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6 Book Blogs You Need to Follow

EVENTS

August 26, 2018
Sunday, 9am - 3pm
Sacramento Jewish Food
Faire
[Click here to visit website](#)
Congregation Beth
Shalom
4746 El Camino Ave
Carmichael, CA

September 15, 2018
Saturday, 10am - 4pm
Benicia Fine Arts and
Crafts Festival
[Click here for more info](#)
Downtown Benicia, CA

September 23, 2018
Sunday, 11am - 4pm
Square Tomatoes Davis
Craft & Vintage Fair
Central Park
3rd and C Streets
Davis, CA

October 6, 2018
Saturday, 8am - 4pm
Bella Vista Craft Fair
Bella Vista High School
Space #D124
8301 Madison Ave
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

October 26-28, 2018
Sacramento Arts Festival
[Click here to visit website](#)
Friday & Saturday 10am -
6pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm
Sacramento Convention
Center
Booth #208
Sacramento, CA

Even the most voracious of readers can find it challenging to stay on top of the latest book releases and news in the publishing world. Thankfully, there are several blogs and sites to help make sure your bedside table or reading list is never empty (although that's likely not a problem for you!)

To help navigate the latest book releases and trends, I've rounded up six of the web's best book-related blogs and websites to add to your favorites:

- **Omnivoracious:** The Amazon Book Review (<https://www.amazonbookreview.com/>) - The retail giant offers this robust blog where you can find new releases and easily add them to your shopping cart. They also regularly feature author interviews, guest essays and plenty of book lists whether you're looking for your next weekend read or the latest in a specific genre.
- **The New York Times Book Review** (<https://www.nytimes.com/section/books/review>) - Starting back in 1896, this weekly section of The New York Times is known for their influential and widely-read book reviews that attracts intellectual, general-interest adult readers. Check it out if you're in the mood for longer pieces as well as analysis of the literary world.
- **Book Riot** (<https://bookriot.com/>) - With new content being added every day, Book Riot has something for everyone from serious to silly. In addition to coverage of new books, lists and reviews, this site is fun to visit for bookish commentary such as this article (LINK: <https://bookriot.com/2018/08/04/the-office-and-the-finer-things-club/>) that predicts what books the characters on 'The Office' would pick for a book club. My Booklandia was even featured on a previous blog post!
- **Goodreads** (<https://www.goodreads.com/blog/index>) - If you're an active Goodreads user, then be sure to check out their blog. Their layout largely features book covers and lists, so you can quickly and easily browse and add to your shelves.

November 18, 2018
Rancho Solano Holiday
Boutique
Sunday 10am - 4pm
The Clubhouse
Rancho Solano Golf
Course
Fairfield, CA

December 2, 2018
(TENTATIVE)
Folsom Christmas Arts &
Crafts Fair
Sunday 9am - 4pm
Historic Folsom
Folsom, CA

December 16, 2018
(TENTATIVE)
Square Tomatoes Davis
Craft & Vintage Fair
Sunday 11am - 4pm
Central Park
3rd and C Streets
Davis, CA

*** New Website Update ***

The countdown is on! I've been working hard on completely redesigning My Booklandia's website. Taking new photos, writing new descriptions, and just trying to make it as nice and friendly as possible. I'm really proud of the way it's taking shape and I hope you'll love it. Everything I've done is with you in mind.

If all goes well I'm really hoping to launch by the end of August. If you'd like to be informed when the site goes live [click here](#) and sign up to be added to the special notification list. There may be surprises for the first visitors ;) Thanks so much for your patience!

- **Bustle** (<https://www.bustle.com/books>) - This site covers pretty much everything from lifestyle to tech and of course, books! Similar to Book Riot, you can expect much more than just book lists and reviews. While you'll find those too, there are lots of light articles such as 11 Harry Potter Beach Accessories Every Muggle Needs (LINK: <https://www.bustle.com/p/11-harry-potter-beach-accessories-every-muggle-needs-even-if-you-cant-apparate-to-the-ocean-9922525>) along with personal reflections about books, writing and literature.
- **Book of the Month Club** (<https://www.bookofthefmonth.com/blog>) - The book subscription service offers carefully curated selections each month from established authors and emerging voices in a span of genres so it's not surprising then that their blog covers everything from author interviews, posts such as reads for your next beach vacation and helpful infographics (LINK:<https://www.bookofthefmonth.com/blog/what-kind-of-read-do-you-need-265>) to to assist in determining your next book.

Most, if not all, of these sites and blogs offer a newsletter too, so be sure to sign up if you prefer book reviews and news to come to you! Most of these suggestions also offer their own podcasts, a great option if you're on the go or prefer your book reviews in audio form. I hope this list is handy whether you need a new book or simply looking for content that speaks to the bookworm in you!



BOOK REVIEW: Little Britches by Ralph Moody

I love fiction and my Mom loves biography. When she mentioned this series by Ralph Moody I wasn't very enthusiastic, it being biography and all. But I found a used copy somewhere and I decided to give it a go. I loved it! After that I kept on the lookout for other books in the series. Since then the books have been reprinted in paperback so they are a lot easier to find.

Ralph Moody is a wonderful storyteller, and his autobiographies tell the story of his family. They moved from New Hampshire to Colorado in 1906. Moody was only 8, and the story of his family's ranch and their lives makes wonderful reading. His story isn't



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"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark."

- Victor Hugo

GOT FEEDBACK?

I'd love to hear from you. If there's anything you want to add, questions you'd like to ask, photos or reviews you'd like to

without hardship but the tales he tells of growing up are entertaining and suitable for readers of any age. Each book focuses on a different period in his life, and the series spans from childhood into his adult years.

I highly recommend every book. If you can, start with Little Britches, lately published as Father and I were Ranchers, and read them in order. Any of them will work as a stand alone too, so if you find one, just dive in. This is a list of all the books in the series.

Little Britches (Father and I Were Ranchers)

Man of the Family

The Home Ranch

Mary Emma & Company

The Fields of Home

Shaking the Nickel Bush

The Dry Divide

Horse of a Different Color

If you'd like to order the first in the series online here's a [link](#).



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FUN BOOK FACTS

The Thickest Book Ever Published

The thickest book ever published, The Complete Miss Marple, is 12.67 inches wide and 4,032 pages long. The Complete Miss Marple is a collection of 20 short stories and 12 mystery novels, by author Agatha Christie.

A beautiful limited leatherbound edition containing every Miss Marple novel and short story written by Agatha Christie, in its own luxurious wooden box with full colour map of St Mary Mead. Limited to a worldwide print of 500 copies, this edition of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple books has the distinction of being the biggest book in the world. With the novels and short stories presented in the order in which they were written and published, this hand-bound 4032-page book is the first time anyone has ever tried to consolidate the 32 separate Miss Marple cases into a single volume.

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