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These early days of January have us looking back at 2008 and saying, "What the heck was THAT"? We think we're not alone when we say we're glad it's over. Of course, it's not over. The economy and perhaps even the weather will be with us a bit longer. But we're counting our blessings and looking forward. And a few spectacular things happened to us in the past couple of months. Along with everyone else, we elected a new president and have great hope for his new administration. A bit closer to home, we discovered the value of the blogosphere and the devotion of "think local first" shoppers to see us through the holiday season. Even the weather, rough as it was, brought the neighborhood to our door. So thanks to all, friends and family, customers old and new. We're anticipating a great year in 2009 and hope to see you often.

THANKS FROM SITTON SCHOOL

Our book drive in December was a huge success! Thanks to you, we are able to donate more than \$800 worth of brand new books to the Portland Public School's Sitton School library in St. Johns. We just received this note from Diane Newton-Prior, their librarian: "Roberta and Sally, please know that your customers have made a difference today. Our kids will read and be excited about books BECAUSE OF YOU. Thank you most sincerely". Awesome.

JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday January 20th at 7 pm – Danish author **Peter H. Fogtdal** joins us tonight to read from his new book, *The Tsar's Dwarf: A Novel*, translated by Tiina Nunnally and published by local Hawthorne Books. The novel tells the story of Sörine, a saucy, sarcastic dwarf given by the King of Denmark to Russian Tsar Peter the Great, who takes her to St. Petersburg against her will to serve as a jester in his court. This bawdy and deeply human tale is masterfully rendered and brilliantly translated. Mr. Fogtdal, the author of twelve previous novels, shares his time between Portland and Copenhagen. We hope you'll come to hear him read from this imaginative, hilarious tale of early 18th Century Russia.

Tuesday January 27th at 7 pm – Please come for our annual event to celebrate **William Stafford** – his life, his work, and his birthday! This evening's event will be hosted by Harold Johnson. The celebration will begin with the featured readers: Casey Bush, Paula Lowden, Joanna Rose, Mazarine Treyz, Stephanie Van Horn, and FWS Board Member Tim Barnes. Then we'll open the floor to members of the audience who wish to read. As a birthday gift to William Stafford, bring one his poems to read to the group.



WINTER HOURS

Beginning Monday, January 5th, Broadway Books will be open from 10 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 pm on Sunday. (On weekday evenings when we have events scheduled, we'll be open until 9 pm.)

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR BLOG?

We started a blog recently. Have you seen it? Sally is scrupulously keeping it current (at least one entry a day, and usually more than that). We'd love to count you among our visitors. And even more, we'd love to get some back and forth going, so please feel free to post comments! The blog is at www.broadwaybooks.blogspot.com. And please, have patience. Our website is very very very close to being ready. We promise. We'll announce it sometime this month on the blog. And if you're a Facebooker, consider becoming a fan of Broadway Books!



WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE READS OF 2008?

The end of an old year always has us making lists: bestseller lists, things-to-do lists, shopping lists, unforgettable-moments lists. And of course, favorite books lists. What books did you read in 2008 that you loved? Please send us your top ten reads of last year and we'll publish as many of them as we can on our blog, website, and newsletter. You can also find our bestsellers from last year, divided by category, on the blog.

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