



## Banned Books and Other Nonsense

I'm still not sure why I insist on calling this a "newsletter" since there is no actual NEWS in it, but, what else should it be called? Suggestions welcome.

This last week of September is Banned Books Week. Believe it or not, you have probably not only *read* some of these, but you may have a copy in your home as we speak. Here are a few you may not know are actually banned or almost so:

- ***Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** by Mark Twain, 1884, banned as "trash suitable only for the slums" in 1885.
- ***Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*** was banned for passages that were considered "sexually offensive", and for the tragic nature of the book, which readers felt was a "real downer." (boo hoo)
- ***The Call of the Wild*** by Jack London, 1903, was banned in Yugoslavia and Italy for being "too radical".
- ***The Grapes of Wrath*** by John Steinbeck has been banned and challenged for "vulgar" language. Parents have also objected to "inappropriate sexual references."
- ***The Scarlet Letter*** by Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1850, was censored on the sexual grounds of the story line.

- ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald, 1925, was the tale of playboy Jay Gatsby & the target of his affection, Daisy Buchanan, and was "challenged" as recently as 1987, by Baptist College in Charleston, SC due to "language & sexual references in the book." (they should watch the movie—they'd go crazy)
- ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee, 1960, has been frequently banned & challenged on both sexual and social grounds. (again-watch the movie)

Wow! How many have you read (or watched the movie)? Who knew we were such a bunch of rebels? 😎

**Ok, now on to important stuff!**

**The Week of September 26-30 is:**

- Banned Books Week
- National Dog Week
- National Fall Foliage Week
- Keep Kids Creative Week

**Some Celebrations only last a day:**

- 26th**-Forget-Me-Not Day
- Johnny Appleseed Day
- National Dumpling Day
- World Contraception Day
- National Pancake Day

**27th**-Ancestor Appreciation Day  
National Chocolate Milk Day  
Corned Beef Hash Day  
Crush A Can Day  
National Scarf Day

**28th**-Fish Tank Floorshow Night  
National Drink Beer Day  
Strawberry Cream Pie Day  
National Good Neighbor Day  
World Maritime Day

**29th**-Ask A Stupid Question Day  
Hug a Vegetarian Day  
National Biscotti Day  
National Coffee Day  
Save the Koala Day  
Silent Movie Night

**30th**-International Lace Day  
International Translation Day  
National Mulled Cider Day  
Save Your Photos Day  
Wrigley Chewing Gum Day  
Orange Shirt Day

Have a great week & call me if you need anything!

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*Carol* 🥰

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Cody has a beard like Papa. They grow up so fast.



## **Weekly Points to Ponder**

- People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.
- I dream of a world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.
- Never do anything you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics.
- On particularly rough days when I'm sure I can't possibly endure, I like to remind myself that my track record for getting through bad days so far is 100%...and that's pretty good.
- On the darkest days, when I feel inadequate, unloved, & unworthy, I remember whose daughter I am and I straighten my crown.
- FEAR has two meanings:  
**Forget Everything And Run** or  
**Face Everything And Rise.**  
The choice is yours.
- The terror of performing never goes away. Instead, you get very, very comfortable being terrified.
- I wanted to go jogging this morning but Proverbs 28:1 says "the wicked run when no one is chasing them" so there goes that.
- If Eve doomed the entire human race for one apple, what would she do for a Klondike bar?