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Dear Reader

The first semester of school is coming to an end (finally!). We hope everyone is excited for winter break! Here are some seasonal movie favorites: The Grinch, Elf, The Polar Express, and A Charlie Brown Christmas. Just make sure to grab mugs of hot chocolate, a plate of cookies, and all your friends before you start!

This is the last issue of 2016 and we couldn't be more excited for all the upcoming issues in 2017! We hope for an even better year for TAB Magazine and we need your help to make it the best yet! In the back of this issue, you can find out how you can contribute. We are looking forward to your submission!



*Your friends,
 Aby, Devesh, Hannah,
 Hrishikesh, and Sanjana*

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"THE WORLD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO READ." -RICK HOLLAND

SUICIDE SQUAD

Movie by Warner Brothers

Review by Katherine Freed

Suicide Squad is the newest DC movie to hit theaters. It was released on August 5 and is about a group of villains who are forced to work together for the government. Despite the movie receiving horrible reviews from critics, I still went to see it and I found it rather enjoyable. The plot was slow in some parts, but I felt that the amazing characters made up for it. Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie) was my favorite character in the movie, but Deadshot (Will Smith) was a close second. Altogether, I am glad I saw it and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good action movie.



TAB Photography

Submitted by Sydney Rehm





Into the Core

Story by Sarah Jones

Silence, complete silence, that is what you would expect to hear when you are in the center of the earth. That is the exact opposite of what we heard.

Throughout history, humans have been fascinated with exploring the unknown, whether their exploring was out of curiosity, to contribute to the life of those around them, or simply to be the first to find new land. Christopher Columbus who discovered America, Neil Armstrong who landed on the moon, and Ronald Amundsen who made the trek to Antarctica, are just few of the men who have done the impossible and braved the unknown.

My father Dr. Alden Malcom has done a great deal for science, discovering different aspects of the earth, but the one thing he has been obsessed with his whole life is a place that still has not been reached even in 2250. The center of his obsession was the core of the earth.

The core of the earth is a mystery. Scientist have guessed, estimated, and presumed a great deal about it, but all their theories have not been proven correct. Dr. Alden decided years ago, even before I was born, that he would be the first man to reach the center of the earth and come back to live the story.

While building a shuttle to withstand the heat and pressure of the core, he met my mother, a fellow scientist, Dr. Aubrey Chambers. They both had a passion for the core and a few years later they were married. Once all the logistics were figured out, the next step was to find a crew-- a willing, courageous crew. Their first crew member, though, had no choice in the matter. I, Crystal Chambers, became the first crew member

of their mission when I was born and I have been following them around ever since.

Finally, all fifty men and women were assembled and we set out on our journey. The expedition was difficult to say the least. Dehydration, grumbling stomachs at the end of the day because of food rations, and the stink of unwashed bodies alone would kill you. Boredom inflicted everyone on board the shuttle. When we couldn't receive service for the electronics, chess and board games were a popular past time, but it was only amusing for a year and half of our journey. Four years later after the beginning of our journey, we made it to the core.

Instead of a solid core, immense heat, or the expected eerie silence, there was a hatch and the sound of shouting. The hatch was silver with a handle, which was clearly meant to be opened and explored.

"The thermometer, Alden, look at the thermometer!" Dr. Aubrey whispered behind Dr. Alden's shoulder. All the crew and I were pressed up against my parents in the control room, gazing in amazement at the thermometer, which read seventy four degrees.

"Oxygen levels, Crystal?" commanded Dr. Alden.

"Normal," I replied, checking the screen to my left.

"How in the world!" my mother exclaimed, with a touch of awe in her voice.

Dr. Alden pushed himself out of his chair and stood. He raised his right hand and let out a victory shout. The crew still stared at my father and thermometer. Their ragged, dirtied faces looked dazed, as if they were in a trance. I shouted for Dr. Alden, to show my support, but he hardly noticed as he threw back the door into the great unknown. My mother and I followed him, clutching his arm as the crew shuffled behind us. The air was sweet and clean. The noise was still loud, but I paid little attention because something else caught my attention. The rocks around us all seemed to have a story engraved in them. While Dad and the crew inspected the hatch, I gazed at the engravings, tracing the story with my hand. As I stared, I easily got lost in the intricate story I recognized: the

scientist, Dr. Vector Price, who like Dr. Alden wanted to reach the core, but never came back. The story continues with him, along with his one hundred member crew, starting a colony. The colony grew, but like other countries, fought and eventually separated. One country had a president and the other a royal monarchy. The president's son and the king's daughter met and fell in love. The final engraving was a ring. It all clicked in my head. The shouting and cheers was for a wedding feast.

"Dr. Alden, people live here," I told him, turning to face him. All fifty two faces were looking at me. Looks of terror and confusion were the most popular emotion that flashed across their faces. Only my parents looked emphatic. Truly, I've never seen them happier. Together my parents pulled open the hatch and disappeared down inside the hatch. As the faithful daughter I was, I disappeared as well beneath the hatch.

That is the funny thing about love. You will do the craziest things. I should know, I trailed after my parents around in the earth for eight years and into the core where life existed. My father finally discovered his unknown.

When we made it back to the surface, no amount of pictures could convince the people on the surface of the life we saw in the core. Both my parents were put in a mental hospital and I was almost imprisoned in one myself.

No matter how crazy people called my parents, we know the truth. My parents told me something I'll never forget. Sometimes people are not brave enough to do the impossible or discover the unknown. But you have a decision to make: wait around for a new land to be discovered for you or you, yourself, brave the unknown first.

Editor's Note: Sarah Jones won our teen writing contest during October, for national Teen Read Week. Congratulations, Sarah, and thank you for all of your contributions to TAB Magazine!

Submitted by
Hannah Jones

"A drop of

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may make a million

THINK."

-Lord Byron

Submitted by
Hannah Jones



*"It's the
Most Wonderful
Time of the
Year."*

-Andy Williams

TIM O'BRIEN

Author Spotlight
By Hrishikesh Tupkar



Tim O'Brien was born in Austin, Minnesota and attended Macalester College and Harvard University. He mainly writes memoirs and war stories, as he served in the Vietnam War and in the United States Army as well. The novels *Going After Cacciato*, *If I Die in a Combat Zone*, and *The Things They Carried* are his three most notable works. O'Brien uses experiences from his past but occasionally blurs the divide between fiction and reality, a characteristic known as verisimilitude. His stories have been acclaimed for their detailed interpretations of the events that occurred. O'Brien has received the 1979 National Book Award for *Going After Cacciato* and the James Fenimore Cooper Prize for Best Historical Fiction for his novel *In the Lake of the Woods*.



Reading List

Happy Holidays

Ex-Mas by Kate Brian

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Let It Snow by John Green

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham

My True Love Gave to Me by Stephanie
Perkins

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by
Barbara Robinson

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr.
Seuss

The Greatest Gift by Ann Voskamp
Unwrapping the Greatest Gift by Ann
Voskamp

HRISHIKESH TUPKAR

4 Year TAB Member | 16 years old | Author Spotlight Contributor

What are your hobbies?

I play tennis and I am a member of the band.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is Animal Farm.

What positive qualities do you have that will help this committee?

I am a good writer and I like to read lots of books.

Where in the world would you like to live if you could choose one place?

I would like to live in Chicago because it has colder weather and a lively atmosphere.

What has been your favorite event at the library?

One of my favorite events at the library was the Summer Reading Program.

What is your favorite movie?

The Dark Knight.



LIBRARY TEEN EVENTS AND CLUBS

Events in November and December

November 14, 4:30-5:30 pm/ BurchBookLovers Teen Book Club

November 15 and 29, 4-5 pm/ Strong Girls Series (register online)

November 16 and 30, 6-7 pm/ Yoga (limit of 15 participants)

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December 6, 4-5 pm/Strong Girls Series (register online)

December 8, 4-5 pm/ DIY Bath Bombs

December 12, 4:30-5:30 pm/ BurchBookLovers Teen Book Club

December 19, 4-6 pm/ Teen WinterFest

December 27, 4-5 pm/ DIY Hot Chocolate Spoons

Clubs

The BurchBookLovers Teen Book Club meets the second Monday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. We read and discuss YA Books! Pick up an application at the library and leave it with Deborah Elam.





Did You Know. .

- We are on Instagram! Follow us @burchbooklovers for bookish fun, updates on Library happenings, and more!
- December 18th is "Answer the Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day"
- Melissa De La Cruz is writing a historical novel following the love story of Eliza and Alexander Hamilton from the Broadway show Hamilton. It will be in stores April 11, 2017.
- A Red Queen Coloring Book is available for preorder now and will be released December 20th. Also, on December 27th, The Selection Coloring Book will be released. It is currently available for preorder.

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