's army. In 1777 (I believe), George Washington found himself trapped in Manhattan by the British, and it was only Stirling's army's timely intervention that saved Washington and the day.

Anyway, our sea-born fighting blacksmith is now directly under Washington's command, and winds up personally looking after George Washington's horse in the months and years to come.

When the War finally ended in 1783, John returned home - only to discover that his entire family had been slaughtered by forces loyal to the British side. There are many such tragic stories to be found on both sides of the conflict, and it is well to remember how much was sacrificed to guarantee us the freedoms we sometimes forget we still enjoy in these most interesting times.

Fortunately, he remarried that year, to one Katherine Mowrey.

I say "fortunately", as otherwise you would not be reading this column right now.

For our sea-born blacksmithing hero's name was John Drushel.

He was my great-great-great-great grandfather.

***Happy Fourth of July!***

Joe Nolte