



Meet Joel of Book Reader's Traverse.

Here's Joel at rest, contemplating one of his many reads. He is fast at work, reviewing as many of them as he can for Book Reader's Traverse. He started out life as Joel III. Esq., reading cereal box ingredient lists back before that was considered sexy and hip. Constantly surrounded by young, chic grocery baggers, he has an immense ego.

Joel III. Esq. lives in Washington State and makes a living fixing things. He complains that he makes just enough money to afford his Chantilly lace beekeeper outfit collection, which he claims he uses to attract other beekeepers. There may be pictures of these on the Net somewhere if what Joel contends is true, but no one has reported actually seeing these outfits besides Joel himself.

Joel reads about anything in print as long as it is in English. No offense to others, he says, he just reports that he does not have enough time to be bilingual. He contends he tried to be a writer, but accidentally ate his own chocolate fingers one day. But he loves to read, and loved to discuss books with the old book club from which Book Reader's

Traverse sprang. Unfortunately, because of his participation in this group, he began thinking there were only five people in the world who read anymore; so he says when the group inevitably disbanded, he started into a downward spiral of melancholy, which eventually led to him scratching his rear and mumbling to himself about books while walking the streets. That is why he was delighted to become involved in this great Web site for book readers, where he can read and review to his heart's content.



Meet Tracey of Book Reader's Traverse.

Tracey, mother of two children, enjoys reading as a hobby. While Tracey made riveting selections for reading during the book club phase of our association, she claims she personally chooses "trashy love novels" most of the time for her reading. Now, Tracey has her chance to review those if she so pleases. Most habitual readers realize good books come in all genres and sizes--same as bad.

Tracey is preparing herself for another interest of hers--writing a novel. Of course, her life continues to speed on at a lightning pace, with the children, a husband, and a full-time job as a supervisor at a small printing firm. This web site promises to give Tracey some room to write and keep the creative juices flowing.

Due to an insatiable curiosity for the world around her, Tracey also enjoys reading non-fiction works of various topics. One pick for the book club was *The Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way* by Bill Bryson.



Meet Jane of Book Reader's Traverse.

Jane cannot lay claim to creating the original book club, but did conceive the Web site. She often can be found at night in front of the computer at home working on various Web and writing projects. The springboard for her interest in writing actually began with letter writing as a child.

Jane has three adult children and three grandchildren. She reads every chance she gets. Some days, the only chance she gets to read is between her jobs at home. She says she maintains interest in a book, eventually getting through the book at this pace and finds it worthwhile. She is a frequent patron of the library as a source for books; she doesn't have enough storage for books or the energy to resell or give them away once she is finished with them. She does agree with a reading friend, though, that some books are worth having. Jane says Book Reader's Traverse memorializes the books she reads in a way that even

having a copy of the book cannot do.

Recently, Jane discovered audio books. Not only do audio books enable Jane to intake more fiction, they offer that long forgotten, comfortable feeling of being read a story. Jane can continue her daily tasks and still be entertained. Expect to see more audio books reviewed on this site.

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