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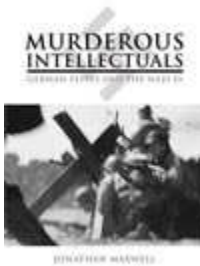
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Featured this Week - Nonfiction, History, Government, True Crime



Murderous Intellectuals: German Elites and the Nazi SS by Jonathan Maxwell

Synopsis: Searching for a sense of understanding and a hope for future prevention, author Jonathan Maxwell explores the different officials of the Holocaust, giving an extensive background of each. He investigates mental defects, childhood occurrences, and family situations of these horrific leaders and identifies the "desk murderers" (those who did not

directly kill, but gave orders to kill). "Murderous Intellectuals" provides a concentrated look at the events that took place, as Maxwell attempts to identify the key causes of the mass murders in an effort to prevent future Holocausts.

[Read review and interview for Murderous Intellectuals](#)

Featured this Week - Fiction, Novel, Mystery, Paranormal Thriller



Black Road 2012 by Jeffrey A. Friedberg

Synopsis: "Black Road 2012" by author Jeffrey A. Friedberg is a paranormal thriller structured around the ancient Mayan Doomsday prophecy-said to fulfill itself on December 21, 2012, at 11:11 AM, when the sun will align with the center of the galactic core, the current world Age will end, and a New World Age will begin with flood, famine, and the end of God.

Sited in eerie New Mexico, "Black Road 2012" features singular Native Americans, mythology, and philosophy. It also presents stirring adventure, a love story, and draws the dark curtain of history, revealing shadow governments, lost ancient science, a sinister mystic relic and more.

[Read review for Black Road 2012](#)

October Book Giveaway Winners!



Primary Beneficiary by David Tackett - **Winner: Tara Brown**

Gentling: A Practical Guide to Treating PTSD in Abused Children by William E.

Krill, Jr. - **Winner: Bob Keck**

Try Fear: A Novel by James Scott Bell - **Winner: Barbara DeWilde**

There's a Babirusa in My Bathtub: Fact and Fancy About Curious Creatures by

Maxine Rose Schur - **Winner: Kim Wheatley**

Golden's Rule: A Novel by C. E. Edmonson - **Winner: Paula Myers**

Wildfire by Christyna Hunter - **Winner: Tiffany Ginn**

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Live Interview with Rickey Bray

Occasionally, we come across an author whose own life story is as interesting as the stories they create. Rickey Bray, the author of the "Rendezvous Rock," is such an example. His writing actually evolved as a result of the tragedies in his life.

Growing up in rural Oklahoma, his life was happily normal with his wife and three young children. All of that changed abruptly in 1978 when he and his family were involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver resulting in the death of his wife and two of his three children. His children killed in the accident were 4 years old and 4 months only. The child who survived was 6 years old. Sadly after the accident, Bray, only in his early twenties, was unable to cope

with the loss, fell into a depression haze, and turned to drugs for consolation.

All of this came to an abrupt halt fourteen years later when he sent to prison on drug charges, and it was here that he began his writing career.

Synopsis: While vacationing in the mountains, Eric meets an unusual girl, Susan, who has sparkling, emerald eyes that are so strangely captivating. They are a unique, singular shade of green and seem to be imbued with an ancient fire that even a spoiled, youthfully unperceptive Eric could easily feel. He senses a strange maturity about this mysterious girl and is drawn to her like a magnet.

"When I said we would never be married, I meant in your way," Susan said. "Will you marry me in my way? Right now?"

Even though numerous questions clamored in his head, Eric easily replied, "Of Course."

Eric's answer was far too easy in Susan's opinion. As she mused over his quick reply, she speculated on how to best explain their strange situation in terms that he could understand, an impossibility to do beforehand. He would have to commit himself, then learn the truth. It was unfair to the extreme, yet unavoidable under these very peculiar circumstances, and thus Eric is drawn into a mysterious world.

Topics of conversation:

- Rickey tells the story of the tragic auto accident that completely changed his life.
- Prison life, and the emotional journey of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and then acceptance.
- How Rickey and his "cellie" (cell mate) supported each other's artistic pursuits.
- Storyline of *Rendezvous Rock*, and it's interesting supernatural twist.
- Publishing, manuscripts, persistence, and the challenges of promoting a book.

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[Humanizing Psychiatry: The Biocognitive Model](#); Niall McLaren, M.D.; Future Psychiatry Press (2010); ISBN 9781615990115; Reviewed by Paige Lovitt for Reader Views (10/09); Nonfiction - Health

[Inheritance](#); Christine Sunderland; OakTara Publishers (2009); ISBN 9781602902190; Reviewed by Paige Lovitt for Readerviews (10/09); Fiction - Novel

[Pink Slips and Parting Gifts](#); Deb Hosey White; iUniverse (2009); ISBN 9781440158049; Reviewed by Ron Standerfer for Reader Views (10/09); Fiction - Novel

[The Divine Theory of Everything: Book 1 Wanderer](#); Robert D. Berger; Llumina Press (2009); ISBN 9781605942841; Reviewed by Olivera Baumgartner-Jackson for Reader Views (10/09); Fiction - Fantasy

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[Finding My Molly](#); Peggy Krause; AuthorHouse (2007); ISBN 9781434342799;

Reviewed by Sophia (age 6.75) and Madeline (age 8.5) for Reader Views (10/09); Early Reader

[Goldilocks](#); Ruth Sanderson; Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (2009); ISBN

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Reviewed by Maggie Desmond-O'Brien for Reader Views (11/09); Young Reader

[The Little Fir Tree](#); Margaret Wise Brown; HarperCollins (2009); ISBN 9780064435291; Reviewed by Cayden Aures (age 5) and Mom for Reader Views (11/09); Preschool

[Where Do Polar Bears Live?](#) Sarah L. Thomson; HarperCollins (2010); ISBN 9780061575174;

Reviewed by Sophia McElroy (age 6.75) for Reader Views (11/09); Early Reader

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