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EVENTS

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

December 2, 2018
Folsom Christmas Arts
and Crafts Fair
Sunday 9am – 4pm
Sutter Street
Folsom, CA

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

I'm already planning my
schedule for 2019, so if
you have an event you'd
like My Booklandia to
attend, just let me know.



They're almost here!

I really shouldn't be sharing yet but I couldn't help myself. My brand new line is almost ready for launch. And where will you find these lovelies? On My Booklandia's website, and ONLY on My Booklandia's website. BUT NOT YET! The official launch is still a couple of weeks away.

I'll have all the details soon, but I wanted you to have the first look at this amazing new line that you helped to design with your favorite quotes.

Want to place a custom order?

The holidays get very busy and I already have a queue for custom orders, so it's best to get your order in as early as possible. Today



FUN BOOK FACTS

The Library of Congress Greatest Library of the Modern World

The largest library in the world is the United States Library of Congress, which houses more than 38 million books. A national library was originally conceived by James Madison and later established by legislation from President John Adams for use as a resource for congress.

The original Library of Congress was destroyed by invading British troops in the War of 1812. The library was replaced by Thomas Jefferson's personal library, which was much more diverse and even contained cookbooks. Since then, the Library of Congress has become the de facto national library of the United States.

"A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others."

- Abraham
Lincoln

GOT FEEDBACK?

I'd love to hear from you.
If there's anything you

custom orders take from 7-10 business days from the day I have the required books and payment. If you need to order the books, it might add as much as 10 business days, so plan early.

Need some help deciding on the books or planning your custom order? No problem. Send me an [email](#) or get started by filling out the form on My Booklandia's website. Just click [here](#).



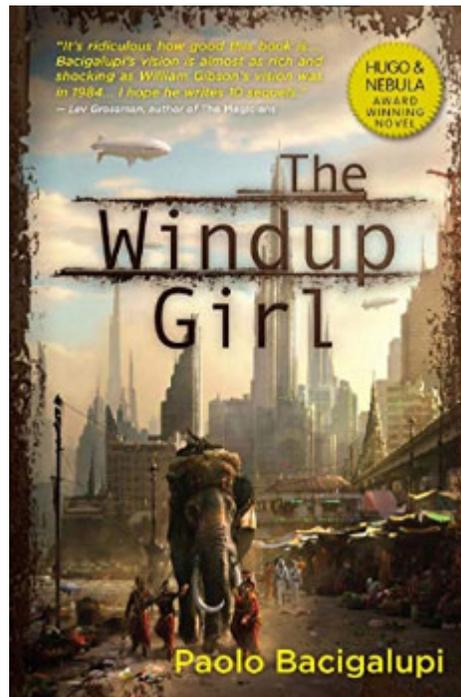
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November Book Review

The Windup Girl by Paolo Bacigalupi

I've been thinking a lot lately about climate change. I live in the Sierra foothills and every summer it's a little warmer, and a little dryer, which of course means more fires. So a little scarier. From where I sit, it doesn't take much imagination to see where this might be going. But everyone doesn't live somewhere that the weather and seasons play such a big role in their lives. Maybe a lack of imagination is a little to blame for many people's inability to understand what climate change might do to our lives.

Which brings me to "*The Windup Girl*" by Paolo Bacigalupi. There is no lack of imagination on the future of climate change here.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I began *The Windup Girl*, and it took a while to get into the story. The novel takes place in the future,

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at a point in time in which the planet has been ravaged by global warming and bio-engineering. The resulting plagues and famines have made the world a hellish place. People are torn between simply trying to eke out some sort of existence, the corporate world's monopoly on genetically designed foods and plant life, and the rich and powerful who make the decisions everyone has to live with. In the middle of all this are the various factions who believe in what they are doing, for better or worse, and of course, the windup girl.

I found it hard to like any of the characters in this book. There are villains, but most people are trying to survive as best they can and are willing to do what they need to get on. None of the characters are particularly good, they're all just trying to get by in a dangerous world. The Windup Girl, basically a bio engineered slave, is buffeted about by those around her, but towards the end does attempt to determine her own fate.

I don't want to give any more spoilers than I have, which I admit aren't big spoilers anyway. The story feels a lot like Margaret Atwood's Madd Addam Trilogy (which I highly recommend), but they are world's apart in story other than the devastation left over from drastic bio-engineering and a few characters to place your hopes upon.

In spite of this lukewarm description I did enjoy the book. There was never going to be a happy ending, but perhaps one that was better than the present state. The story is told from the point of view of many of the characters, so there are few illusions to hold onto, and lots of points of view. In spite of it all, there is a glimmer of hope at the end. At least that's what I'm telling myself.

If you want a cheery happy ending in which all the flowers bloom, the skies clear, and the world is a happy place then this definitely isn't for you. But it's a story well told, albeit from the point of view of the underbelly.



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