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SATURDAY,
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Calendar of Events



Dec. 02, 2023	6:00 PM	DGMC - Winter Concert	Westminster
Dec. 04, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Dec. 04, 2023	7:00 PM	SOAR-Survivors Overcoming Assault and Rape	Center
Dec. 05, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 06, 2023	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
Dec. 07, 2023		Hanukkah (Dec 7 - Dec 14)	
Dec. 07, 2023	6:00 PM	LGBT Monthly Board Meeting	Center
Dec. 08, 2023		Pansexual Pride Day	
Dec. 07, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 10, 2023		International Human Rights Day	
Dec. 11, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Dec. 12, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 12, 2023	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Library
Dec. 14, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 18, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Dec. 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Dec. 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
Dec. 21, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 26, 2023		Kwanzaa (Dec 26 - Jan 1)	
Dec. 25, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Dec. 26, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 28, 2023	7:00PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jan. 01, 2024		Happy New Year	



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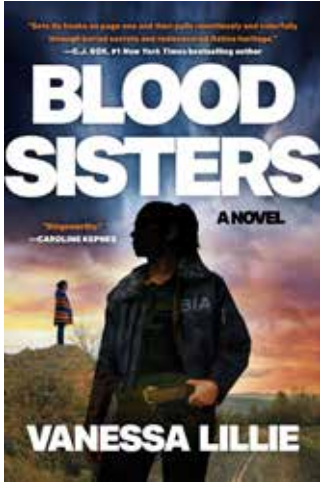
Book Reviews

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"Blood Sisters" by Vanessa Lillie c.2023, Berkley \$27.00 384 pages



It's the truth. Scout's honor.

Pinky swear. Spit on your palms or prick your fingers, and shake hands. As a child, you had many ways to show that you intended to keep a promise when you made it and your word was your bond, but you've grown up. Today, you cross your heart but, as in the new novel **"Blood Sisters" by Vanessa Lillie**, you hope no one has to die.

She wasn't looking for skeletal remains.

For Bureau of Indian Affairs archaeologist Syd

Walker, such a find was very unusual but not unknown. Odd things happen during geological surveys on tribal lands everywhere. Still, the gruesome recovery in Rhode Island wasn't top on Syd's mind.

She'd gotten a call that her sister, Emma Lou, was missing in Oklahoma. Again.

Fifteen years before, as Syd, Emma Lou, and Luna, who they'd considered a sister, were chilling in Luna's family's trailer, a group of men broke in. Wearing masks, the "devils" killed Luna and her parents, and the small town of Picher, was never the same.

Neither were Emma Lou or Syd.

As a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Syd was well aware of the problems near her hometown, the issues Native Americans had there with the BIA, and her own ancestors' efforts to survive on land that was given and then snatched back. She also knew the fact that she had a wife at home in Rhode Island set her apart since she'd left. And drugs – too many people on tribal allotments were getting drugs too easily.

But someone wanted Syd to come home: a female skull was found in the

crook of a tree with her old work badge in its mouth. Despite knowing that Syd had fled Oklahoma on purpose, her new boss at the BIA pulled strings to arrange the trip and assigned her the case.

Years ago, Syd had promised to protect Luna and Emma Lou.

One of them was already dead. The other was missing.

Was the skull a threat – or a warning?

Here is the best advice you're going to get when you grab "Blood Sisters": pay close attention to the minutiae. Without being a spoiler, little things mean a lot.

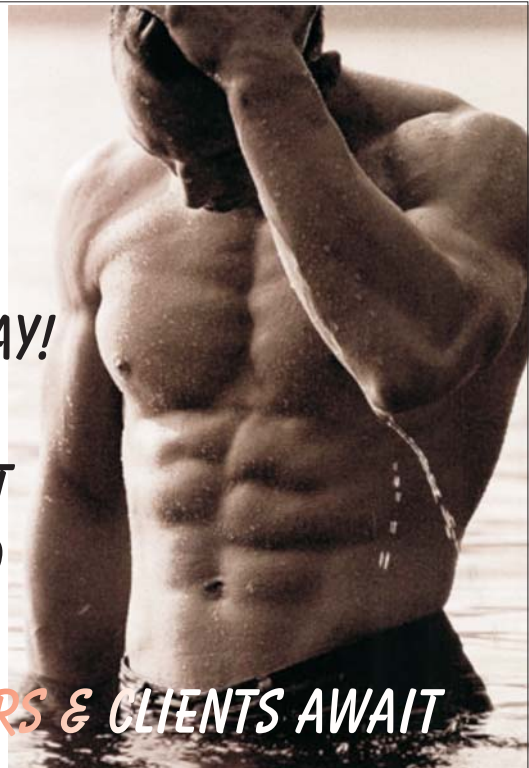
Unless you watch carefully, you'll be cruising along at 200 miles an hour in a screaming run through pages and pages of barely-bearable excitement when suddenly, your brain will make that scratchy sound like a stopped record album. It's there where author Vanessa Lillie drops three tons of TNT, right towards the almost-end of her story and whoa, Nelly. If you're not paying attention, you may have to read the chapter multiple times to cut your "What the....?" down to a manageable level.

Yeah, this is that kind of book, the kind that's written with authenticity, an insider's feel, and heightened tension that'll keep you awake. The kind that you think you know how it'll end and you're wrong. For mystery lovers or thriller fans, "Blood Sisters" is the kind of book you should scout out.

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Poets Corner

by True Hoffman



“The Spirit of Winter”

When December comes, the snow will fall
Against the fresh green pines.



A hat over here, a scarf over there,
Where Christmas glistens and shines.

As doe and dove explore the world,
The snowflakes dance in flight.

Carols will echo, of boys and girls,
Singing all into the night.



Evergreens sparkle, and winter is here,
Deep in December's embrace.



As family, and joy, and love for all,
Will get us through the days.

For when you think a soul that's passed
Has not been thinking of you,

Trust, and feel, their presence within,
For that kind of love - is true.

So if you have a place to go,
Or not a place to be,

Just know that somewhere up above,
Their spirits are happy and free.



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GENDER AFFIRMING CARE

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BANNING GENDER AFFIRMING
CARE UP TO AGE 18

OHIO COULD BE NEXT



Ohio Anti-Trans Bills 2023

HB 8

Unsafe Students Act
[Senate Education Committee](#)

HB 68 + HB 6

Gender Affirming Care + Trans
Student Athletes Ban
[Senate Government Oversight
Committee](#)
if PASSED HOUSE 6/2023
x Proponent Hearing -11/28

HB 183

Trans Bathroom Ban
[House Higher Education
Committee](#)

HB 240

Unlicensed Chaplain Counselors
in Schools
[House Primary & Secondary
Education](#)

HB 245

Performing White Trans + Drag
Ban
[House Criminal Justice
Committee](#)



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Ohio Anti-Transgender Bill

Ohio Statehouse 135th General Assembly 2023

House Bill 68

“Gender Affirming Care + Transgender Student Athletes Ban”

Prohibits gender affirming medical care for minors in Ohio (under 18), including referrals for mental health care treatment. The bill exempts intersex people or people with disorders of sexual developments. The bill creates significant liability for medical professionals coupled with a 20 year statute of limitations (5x the typical medical malpractice SOL of 4 years).

- Prohibits courts, when ruling on child custody cases, from considering the parents decisions or stances related to gender dysphoria.
- Prohibits physicians from prescribing hormone blockers and hormones for Gender Dysphoria treatment in patients under the age of 18, and from performing or beginning the consultation process for surgical interventions or Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS).
- Prohibits physicians from referring patients under the age of 18 to a mental health professional for the diagnosis of a gender related condition without disclosing to the patient's parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Prohibits political subdivisions from prohibiting conversion therapy or other models of care that discourage any divergence between gender identity and biological sex.

Bans transgender girls and women from participation in K-12 and collegiate level sports.

- Creates a private right of action aimed at OHSAA, NCAA, and school districts who are complying with Title IX with a two year statute of limitations.
- Does not explicitly state how “sex” is defined or verified.

Gender Affirming Medical Care is any mental or medical health care that seeks to affirm someone's gender identity, whether that is a transgender person or a cisgender person.

Gender transition is a broader process than just medical intervention and always begins with social transition, a process that is completely reversible and requires no immediate medical intervention.

Gender-affirming medical care is recommended for transgender youth by medical professionals including the American Academy of Pediatricians and the Endocrine Society

Transgender Students Deserve to Play School Sports

- Of 400,000 athletes participating in 7-12 athletics, just 3 were transgender
- Athletic associations already have effective guidelines in place for transgender athletes.

Contact the [Senate Government Oversight Committee](#)
and ask them to **OPPOSE HB68**

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Holiday Gift Guide

There you are, you've just crossed off your last person, thereby finishing your Holiday Gift List for the year. But oops, you forgot that one hard-to-buy-for aunt, and you haven't gotten anything for your babysitter. And, and, and... you're out of ideas. So how about something to read? See if these great books don't give you some guidance...

FICTION

The novel lover who's always doing good things for other people may enjoy unwrapping "Just Do This One Thing for Me" by Laura Zimmermann (Dutton). It's the story of a daughter who always does what her free-spirited mother asks of her – even if it gets her in trouble. Wrap it up with "Time's Undoing" by Cheryl A. Head (Dutton), a novel about a woman who's determined to learn how her great-grandfather died, and how what it means to her safety. Bonus: this book was based on the author's own family history.

Here's a nicely complex novel your giftee will love: "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride (Riverhead Books). When a new housing development is being constructed in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, builders found a human skeleton. The people in the neighborhood know who the bones belonged to, but they're not talking. This book about racism, community, and survival will make a great gift.

Mystery lovers will rejoice when they unwrap "Mrs. Plansky's Revenge" by Spencer Quinn (Forge), the story of a seventy-something widow who's scammed out of all her money. Law enforcement says the crime is impossible to solve, but your giftee will know better... Wrap it up with "The McMasters Guide to Homicide 1: Murder Your Employer" by Rupert Holmes (Simon & Schuster), a book about an unusual school where murder is the main focus.

GENERAL NON-FICTION

Your giftee follows politics, rabidly. So why not give them "The Handy Supreme Court Answer Book, second edition" by David L. Hudson, Jr, J.D. (Visible Ink Press). This easy-to-understand book is filled with Q&A information on how the SCOTUS works, why it's important, and some insight to the nine people who sit on what may be the most controversial court ever. Pair it with "Grifters, Frauds, and Crooks" by Richard Estep (Visible Ink Press), for a great look at law, order, and the lack thereof.

And now for the housekeeping: books change, publishing dates change, and if you can't find these books or something like them, be sure to ask the elves at the bookstore for the exact thing you need. They know books and they'll help you find the best gift for that hard-to-find person and they might even wrap it for you. Hint: you're almost done with your shopping. Buy yourself a book.

Season's Readings!

The Real Story Of Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

As the holiday season of 1938 came to Chicago, Bob May wasn't feeling much comfort or joy. A 34-year-old ad writer for Montgomery Ward, May was exhausted and nearly broke. His wife, Evelyn, was bedridden, on the losing end of a two-year battle with cancer. This left Bob to look after their four-year old-daughter, Barbara.

One night, Barbara asked her father, "Why isn't my mommy like everybody else's mommy?" As he struggled to answer his daughter's question, Bob remembered the pain of his own childhood. A small, sickly boy, he was constantly picked on and called names. But he wanted to give his daughter hope, and show her that being different was nothing to be ashamed of. More than that, he wanted her to know that he loved her and would always take care of her. So he began to spin a tale about a reindeer with a bright red nose who found a special place on Santa's team. Barbara loved the story so much that she made her father tell it every night before bedtime. As he did, it grew more elaborate. Because he couldn't afford to buy his daughter a gift for Christmas, Bob decided to turn the story into a homemade picture book.

In early December, Bob's wife died. Though he was heartbroken, he kept working on the book for his daughter. A few days before Christmas, he reluctantly attended a company party at Montgomery Ward. His co-workers encouraged him to share the story he'd written. After he read it, there was a standing ovation. Everyone wanted copies of their own. Montgomery Ward bought the rights to the book from their debt-ridden employee. Over the next six years, at Christmas, they gave away six million copies of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to shoppers. Every major publishing house in the country was making offers to obtain the book. In an incredible display of good will, the head of the department store returned all rights to Bob May. Four years later, Rudolph had made him into a millionaire.

Now remarried with a growing family, May felt blessed by his good fortune. But there was more to come. His brother-in-law, a successful songwriter named Johnny Marks, set the uplifting story to music. The song was pitched to artists from Bing Crosby on down. They all passed. Finally, Marks approached Gene Autry. The cowboy star had scored a holiday hit with "Here Comes Santa Claus" a few years before. Like the others, Autry wasn't impressed with the song about the misfit reindeer. Marks begged him to give it a second listen. Autry played it for his wife, Ina. She was so touched by the line "They wouldn't let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games" that she insisted her husband record the tune.

Within a few years, it had become the second best-selling Christmas song ever, right behind "White Christmas." Since then, Rudolph has come to life in TV specials, cartoons, movies, toys, games, coloring books, greeting cards and even a Ringling Bros. circus act. The little red-nosed reindeer dreamed up by Bob May and immortalized in song by Johnny Marks has come to symbolize Christmas as much as Santa Claus, evergreen trees and presents. As the last line of the song says, "He'll go down in history." 9

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE*
BY LUCY WHEELOCK

[*Pg 69]Two little children were sitting by the fire one cold winter's night. All at once they heard a timid knock at the door, and one ran to open it. There, outside in the cold and the darkness, stood a child with no shoes upon his feet and clad in thin, ragged garments. He was shivering with cold, and he asked to come in and warm himself.

"Yes, come," cried both the children; "you shall have our place by the fire. Come in!"

They drew the little stranger to their warm seat and shared their supper with him, and gave him their bed, while they slept on a hard bench. In the night they were awakened by strains of sweet music and, looking out, they saw a band of children in shining garments approaching the house. They were playing on golden harps, and the air was full of melody. Suddenly the Stranger Child stood before them; no longer cold and ragged, but clad in silvery light.

His soft voice said: "I was cold and you took Me in. I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was tired, and you gave Me your bed. I am the Christ Child, wandering through the world to bring peace and happiness to all good children. As you have given to Me, so may this tree every year give rich fruit to you."

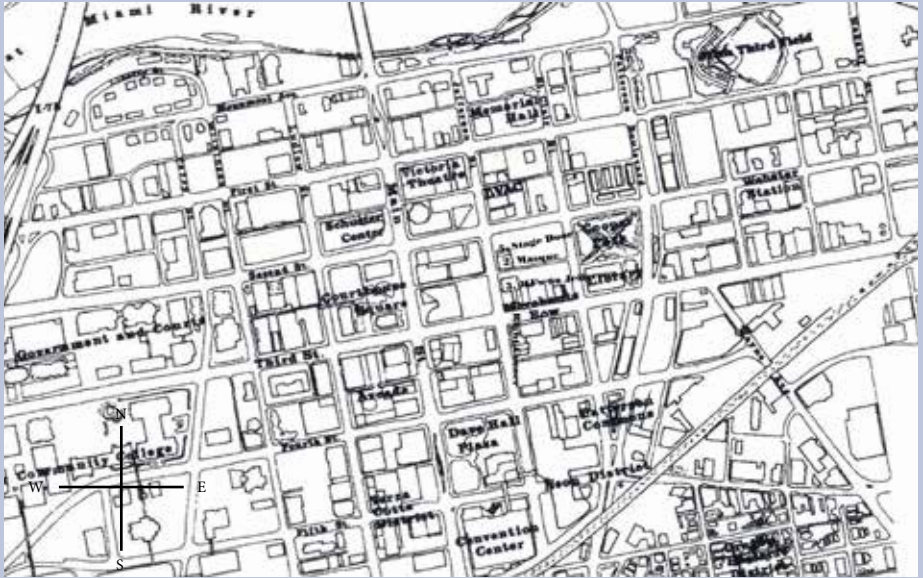
So saying, He broke a branch from the fir tree that grew near the door, and He planted it in the ground and [Pg 70]disappeared. But the branch grew into a great tree, and every year it bore wonderful golden fruit for the kind children.

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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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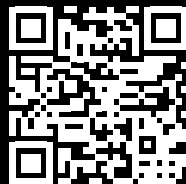


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