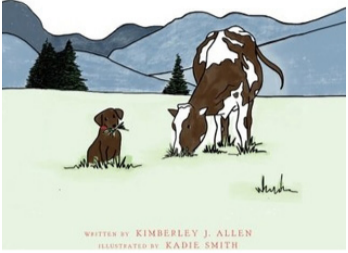




CK Reporter of the Week
Haley Deison, Arvada

Authors celebrate local booksellers

My Puppy Thinks She's a BROWN COW



It is important that independent bookstores exist, because they contribute to the community.

That was the dominant theme of "Independent Bookstore Day," April 28.

More than 500 bookstores in 48 states participated in the event this year, a 5% increase in participation since last year.

As opposed to national chain

bookstores, locally owned stores feature community authors and give back more to the local economy, they say.

They give a place to meet up and relax, and maybe find some inspiration. They are community centers run by passionate readers and have long been a staple of society.

These bookstores are as significant a part of the community and culture as the books that they contain, and it is important, their supporters insist, that they remain locally owned.

The Bookies, a Denver independent bookstore, held a celebration for Independent Bookstore Day, inviting 10 local authors to talk about their books.

Bookstores need books, books need authors, and I wondered why writers do what they do.

"I think, for any writer, it's because we love reading, we love stories," says Nancy Bo Flood, author of "Sister Soldier Fly Home."

Kimberly Allen, author of "My Puppy Thinks She's a Brown Cow," said, "I currently read a lot of books to young children in the library, so I thought, 'I could do that!' It's just fun."

Stel Pavlou, British screenwriter and author of "Daniel Coldstar: The Relic War," said "I've always

written, since I was about 4. It's just something I do."

Judith Robbins Rose had a slightly different reason. "I wrote ["Look Both Ways in the

Barrio Blanco"] because I thought I had something to say about the topic of undocumented immigrants. I was the mentor of two girls whose parents were undocumented. Seeing what they had to live with and seeing their fear made me really angry, and I knew I had to tell their story ... Hopefully this book can change some minds. Immigration is an important issue right now."

Because of Independent Bookstore Day, I was able to meet and talk to someone with a personal experience and strong opinion on that important issue.

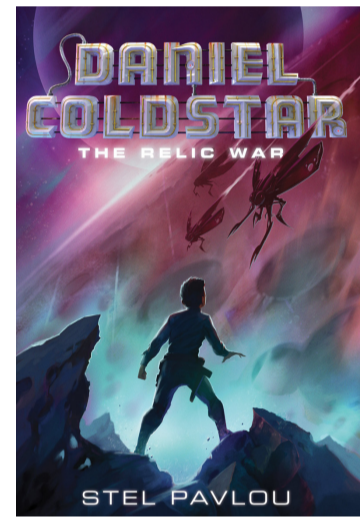
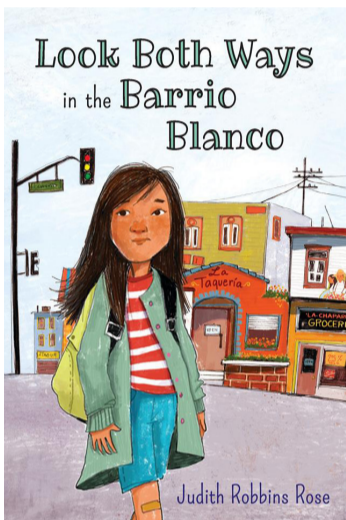
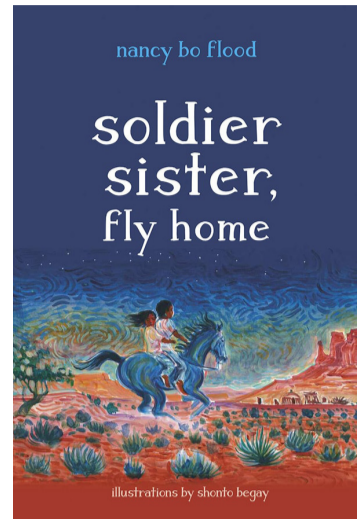
Independent Bookstore Day is a celebration of local authors whose work is

every bit as important as that of more famous authors such as J. K. Rowling or Rick Riordan.

Whatever the reason authors write for, books can provide a good way to pass the time or learn about new topics, and independent bookstores remain an important part of the community and can promote and provide an outlet for local creativity.



INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY



By Maria Ciobanu, 13, a CK Reporter from Denver

Sweet, sweet prose from entertaining author

Siobhan Vivian recently promoted her new book with a sweet challenge at the Tattered Cover Book Store on Colfax Avenue.

Her new summer book, "Stay Sweet," is all about ice cream, girl power, and friendship.

Tattered Cover promoted the book with a 20-day ice cream hunt that took participants throughout Denver for a scoop of ice cream at six locally owned ice cream shops.

At the end of the "hunt," a party was thrown to promote the book with a Q&A from the author, a book signing and even more local ice cream!

Siobhan Vivian is the author of many young adult books including "The Last Boy and Girl in the World," "The List," and "Burn for Burn."

Her new book offers a mix of history and feminism and, of course, ice cream.

"Stay Sweet" follows Amelia Van Hagen, who works at Meade Creamery, an ice cream stand with an all-girl staff in present-day Sand Lake, and the parallel storyline of Molly, the founder of Meade Creamery in the 1940s.

To get into the mind of a teenager during that time, Vivian read copies of Seventeen Magazines from the 1940s!

The inspiration for this novel, she said, was a visit to an ice cream shop in Ohio called Durbin Magic Freeze where she saw a bunch of girls working hard and having fun.

During the Q&A she was asked to give advice for young writers. Her advice? "Just write... just get the words down, that's all that matters."

She talked about the process it took to write about ice cream and why she writes YA.

Vivian's "default setting" is young adult novels and it turns out, she said, that ice cream is very scientific.

Siobhan Vivian, who teaches Writing Youth Literature at the University of Pittsburgh, had a very strong hold over the audience. She was funny and she was also a good speaker and could connect with the audience.





photo/Reese Hitztaler

She was able to make people laugh and have fun because she was very relatable but still was able to get across her message.



By Reese Hitztaler, 13, a CK Reporter from Littleton





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Flea market offers a little bit of everything

On a sunny Sunday, I visited the Mile High Flea Market.

This is a great place that has everything from toys, to utensils, to statues, to food.

A flea market is essentially a humongous, organized yard sale, where people can rent stalls to sell stuff.

I thought of it like an outdoor "everything" store.

Everything is less expensive than usual too. It only costs 3 dollars for adults to get in, but kids twelve and under are free!

While there, I had a turkey leg, which was really good, and I saw lots of stuff like lawnmowers, bikes, knives, handmade rugs, and soccer balls.

I even saw fresh produce there.

The stalls are organized in a grid, with lettered and numbered streets.

However, it was very hard to find a map, and the map was only helpful with permanent stalls like the turkey place.

The flea market is open on weekends and even has an Event Center.

The Event Center can be easily mistaken for the Denver airport because of the white cones on top.

This place holds activities like live music every Saturday and Sunday, and World



Cup watching events.

They even have events like Teacher Appreciation Day on June 23rd, where you show them your teacher ID and they let you in free.

The Mile High Flea Market even has amusement rides and an ATV dealer.

The amusement park rides were aimed for kids aged ten and under.

They had bumper boats, slide inflatables, etc.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and recommend that you go. I had very little money, but I still enjoyed myself.

However, you should bring some money because you will see some stuff you like.

The market is open 7 am to 5 pm every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the year.

You can see more information about it at www.milehighfleamarket.com.



Story and photo by Jack Vanourek, 12, a CK Reporter from Littleton

Strange, dark but enchanting, captivating story

Laylee, the protagonist of Tahereh Mafi's "Whichwood," could have been normal.

She could have been, if her maman hadn't died and her father went crazy.

Her father was a mordsheer: A person who washes the dead, preparing them for the afterlife.

Laylee had inherited this magic, and she now has to wash the dead alone.

The plot twists and turns with heartbreaking moments and relatable characters.

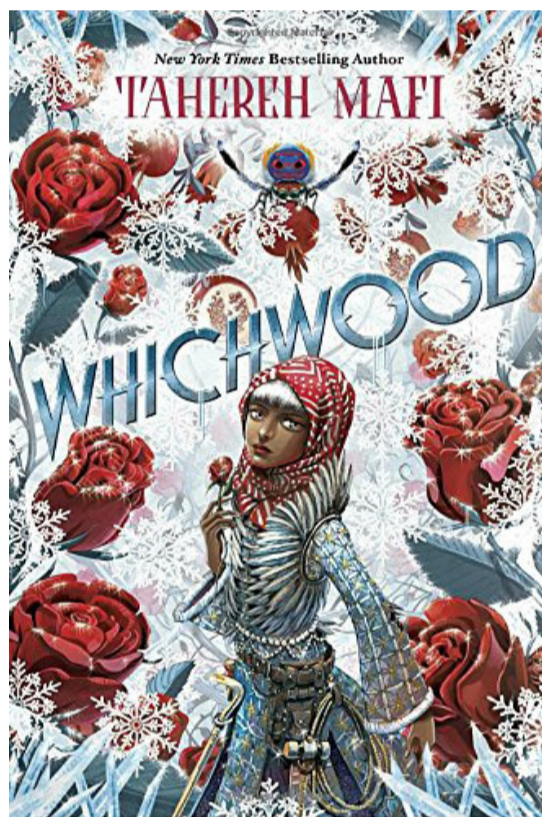
For years now she has been living a life of solitude and work. No vacations, no friends, nothing but washing the dead.

All this work with no breaks has started to turn Laylee silver. Her eyes first, then her hair, and now her fingers.

She knows she is doomed.

But that all changes when two other children appear at Laylee's door.

From the start, Laylee could tell these strangers weren't from her hometown, Whichwood.



The most striking thing about them, though, was their desire to help her.

Laylee was greeted by a pale boy and girl. Alice and Oliver increase her desire to be alone, the only life she has known for so long now.

After one night, Laylee shoos Oliver and Alice away, they find Benjamin, and the three of them know that they have to do what they can to save Laylee.

When Laylee finds these strangers at her doorstep again, she can no longer push away their help.

This book is enchanting and captivating for ages 10 and up.

The novel does have death in it, so if the reader does not cope well with this, it would be wise for them not to read it.

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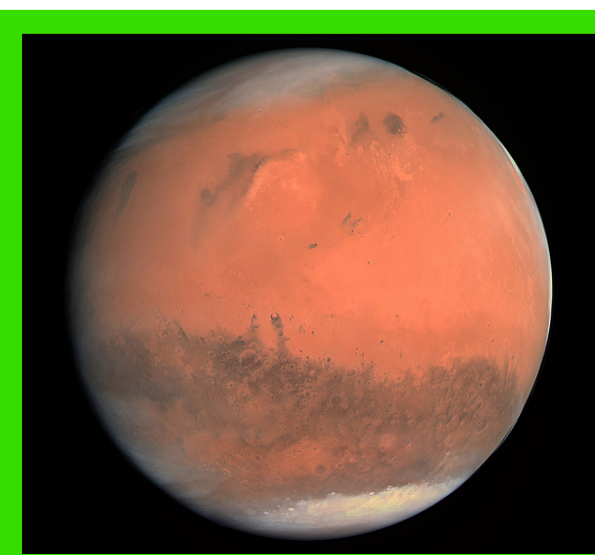
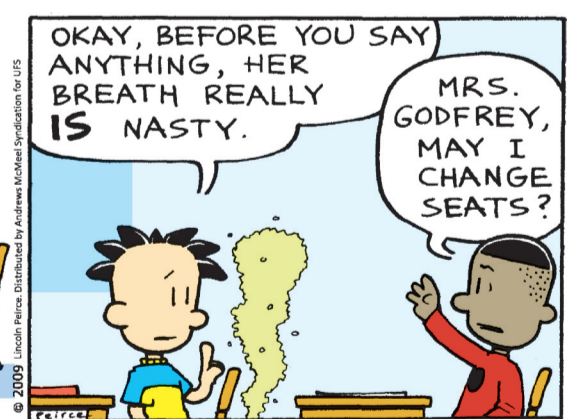
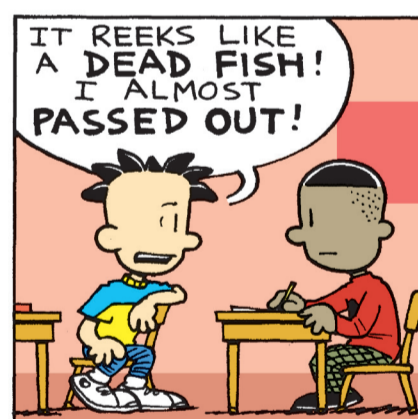
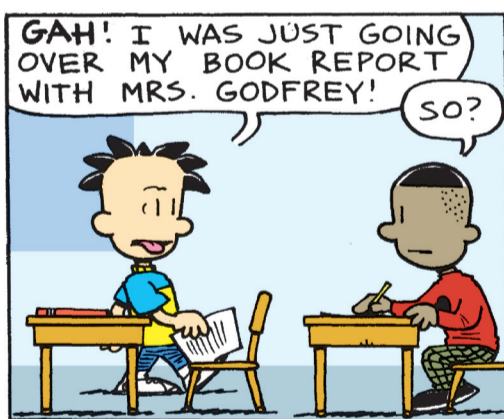
Laylee's life is in the hands of Oliver and Alice.

The only question for now is, can they handle it?



By Chloe Whiteside, 11, a CK Reporter from Broomfield

Big Nate



NASA Chief: Moon first, then Mars

Humans last stepped on the Moon in December, 1972, but, in 2004, President George W. Bush promised we'd be going back.

It hasn't happened yet, NASA's new administrator, Jim Bridenstine, admitted to the Humans to Mars summit in Washington.

But that doesn't mean the plan has been abandoned.

In a short speech, Bridenstine explained that Bush's plan to learn from Moon landings and exploration

and develop the skills and tools needed to go to Mars was something NASA plans to revive.

Some of the research has continued, even if the promised trips to the Moon didn't happen.

Bridenstine spoke of a "railroad" to Mars and other planets, meaning that NASA would make the Moon a station along the way.

He also explained that there is more research going on than just trying out new things on the Moon,

and that, for instance, the Mars probe that was recently launched will gather information about the geology of Mars which will help pave the way for flights there.

He also suggested that private companies like Space X are doing important research that will make them valuable partners when it is finally time for people to head towards Mars.

But our next step, he said, will be planted on the Moon. photo/ESA

Fast-paced fantasy novel will sweep you up

Nikola Kross was the smartest person in her original school. She never had trouble with any studies, and could have easily gone to college if her father let her.

However, Nikola was bullied by all of her classmates – and was totally fine with that, despite Miss Hiccup’s attempts to get her to fit in.

In “A Problematic Paradox” by Eliot Sappingfield, 13-year-old Nikola embarks on a dangerous mission to save her father, and harder still, learns how to make friends.

Nikola’s father is one of the smartest people in the world. He is also very rich, but instead of living in a mansion, he and Nikola live in a huge abandoned supermarket that was turned into a giant lab.

On one seemingly normal day, after one of Miss Hiccup’s failed attempts to “help” her fit in with her classmates, Nikola goes to wait for the late school bus. She wants to go to her favorite spot in the playground, but someone has gotten there first.

That “someone” seems almost like an actual person, if she didn’t have short legs, extremely long arms, and smell terrible.

She says her name is Tabbabitha and she wants to recruit Nikola into her team. Nikola refuses, and Tabbabitha lets her go.

The last thing that Tabbabitha says to her is “Talk soon.”

When Nikola gets home, she realizes that Tabbabitha and her team have abducted her father. To make matters worse, they are coming back for her.

Nikola barely manages to escape and then is greeted by Miss Hiccup, who drops her off at a boarding school for very smart kids.

Almost no one at The School – as everyone calls it – is human. Instead they are parahumans, aliens that arrived on Earth thousands of years ago and evolved to be

more like humans.

Hypatia, Nikola’s roommate, looks like a human other than the fact that her eyes change color and she is almost impossibly cute.

Fluorine is a girl who looks just like a human, but her age fluctuates randomly because of an accident in one of her classes.

Ultraviolet VanHorne, Hypatia’s enemy, is so perfect that she looks weird.

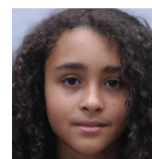
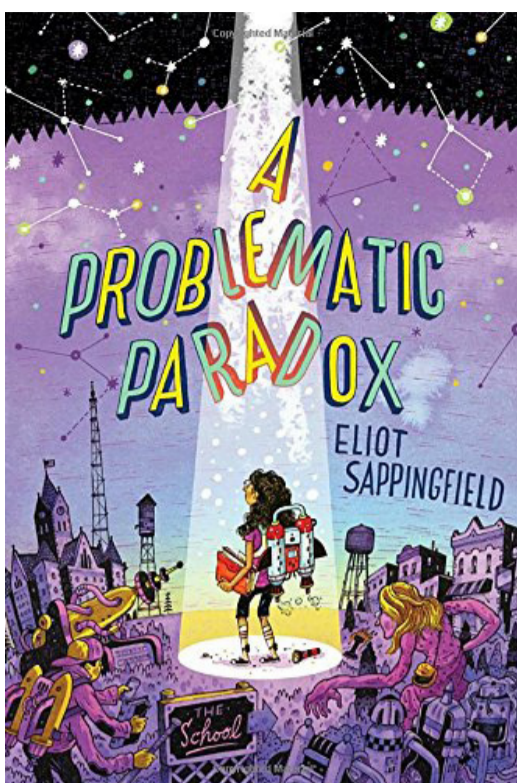
Nikola enjoys studying in The School, but she can’t stop thinking about her father and the Old Ones – a group of aliens, including Tabbabitha, who were originally like the parahumans, but just became nastier – and she has a strange feeling that Tabbabitha is in The School.

Even though everyone else says that’s impossible because of a protective shield around The School, Nikola knows that Tabbabitha is there.

With the help of Hypatia and some of her other human and parahuman friends, Nikola is determined to defeat Tabbabitha and find her father, a mission often disrupted by things like a cannon malfunction and millions of robotic bees.

Complicated plot? Yes, but it moves quickly and it’s easy to get caught up in the action and understand what’s going on.

“A Problematic Paradox” is a terrific book for anyone who enjoys science fiction. Because of some minor swearing, I would recommend it for kids ages 10 and up.



By Nandi Strieker, 11, a CK Reporter from Antonito

Pele fetches her fire from Hawaii’s Kilauea

The way Hawaiians explain it, the goddess Pele and her family were looking for a home when they came to the Hawaiian Islands.

There, Pele found a place to store her fire in a hole in Mount Kilauea (*KIL-uh-Way-uh*)

And last week, Pele decided she needed some of that fire.

Kilauea is one of the world’s most active volcanoes, but that hasn’t stopped people from building their homes on its slopes.

With this most recent eruption, about 1,000 people have had to leave their homes and more than 35 of those homes are now gone, swallowed up by lava that may be as hot as 2,200 degrees, just over ten times as hot as boiling water.

One advantage of Pele’s fire is that Hawaiian magma -- the molten rock that, when it comes out of the ground, is called “lava” -- contains a lot of basalt.

That mineral makes Hawaiian volcanoes different from those on the continent, like Mount Saint Helens in Washington state.

Volcanoes that are based on continental plates have more quartz-like minerals in



Lava creeps slowly down a street in Hawaii, with the outside cooling to a black, hard surface while the 2,140 degree Fahrenheit lava inside keeps breaking through. (AP Photo/US Geological Survey)

their magma, which makes it thicker and means that it can build up more pressure and make greater explosions when it erupts.

Kilauea’s lava is more runny, so it can “burp” its gases. It’s not as likely to explode, but that doesn’t mean it can’t or won’t, and volcanologists have been watching closely in case the mountain begins to hurl rocks and dust into the air.

Meanwhile, just as local governments and radio stations keep track of wildfires in Colorado, Hawaiian authorities and media are keeping an eye on Kilauea’s lava flows and advising residents about areas that are becoming unsafe.

One advantage over wildfires is that the lava flows slowly, and, while the gases from the volcano are harmful, it has been possible for people in some neighborhoods to go back to their homes during the day to fetch things they want to save.

In other neighborhoods, however, the gases are too strong and the danger from lava too

great to allow anyone back in.

And unlike the fast-moving wildfires in our part of the country, it could be quite a while before Pele takes up the last of her fire and lets people move back home.

Sudoku

	3			1	5
				6	
	6				3
4	5				
		1		4	
		6	1		

Rules: Every row across, every column down and each of the six smaller boxes must contain numerals 1,2,3,4,5 and 6, one time and one time only.

The solution to this week’s puzzle is on Page 4.



Brainteaser

On this date in 1942, the Women’s Army Corps was created to allow women to enlist and help in the war effort. It lasted until 1978, when WACs became full members of the Army. Our answers this week will start with “W” for “WACs.”

1. The “Badger State,” which is why the badger is the state university’s sports mascot.
2. The candymaker in a Roald Dahl novel that has been made into movies.
3. Tennis playing superstar sisters
4. A graduate of Brown University, she has spoken out for gender equality and girls’ education on behalf of the UN. She has also played the role of Hermione Granger.
5. An African antelope also called a “gnu.”
6. Former coal-mining town in Huerfano County, 50 miles south of Pueblo
7. Author of “Charlotte’s Web” and “Stuart Little.”
8. Rubber ankles-to-neck outfit worn by skin divers, surfers and others who dive or swim in very cold water.
9. Two atoms of hydrogen combined with a single atom of oxygen
10. The day of the week named for the most powerful of Norse gods

(answers on Page Four)

Vaping may wipe that smile off your face

Vaping continues to be popular with young people who think it is healthier than smoking, but there is growing evidence showing that it carries plenty of its own dangers.

The latest comes from a researcher at Rochester Medical Center, Irfan Rahman, who noticed, during his other vaping research, that young vapers often complained to him about sores in their mouths that took a long time to heal.

Of course, it’s well known that chewing tobacco and snuff will cause sores in the mouth that can develop into cancer, but this was different and Rahman decided to take a closer look.

His research suggests that the nicotine, flavoring

and other chemicals in vaping liquids can cause irritation of the gums and can also harm the tissue’s ability to heal wounds.

People who take up vaping because they want to look older might end up looking a whole lot older than they wanted to.

Depending on what flavors a vaper chooses and how much vaping goes on, they could face serious gum damage and even loss of teeth.

Dr. Rahman admits that there is more research yet to be done on this topic, but his earlier studies showed that vaping can do similar damage to cells in your lungs, so it’s not surprising it could be able to harm your gums and cheeks.

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I Will Come Home

Chapter Nine: A Decision

(Our story so far: Betsy has discovered who had been taking eggs and milk: An escaped Confederate prisoner has been hiding in the hayloft of her barn.)

It was no accident that Betsy was part way between the school and Mrs. Baxter's house Monday as Mr. Jones came by with his wagon.

Silas was still in the hayloft. She'd been sneaking him food, morning and night, since she found him Saturday and she still didn't know what to do about him.

So she'd been walking extra slow, hoping that Mr. Jones would come along and offer her a ride.

He could tell she had something on her mind, but he just drove the horses and waited until she spoke up.

"You used to break the law," she said, and he turned to look at her, sitting next to him on the wagon box.

But he didn't say anything, so she spoke up again. "What you did was against the law, putting slaves on the trains to Canada."

"Did you want to ask me a question about that?" he asked.

Betsy thought a moment. "I guess not," she replied, but after they driven along a little further, she got up her nerve again. "How many people do you figure knew what you were doing?"

"Besides the people I was doing it with? I truly don't know," he admitted. "I tried to be quiet about it, so people could pretend they didn't know, if that was what they wanted to do. What they needed to do. But I guess most of the town probably knew at least some of it."

"I guess if they thought it was so wrong, somebody would have told on you."

"That seems likely," he said.

"They probably talked about it, among themselves."

"I suppose they probably did," he agreed.

Betsy looked across to the low mountains on the other side of the Chemung River, all red and yellow with autumn leaves. "How much did you worry about it?"

John Jones shrugged. "About people talking about it, or about somebody getting me arrested for it?"

"Both."

"Not a bit." He raised his hands slightly towards his chest, tightening the knot of reins in his hands and bringing the horses to a halt at Mrs. Baxter's house. Then he turned towards Betsy.

"What I did was right," he said. "I don't know what anybody thought about it, or what they said about it, and I never knew but that maybe I'd go to jail for it. But I know I did what was right."

"Yes," Betsy agreed. "You did what was right."

She climbed down from the wagon as Mrs. Baxter came to the front porch.

"Thank you!" Betsy called after Mr. Jones, as he drove away.

* * *

That night, when Betsy came up to the loft, she had a feed sack in one hand, and whatever was in it clunked on the ladder as she climbed.

"You've got to go tonight," she said.

"But I can't hardly walk," Silas started to protest. Betsy cut him off.

"You can ride back to the prison or you can walk home," she said. "But I can't hide you here anymore. Put your foot out."

Silas extended his leg and Betsy took some long strips of cloth from the sack.

"Now, watch carefully. I've seen my ma wrap my pa's bad foot a hundred times." She began to wind the cloth around Silas's ankle.

"There's some potatoes in there that you can bake in the ashes," she said. "I was going to put in apples, but there's still apples left on the trees, and under them, too. You'll find plenty of apples."

Silas watched her bandaging, shifting slightly and wincing a few times as she moved his foot.

"There's a tin cup and a small bag of oatmeal that you can cook in it," Betsy said. "I couldn't sneak you any more bread or cheese, but there's a can of sardines and a piece of paper with some matches folded up in it. Watch they don't strike each other; you might want to put them in your pocket."

"My pockets ain't been proper pockets for months," Silas said. "They'd fall right out."

Betsy looked at him in the shadows and lantern light from below. She should have brought a pair of Jim's breeches, but she didn't want to sneak back into the house now.

"What can't be cured must be endured," she said, and tucked the end of the long bandage in to hold it snugly.

"If you get to where you can't feel your toes, loosen up those windings," she said.

She reached into the sack and drew out a pair of tall hunting boots. "These are my brother's," she said. "They'll hold your ankle in place. My pa has a pair just like them that he wears when he has to walk more than a little ways."

"God bless you, Betsy," Silas said, as she loosened the laces on the boot for his bad foot.

"Don't ask Him to bless me," she said. "They're Jimmy's boots and he's the one needs blessing anyway."

"I surely will pray for your Jimmy, Betsy," Silas said. "I surely will."

She helped him with the second boot and they climbed down the ladder.

Betsy and Silas stood in the moonlit barnyard.

"The Chemung's four blocks that way," she pointed. "Downstream is Pennsylvania and the Susquehanna River and that'll take you clear to Maryland."

Silas slung the bag over his shoulder and started to limp away, then turned back as if to say something more.

"Go home," Betsy said. "Your family's waiting."

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Sudoku Solution

6	3	4	2	1	5
2	1	5	3	6	4
1	6	2	4	5	3
4	5	3	6	2	1
3	2	1	5	4	6
5	4	6	1	3	5

Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. Wisconsin
2. Willie Wonka
3. (Venus and Serena) Williams
4. (Emma) Watson
5. wildebeest
6. Walsenburg
7. (E.B.) White
8. wetsuit
9. water
10. Wednesday ("Odin's day")

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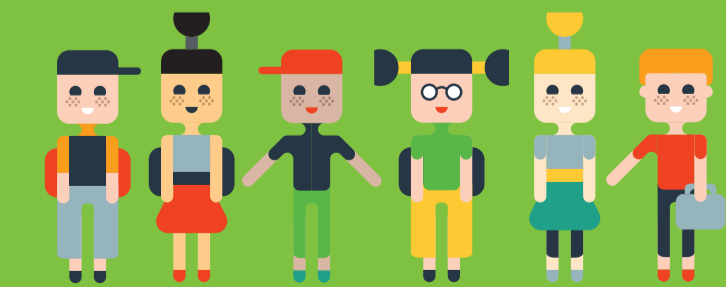
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