

Hi!

There has been a reminder note on my TO DO list for quite a while now to get a note off to you. You have quite a number of very loyal fans amongst my former classmates from Gallatin County High – particularly those in my class (we were in Bozeman for our 50th class reunion in August). Some of the locals have been to your book signings and lectures but others have just thoroughly enjoyed reading your books. So if your ears were not burning that week-end of August 13th they should have been. I sincerely hope that I did not mis-represent you when asked questions. I think that the majority of them had read *This House of Sky* or other biographical information about your earlier years. They are all eagerly awaiting your next!!!

It had been over 8 years since I had been back to the Gallatin Valley – such a beautiful place but being overrun with land developers and wealthy retirees. Belgrade has spread almost down to Baker Creek with ugly condos. Pop has been standing up for the older residents who have water rights – he makes himself heard, even if he does have a tendency to repeat himself in his old age.

This summer at a faculty workshop here at San Juan College I met another of your very dedicated readers. She asked about the book of photos that were down from the Sixteen Mile/Ringling area – *Inside This House of Sky*. Is that book still in print? Can she inquire from U of Wash bookstore for it?

Recently while reading Nicholas Sparks' *Three Weeks With My Brother* (quite a change in style from his other works) I was reminded a bit of *Winter Brothers*. Is that still in print (I will check with Tattered Cover as well) – if so, I am tempted to send a copy to him.

Hope all goes well in your household


Beverly Doig

8 Nov. '04

Beverly, hi--

Was interested to hear your report on the Gallatin High reunion; you are really gallant and forebearing in fielding those questions about me. When you get tired of it you can always tell people my byline is a pen name, like Mark Twain or something, and no real Doig ever laid eyes on me.

Carol and I are thriving, although pretty badly jolted this past week by all branches of the government ending up under one party. I think historically that ends up tough on the country, whichever party it is. Other than poking our heads up for the election, we're hunkered in as I work on the next novel. I'm about two-thirds done on the manuscript, so publication date likely will be spring of '06. This one involves a one-room school in 1909-10, in a fictionalized version of the Valier area where I went to high school. If I do it right, it'll have a touch of myth or "what if" about it, maybe more so than people notice in my other fiction. In any case, it's a hurrah for dedicated one-room school teachers in the Montana old days, and so say we all, right?

As to the extant books you asked about: *Inside This House of Sky* is not in print, and is probably fairly pricey from a rare-book dealer. *Winter Brothers* is very much still in print in paperback (1st edition hardback, again, is a pricey rare book by now). By one of the quirks of the publishing world--which actually is never short of quirks--I am now back with my first publisher, Harcourt, the begetter of both *Winter Brothers* and *This House of Sky*.

Good to hear from you. I wish I could say we're heading your direction again any time soon, but no real plans of that sort until I get this next book out of the way. You sound well and lively; keep it up.

Regards,

To: "VICKI HALLINGSTAD" <vicki@sofast.net>
Subject: Re: Emailing: DSCF0075

Vicki, hello

Ivan (who is at this moment at his own computer) sends his thanks for your birthday greeting. It came just at the right time, since his actual birthday is June 27, and he got your greeting before I took him off to Victoria for a few days to celebrate the occasion. We get a kick out of taking a float plane from the north shore of Lake Washington -- which is just a few minutes from our house -- to Victoria, and looking down over the territory as we fly across the Sound and then Dungeness Spit. So we had a good time, and now we're home for most of the rest of the summer. We hope that you and Chuck will come see us when you get a chance; lunch, dinner or overnight, your choice. And we don't need much advance notice. Just give us a phone call, since I don't check email very often.

You asked about my birthday; it's July 24, and if the weather's good I've asked for a day trip into the Cascades. Turnabout is fair: when are your birthdays?

Hope you had a good trip to Montana for Lucille's, and then we hope you can enjoy summer on the island. The Northwest is the place to be.

From: "VICKI HALLINGSTAD" <vicki@sofast.net>
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Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2004, 11:21 AM

Greetings! Wanted to send to this picture and wish you a Happy Birthday! Sorry it has taken me so long. I am a GREAT procrastinator! Also wanted to thank you so very much for coming to Guemes and giving us a great weekend. People still talk about how great it was and many have expressed their disappointment in not being able to be there. Maybe do it again sometime????!! We would love to have you anytime. Isn't this weather something? It is very hard on gardens and flowers though, everything I have is already done blooming. I am going to GF this Thursday to visit the sisters. Lucille will be 67 on June 25 and Gary turned 69 on the 8th. Wayne has about 60 days until the big retirement and he is getting very anxious. When is your actual birthday and Carol also. I don't always get a card in the mail but do like to think of people on their day! Again, thank you and Happy Birthday! Vicki

Your files are attached and ready to send with this message.



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6/14/04

Dear Mr. Doig,

It is a privilege to have the occasion to write to you. Jean Walkinshaw, who has known my family for years, gave me your address for a good cause.

I don't know about you but I have grown weary of ranting almost incoherently every time I hear George W. Bush's voice and think of the harm he is doing. As a positive behavior modification for myself I am organizing a fundraiser (my first) to support his defeat in the November election. It would be a great honor if you would consider being one of our volunteer speakers.

The afternoon event is planned for a weekend in September on private meadowland along Westcott Bay on San Juan Island. Those attending would be treated to hearing from a favorite author, live music and a wonderful meal cooked by a top northwest chef (this will be a fun, not a formal occasion). I have not selected which of the three weekends (Labor Day weekend is not possible) in September because I wanted to hear if and when you and the other speakers would be available. If there is anything you would need to make this request of mine a reality please let me know. I believe that with creative participation and working together we can make a difference. I also get the distinct impression that the rest of the world is depending on us to wake up and do something.

Sincerely,


Joanne Webb
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21 June '04

Dear Joanne Webb--

I have a pang about saying so, but I can't see how to put myself in the picture, in the greatly worthwhile fundraiser you're planning. My September is already full to bursting--I have obligations on the book I'm writing now, there are some travel plans that can't be shifted from then, and there are October speaking engagements I'll somehow have to find the time around then to write for; and the worst part of this is, some of my scheduling of all this can't be nailed down for a while yet. I know you need to juggle your entire lineup into one chosen weekend, and soon, and it is just best to keep my fight with the calendar out of your necessary struggle with it. You are utterly right about the need for all of us to do something to send the election against Bush. In this household, we opened our wallets to Kerry as early as last spring, and I intend to put my voice to work in the best way I can, which is in writing. So, regretfully, I have to bow out of the running for the San Juan weekend. May it pay off on election day.

Best wishes,

April 30, 2004

Dear Ivan,

As we approach May, we near the long-awaited opening of Seattle's new Central Library. We are very excited to create a video to commemorate the opening and so happy that you are able to join us and be a part of this project. Libraries are so much more than just a place to check out books. They are the cornerstones of every community, a place for people to access resources, connect to the Internet, and mostly, a place that opens us up to the world of imagination and endless possibility. The new Central Library will do all this and more.

For the video, we would like you to share your own experiences with books, authors, libraries, and the role they have played in your life. Perhaps as a child you loved Dr. Seuss like Troy Aikman, Jim Carrey, Stephen King, and James Earl Jones. Maybe you favored the classics like Steven Spielberg who loved "Treasure Island" and "The Last of the Mohicans". "My Antonia" inspired Colin Powell while Barbara Walters and Ann Landers both enjoyed "The Little Prince". No matter who you are, there is at least one book, one line, or one author that has struck a cord and stayed with you over the years.

Some of the questions we will ask you include:

What book had the biggest impact on your life?
What book have you read the most number of times?
What book changed your life?
What is the first book you remember reading and loving?
What excites you most about the new Library?

We encourage you to elaborate on all these questions. Don't worry, our director will be there to make it very easy for you! In addition, we would love to hear you read a short passage from one of your favorite books. Although, it is an element that you are able to forgo, we hope to have you read at least a few lines. Also, please let us know what your book or books of choice are, at your earliest convenience.

Your interview time is scheduled from 11:30 am – 11:50 am on Thursday, May 13th.

We ask that you please arrive at the new Central Library 15 –20 minutes early to allow enough time for make-up and lighting purposes. The Library entrance we are using is located on 4th Avenue, between Spring and Madison. Directions to the location are located in a separate document, along with a map that also shows where you will find the closest parking garage.

When you arrive, you will check in with the security guard and be greeted by either Tiffany Davies or Jenny Pigott, who will guide you through the Library to your interview location. Please let us know if you plan on bringing a friend or colleague with you on the day of your interview, and what that person's name is. We need to supply Security with the names of any potential guest a few days before the shoot to ensure that person will be allowed access to the library. If you have any problems or arrive early, you can reach either Tiffany or Jenny by cell phone.

Tiffany Davies, Associate Producer
Jenny Pigott, Executive Producer

425.501.7075 cell
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When selecting your wardrobe for the interview, we encourage you to dress in what you are comfortable wearing on camera. Whether you wear chinos and oxfords to work, or a suit, please wear what you feel is presentable and what people will identify you in. Earth tones, pastels and other soft colors look very nice on camera, while certain colors photograph poorly. We ask that you please avoid:

Busy patterns

Bright red clothing

Solid white (if you wear a white shirt, please make sure you have a tie or sweater to break up the color)

Solid black (again, please breakup the color)

Anything with logos

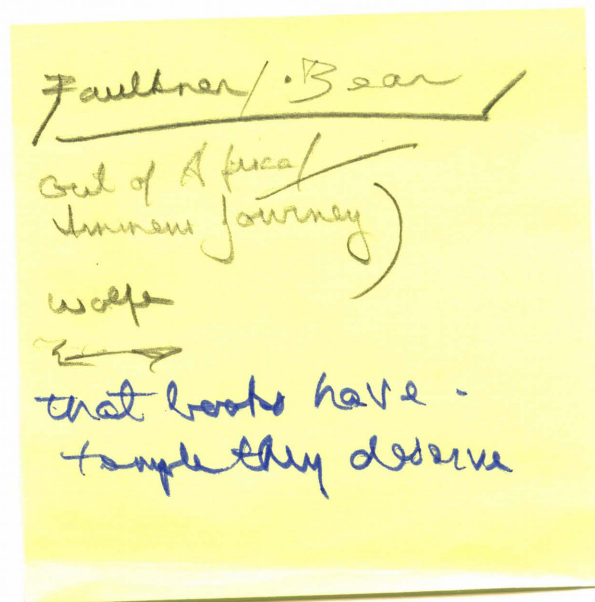
When in doubt, it is always a good idea to bring an extra shirt, sweater, jacket, or any other top as a back up.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions regarding this information. We are very happy to have you on board and look forward to seeing you on the May 13th. Until then, take care and thank you again for your participation.

Best Regards,

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Dear Joan & Carol,

Had lunch with our mutual
friend Judith Chandler —
she delivered the attractive
Broadsheet and your flattering
signing — I'm proud to have
anything to do for one of the
great books in my lifetime.

We have been celebrating
my 80th!! birthday —
let's continue the occasion

With a lunch in March
Will call -

Thanks to the economy
etc - our Travels
have been contained
- will see Annie late
April -

Affectionately -

Lee Soper

1.5.04

Dear Ivan & Carol-

As you may have guessed, this is ~~not~~ the official "thank you" for your recent gift, but I want to add my thanks for yr generosity.

Also want to take the opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed Bucking the Sun, Ivan. It was my read during my England vacation in November. I left it w/ my buddy, who lives in Kent, and he is now enjoying it.

A final comment. Don't know if you are Celtic music ^{sucks} buffs, but I would recommend a song by Ed Miller entitled "The Prince of Darkness" off his CD "Lowlander." He's a Scot who now lives in Austin. The song is one of the finest indictments of the cutting

any Labour Party that I've
heard.

Best for '04!

Jay

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Ivan,

Here is the review. As I told you on the phone, when I have finished engineering, I intend to try my hand at the wordsmithing game. I have done a lot of writing in connection with my engineering, most of it having to do with writing proposals. I may not be any good at fiction, but you never know. I have an idea for a novel based on my Grandad's homesteading of his place, and the lives of my uncles, one of whom was Charlene's dad. Another was Bill, who was the coach for many years at Western Montana college in Dillon. My favorite was Scott, who was kind of the black sheep. (He used to ride out into Rankin's pasture and steal calves to raise with milk from our milk cows.)

If you should get this way, look me up. I can show you the local sights. This town was founded in 1756. I want to get around and see the history stuff here before going back to the west. Portsmouth, which is over on the coast, was founded in 1621. Anyhow, there is a lot of history around here. There are the civil war battle sites, which of course are south of here, but there is a revolutionary war battle site in Vermont.

Speaking of history, did you know that the Smith River was named by Lewis and Clarke? Also, there was an Indian camp not very far from Moss Agate. The last time I was there, you could still see the rocks arranged in rings to hold down the edges of the tepees. One of my uncles found stone club heads there. Also, speaking of Moss Agate, the last time I was there, I found a steel plate up on the ridge above the place, standing upright like a monument. I can't remember exactly what was written on it with a welder, but it had something to do with a woman. Well, enough of this, I have some software to write for work. Take care, and good luck with your book.

Larry Ward

Larry Ward
10 Dec. '03

Dear Richard--

Who I knew as Larry, right? That accounted for me being momentarily thrown when you called. Anyway, thanks for troubling to call and then send the Boston Globe review. It always helps to know how my book is doing in other places, and this one is doing just fine.

Interested in your Smith River remarks. I haven't been to White Sulphur for years, having learned to like northern Montana--the area north of Choteau that I write about--a lot more than where we started to grow up. Appreciated your being in touch, and all good luck on your own wordworking and any relocating you do after retirement.

Sincerely,