

Book Review

Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin



This autobiography is definitely a must-read for twenty-first century educators and anyone vested in learning. Mortenson has offered us all a model for a better world: in his memoir he shares not only his experiences, but hope for a more peaceful enlightened future. He reveals the power of the individual to alter the human condition in a positive manner, and offers the possibility of peace rather than the destruction of

war as a means of reaching a nation in conflict. Education is seen as a solution to poverty and ignorance.

Three Cups of Tea has received a series of book awards: the Kiriyama Prize for non-fiction, Time Magazine's Asian Book of the Year, and other state, bookstore, and cultural awards.

Set primarily in the remote mountains of Pakistan and later in Afghanistan, Mortenson recounts his failed attempt to summit K2 and how a series of mishaps led him to know the local people and make a promise to build a school that ignited his passion and enabled him to create meaning in his life. His zealous devotion is heroic; the risks he takes and the adventures he relates keep readers on edge. Steeped in political intrigue coupled with real life situations, this text is particularly significant to our times.

Mortenson's humanization of the "enemy," his transmission of culture

and religious beliefs, are essential steps toward a more humane, peaceful future. Even readers with divergent political beliefs will find it hard to fault his philanthropic endeavors to educate children—especially young girls—before the Taliban gains more power in the remote regions via the free, but extremist, schools it is rapidly building.

A must-read!

—Reviewed by
Julia Cowans-Wilhelm 🏠

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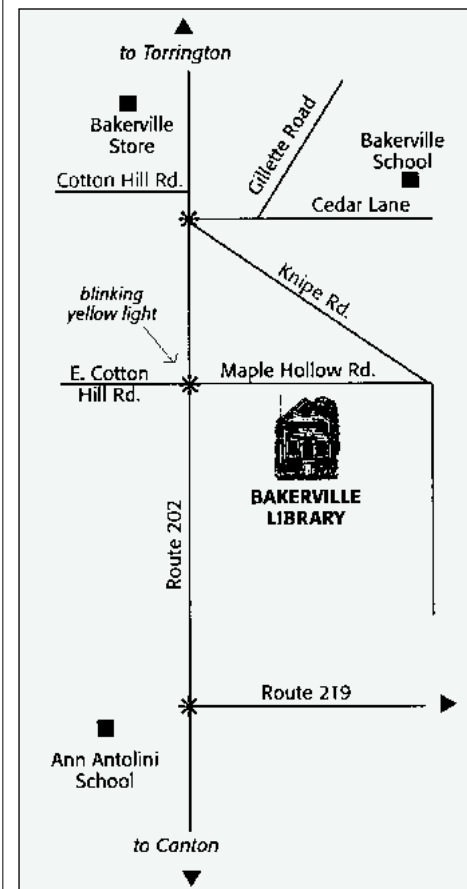
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NEWS FROM THE BAKERVILLE LIBRARY

Fall 2008

We Have Dried Out, Thanks

In spite of a shortened Marketplace because of rain, we managed to raise more than \$3400, with your help, for the library. Vendors, shoppers, and well-wishers remained as long as possible, under tents and umbrellas, or in the firehouse.



And before the rain came, there was plenty of action. Above, Jenna Bashore of Bodhiworks gets into her massage technique.

We had a full complement of booths—adults and children selling jewelry, food, crafts, plants, and nutritional supplements (including shaved ice—you know how good that tiger's blood is for you).

See inside for pictures from the **used book sale** (and a note from Pam, who headed it up this year) and the **teacup auction**.

Thanks to all who worked, donated, spread the word, bought, sold, won, baked, ate and drank, and generally participated. An actual list is



likely to appear soon on our website, bakervillelibrary.org. 🏠

Join Us at Book Club



We will read *The House of the Spirits*, by Isabel Allende. (Sorry—you just missed the hallucinogenic discussion of *Alice in Wonderland*.)

Everyone is welcome. We meet on Friday nights, approximately once a month, at different members' houses. For more information, ask at the library desk, or call Carmen Neale at 482-1428. 🏠

New for You on Our Shelves

Adult Fiction

- The Beach House* by Jane Green
- Chasing Harry Winston: A Novel* by Lauren Weisberger
- Curse of the Spellmans: A Novel* by Lisa Lutz
- Death Angel: A Novel* by Linda Howard
- The Host: A Novel* by Stephenie Meyer
- The Last Oracle: A Novel* by James Rollins
- Love the One You're With* by Emily Giffin
- Moon Shell Beach: A Novel* by Nancy Thayer
- Nothing to Lose* by Lee Child
- Scream for Me* by Karen Rose
- Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian
- The Tenth Gift: A Novel* by Jane Johnson
- The World Before Her: A Novel* by Deborah Weisgall

Adult Nonfiction

- Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea*, by Chelsea Handler
- Audition: A Memoir* by Barbara Walters
- Home: A Memoir of My Early Years* by Julie Andrews.

- What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception* by Scott McClellan
- A Wolf at the Table: A Memoir of My Father* by Augusten Burroughs

Sequels, Characters, Authors You've Been Waiting For Fiction

- The Broken Window* by Jeffery Deaver
- Fearless Fourteen* by Janet Evanovich
- The Front* by Patricia Cornwell
- Odd Hours* by Dean Koontz
- Plague Ship* by Clive Cussler
- Rogue* by Danielle Steel
- Sail* by James Patterson
- TailSpin* by Catherine Coulter

Nonfiction

- Bobby Flay's Grill It!* by Bobby Flay
- The Downhill Lie: A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport* by Carl Hiaasen
- When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris 🏠

Story Hour meets at the library on Tuesday mornings at 10:15. And be sure to check out the Story Hour planting at the base of the mailbox in front of the library. 🏠



Spiderman made his annual appearance at the Marketplace this summer, along with myriad cats, dogs, horses, flowers, dragons, insects, snakes, and body parts with flames.

Summer Reading Program Update

The Summer Reading Program is becoming more popular—we had 92 participants this year, up 5 from last year, who read 2,822 books! That's **804 more books** than last year! See the faces of these many voracious readers on our annual ritual poster. 🏠

Bestsellers Club

Do you enjoy reading new hard-cover books, but hate having them hang around the house afterwards? Here's a deal!

Buy that latest book through the library, at the library rate (40% off). Be the first to read it, and then feel good when you donate it to the library so everybody else can read it, too. If you'd like, we can stick in a "Given by" bookplate with your name on it. Ask at the library desk. 🏠



Book Sale Thanks

Despite the rain, the 2008 book sale was again a huge success.

My job of setting up and organizing the sale was made so much easier by a great group of volunteers.

I would like to personally thank the following for your time helping to sort:

Acadia Otlowski & Dianne Litchfield for making some sense out of the bags and bags of children's books and to Nancy Pretak, Betty Stoutenberg, Hank FitzGerald, Robin Ryan, Carmen Neale, Kathy White, and anyone I have inadvertently forgotten to mention, for so efficiently organizing the endless bags and boxes.

—Pam FitzGerald 🏠



Teacup Auction

Were we ever grateful for that Grange tent this year!

Did you win anything at our stellar auction? Those prizes were worth standing in the rain for. Thanks to everyone who tackled that massive organizational effort.

And we wish we could remember what the auction drama was in the picture to the left. 🏠

