



## Joan Briller: Book Blurb Person for the Friends

What does this title mean? I write book blurbs that appear on the Friends Facebook page. How did this come about? Jane Rutledge who does a wonderful job with our eBay sales queried Friends members about stepping up to this assignment. She has a strong belief in keeping communication going in these pandemic times. A piece in an American Library Association publication had piqued her interest. It was about a Friends group in Alabama who tried the book blurb idea.

I volunteered immediately because it was a perfect fit for my passion about books. And I had a very comfortable feeling about writing review style blurbs. But I was not prepared for the wide-ranging subject matter on the book sorters shelves. I have now written about forty blurbs and love doing it.

My most memorable titles include: "The Apologia of Robert Keayne-the self portrait of a Puritan Merchant", "The Scythe Book- Mowing Hay,Cutting Weeds and Harvesting Small Grains with Hand Tools" and "A Simple and Vital Design: The Story of Indiana Post Office Murals."

I look forward to continuing my blurb writing. Please take a look at them on our Facebook page. It is my good fortune to be part of such a vital community group as the Friends. People reading widely is so important and we can be proud that we help keep that tradition going.



Joan Briller

## A Note From Jane...

Joan is indeed our "intrepid reviewer." We've been able to share a number of our unusual and interesting books, and there are more to come. Visit the Friends Facebook Page to see what she's reviewing. And if you want to own one of these treasures, you just need to be the first to comment "I'll take it!" and we will arrange for pick-up-and-pay. Keep checking back, as we post two or three a week.

Joan mentioned our online sales project. We have a team checking through the donations and listing some of pricier books on Amazon and eBay. Often these are unusual titles that are unlikely to find a buyer at our in-person sales, so the internet gives us a larger audience. On Amazon and eBay our seller name is "tcplfriends."

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## Don't Miss the Book Sale

- ◆ June 19, 10-2
- ◆ downtown library parking lot.
- ◆ fiction and children's books
- ◆ everything half-price

### Friends Online Book Sales Links

#### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftcpl>

#### Amazon

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#### eBay

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## Book Sale Updates

We have managed to work in one-day parking lot book sales this spring. We had been accumulating many boxes of adult fiction and nonfiction categories such that by mid-April we had no space left for fiction. Our April parking lot book sale of adult fiction, children's books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles was quite successful. We held this as a ½ price sale, and patrons purchased about \$3,000 in books and media. Our April event created much needed storage space.

On May 22, we held our second spring parking lot book sale, and it featured adult nonfiction categories. In no way were we able to get all nonfiction materials into this sale. We showcased all our categories, including Biography, Cooking, History, Religion, Medicine, Self Help, Art, Music, House & Gardening, Hobbies & Crafts, Indiana, African American, Native American, and much more. We sold CDs and DVDs, and like we did for our April event this sale was ½ priced. Our hope was to create enough garage storage space for this summer's nonfiction donations.

Our last spring book sale will be taking place June 19<sup>th</sup>. This parking lot event will feature adult fiction categories, children's books, and all media categories (CDs, DVDs, TV, audio books). During this sale we hope to deplete the large stacks of fiction paperbacks currently in the library basement. Our storage space for children's books will most likely be full by mid-June, too. Like the previous parking lot spring book sales everything will be sold at ½ price.

We will keep everyone posted as to our fall and winter book sale events. We are hoping for a large 4-day book sale event the second weekend after Labor Day. We look forward to seeing all our "friends" wandering the lobbies and the McAllister Room, visiting, discussing and selecting books, and just plain catching up with one another.

Suzanne Cunningham

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