

BOOK AGAIN

NEWSLETTER

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Sheryl's News

As the South Bay welcomes the Summer sun, remember that air-conditioned **Book Again** is your **cool place to beat the heat** (as you stock up for your Summer reading in cool comfort).

As you can see, our big **Summer Book Sale** starts the weekend of July 11th. Everything inside the store will be half-off (including our large selection of audio books that have arrived recently); and with this sale we'll also be offering all of our fantastic Leanin' Tree Greeting Cards at half-off their normal price as well! See you soon!

—Sheryl

SUMMER SALE!

All books inside the store, audio books, puzzles and greeting cards are **HALF-OFF** our already low prices!



Friday, Saturday and Sunday

July 11, 12 and 13

And again on

July 18, 19 and 20



We will be taking-in books during the sale. Trade Credit does not apply to sale prices.

Here Comes the Summer!

by Arly

It's officially time for those lazy, hazy days of Summer – so whether you're heading down to the beach or staying at home by the pool, don't forget to take along a good book to relax with. You'll find yourself travelling through a world of adventure, solving complex mysteries or experiencing a hot new romance without having to spend a dime on gas!

New thrillers by **Lee Child** and **Harlan Coben** are sure to entertain. Child's latest, *Nothing to Lose* is the twelfth in the series of books featuring ex-military cop Jack Reacher, while Coben offers *Hold Tight* and *The Woods* to keep you on the edge of your seat – and if you're an Alex Cross lover as I am, be sure to pick up a copy of **James Patterson's** *Cross* and *Double Cross*.

You'll find yourself laughing out loud while reading **Janet Evanovich's** latest entry in the Stephanie Plum mystery series, *Fearless Fourteen*; or with last year's wonderful *Lean Mean Thirteen* (now in paperback). Another funny and suspenseful novel is *Daddy's Girl* by **Lisa Scottoline**,

taking place in a female Philadelphia legal firm.

Always-popular romance writer **Danielle Steel's** newest paperback *Sisters* centers on four women returning to New York from all parts of the world to deal with a family tragedy.

Creation in Death by **JD Robb** follows futuristic police Lt. Eve Dallas as she pursues a ghoulish killer, while **Sherrilyn Kenyon's** latest dark hunter romance *Acheron* is set to debut this August.

Hopefully I've given you some good ideas for your Summer reading – or perhaps a good biography of Marilyn, Frank or Bruce will be more to your pleasure. Maybe you prefer Sci-Fi or Westerns. You'll find them all here at **Book Again**. And students – remember your Summer reading lists and be sure to check out our Classics section.

Whatever genre you choose, I hope you delight in a good read and have a great summer!

“No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.”—Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

STORE HOURS: Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 4 pm (Closed Mondays)
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Skillet BBQ Chicken & Rice

1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts,
cut into strips
2 T oil
1½ C BBQ sauce

1 C water
1 can (11 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
1 sm green pepper chopped
2 C Minute Rice uncooked

Brown chicken in hot oil in large skillet on medium-high heat
Stir in BBQ sauce, water, corn & pepper, bring to boil.
Reduce heat; cover and **simmer** for 5 minutes;
Stir in rice, cover. **Remove** from heat; let stand 5 minutes.

Folklore

by Joe Nolte

INDEPENDENCE DAY

...or the Fourth of July, as it's alternately known. Funny thing about that is that at least three other dates would be much more appropriate to hang the phrase "Independence Day" upon.

The only significant thing that happened on July 4th, as a matter of fact, is that the Continental Congress decided that Thomas Jefferson's wording of the Declaration was Good Enough for the King, and grammatically OK as well.

My own somewhat belated nominees for a more Historically Accurate Independence Day are June 7, June 28, July 2, and July 8.

Here's why...

As you no doubt are aware, the fact that an entire year passed between the first shots of the Revolution and July 4, 1776 would seem to indicate that the colonies initially had no desire whatsoever of becoming an Independent Entity. The soldiers were simply fighting for a fairer shake from Mother England.

The real Revolutionaries were doing their fighting on paper. A relatively large scale propaganda

campaign was waged during that first year, spearheaded by Thomas Paine's pamphlet "Common Sense", and it was only after quite a lot of electioneering and debate that the idea of actually separating began to be seriously entertained.

Yes, the American Revolution was *sold* to the colonists – which explains a lot of things when you think about it...

Anyway, June 7, 1776 is the day that Richard Henry Lee (relative of Robert E.) offered the first resolution that the colonies declare themselves "free and independent States". This resolution led eventually to the writing of the Declaration of Independence—

Which was presented in the form we know and revere to the Continental Congress on *June 28, 1776!*

Put *that* in your Fourth of July and light it.

As if that weren't debunking material aplenty, Independence was officially declared, not on the 4th, but on the Second of July. In fairness, Congress *did* approve

Jefferson's wording of the thing on the Fourth, as previously mentioned, but the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence did not take place until July 8th, when a congressman named John Nixon read the now immortal words to a "great concourse of people".

At that time the King's Arms (as in Coat of Arms, the King being geographically elsewhere) were taken down and placed on a pile of casks, and burned amid great rejoicing, huzzas, drinking, bonfires, ringing of bells, firing of guns and cannons, etc.

And to quote Mrs. John Adams, writing twelve days later: "Thus ends royal authority in this State – and all the people shall say Amen!"

Joe Nolte