

King Sorrow gets a full five stars!

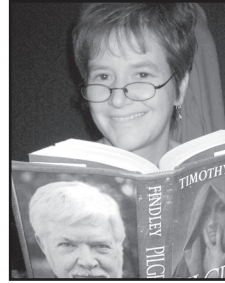
I started writing *Between the Covers* over 27 years ago when I was expecting my second son, Ethan, and I can't say for sure but I imagine I reviewed a Stephen King book. So in that vein, for this final column I'm happy to review *King Sorrow* by Joe Hill (King's son) and give it a full five stars. I can honestly say it reminded me of *IT* in that six college age friends find themselves tied together through a shared responsibility they brought to the world and we follow them over the years through tragedy, hope and some sort of redemption. This is a long novel but if you like character driven stories that pull you in because you are invested in their survival and happiness you will love this book. I've read most of Hill's novels and this is for sure his best.

As always in December I'm happy to recommend some books that would make great gifts for the readers on your list. Winner of the National Book Award *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad is a great read for the history/political buff on your list, I learned a ton reading it myself and it deserves all the accolades it has received. On my list this year is Margaret Atwood's memoir *Book of Lives: A Memoir of Sorts, The Smiling Land: All Around the Circle in My Newfoundland and Labrador* by Alan Doyle, and *The Look* by Michelle Obama.

Fiction lovers have some new releases that would make great gifts including *The Black Wolf* by Louise Penny, *The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown and *The Widow* by John Grisham. Chris Hadfield has a new book out, *Final Orbit* and Charlie Mackesy's *Always Remember*, I picked up a copy locally and couldn't wait until Christmas to give it away!

For the kids there's *Dog Man #14: Big Jim Believes* by Dav Pilkey, *Diary of a*

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Between the Covers

Wimpy Kid Book #20: Partypooper by Jeff Kinney and the latest in the *Wings of Fire* series graphic novels, *Darkstalker* by T. Tiu Sutherland and Jake Parker. My kids always enjoyed perusing the newest

Guinness Book of Word Records list aimed at kids and it is a great way to enjoy a book together Christmas Day.

For the littles so many options to choose from but I'm a classics fan myself, love Munsch, the Little Critter books and Richard Scarry.

Finally for those who'd rather read by listening an Audible subscription is a great idea! This may be my last column but I'm always happy to chat books, you can find me at tracy.primeau@gmail.com or on social media.

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