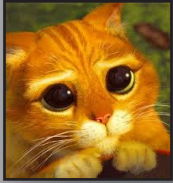


More Headlines

"Do It For the Children," Says Guilt Tripping Fundraiser



All I Want for Christmas is You (and an iPad 2)



Mistletoe Outlawed Until Mono Outbreak is Under Control



HPHS "Burn Book" Makes New York Times Best Seller List

By Flip Flipoutski

HIGHLAND PARK—The HPHS *Burn Book*, penned in the traditional Mean Girls style by an HPHS student, has unexpectedly spearheaded a literary revolution by becoming a New York Times best seller.

The Burn Book, which contains snide remarks about a number of members of the Highland Park community, has been flying off bookshelves since it was published at HPHS a few weeks ago. Despite its blunt phraseology and controversial decision to use real names and events, *The Burn Book* has received critical acclaim by people such as J.K. Rowling, Oprah Winfrey, and Regina George.

According to New York Times book critic Prê Tentious, "The characters are absolutely enthralling. *The Burn Book's* writer is so passionate in her voice that you almost feel like it was written by someone who needed to vent their emotional problems in the most obnoxious way possible."

The review went on to praise the book as "groundbreaking" and "a scathing editorial on the mundane life of the average student." But, despite these encouraging remarks

from the general public, *The Burn Book* still has its critics. "This piece of literature is fundamentally flawed," noted English professor and HPHS parent Andrew Anderson. "The author failed to use basic writing conventions that

would have provided for a more compelling story arc than what was printed. Also, my daughter is a religious girl and has not done anything the book says."

Even with the concerns about its structure and validity, *The Burn Book* has redrawn attention to the genre of whiny, mean-spirited remarks about the people that for some reason had to be put down on paper. With this formula, the HPHS *Burn Book* has eclipsed Twilight

as most popular unnecessary, over-emotional scrawl ever passed off as a book.

The Flipside tried to contact the author and publisher of *The Burn Book* but was unable to reach her before she was unfortunately hit by a bus. And that was how the author died. Just kidding, but she did get really hurt.



DHS Student Body,

The Flipside would like to sincerely apologize for the abundance of spelling errors in the last issue. I used to be a good speller, but then I took an arrow to the knee...Several of you took particular offense to the misspelling of "Minecraft," a highly regarded virtual reality game that we clearly did not give sufficient justice to (luckily, few of you noticed the misplaced preposition in line 54 of the School Chest article). With that said, *The Flipside* would like to make it up to all of you loyal readers who actually read the article side of *The Flipside* well enough to find the mistakes. This week, a free t-shirt will be given to anyone who finds a spelling mistake in this issue! And if you find a grammar mistake, you earn the satisfaction of knowing you are one of the elite few that actually cares about grammar! Best of luck.

- *The Flipside* Staff



Ask Mr. Motzko



Dear Mr. Motzko,

With the holidays coming up I have noticed that all of these other families have "family traditions." My family doesn't have any, but I want us to. What kind of family traditions would you suggest I start?
Sincerely, Holiday N00b

Dear Norbert,

Your query shows a lack of invention on par with Bizzaro Edison. I have to change thousands of years of social convention AND take out the trash? Serious bogosity. You, sir, have awoken a sleeping giant with your mention of the upcoming holidays, so prepare for some loud shouting and perhaps the eating of small, disobedient children. The phrase that comes to mind when I think of the impending holiday season is not "glad tidings" or "goodwill to all." Rather, it is "grievous offense." I am offended by the soulless corporate machine that is raming the holidays down our collective maw like some grey-flannel Molly Pitcher. I am offended that most of you don't get that reference. C'mon people! Battle of Monmouth?!? The continuous genuflections before the god of commerce wears my knee-bones to dust this time of year, these ministrations returned to me in the form of socks or the occasional animatronic singing bass. What is Santa Claus but

thinly-veiled home invasion made possible by the tacit condoning of sweat-shop oppression for the 2ft. and under crowd? You may keep your Schultzian pageant of passive-aggressive children, sir. Just make sure it doesn't bump Ace of Cakes from my idiot-box.

If you want to start a new holiday tradition, how about writing a carol that is relevant to your own tepid personal experience? Most carols are just plain unreasonable or, like Tito Jackson, they just are not germaine. Global warming has ankled the sleigh industry. You can't talk on a cell phone while driving in D-town. You think you're going hove into view astride a horse-drawn barge festooned with bells without the sweet kiss of a DFPD truncheon? Write about what you know from your own mundane parade. Example:
(sung to the tune of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

*"I just came in for laxatives and half-price candy canes,
Oh blast! My former girlfriend looking at me in dismay!
They're not for me, I swear! But then she just walked away
Now its shame, discomfort and five-ninety-five
Next time I go to Walgreens with a mask."*

Consider this my holiday present to you. Save the gift receipt.



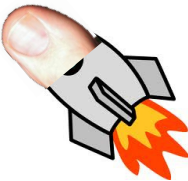
Wear an ugly Christmas sweater tomorrow to support Christmas Spirit Week! Happy Holidays!

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: Solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, and then find and give your copy of *The Flipside* to Maddie Ambrose. There will be a drawing to see who will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!

QUOTE "My New Year's resolution is to follow my New Year's resolution."
-The same person who gave up Lent for Lent

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

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Last issue's answers: CONCERTO, BLACK FRIDAY, MAKE ENDS MEET, RAY BANS

NUMB3RS

11
Average age when parents tell their children that Santa isn't real.

34
Percent of people who--wait, Santa isn't real!?



****SPOILER ALERT****

Hannukah Harry isn't real either. Sorry guys.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. HINT: Q=G
Congratulations to last issue's winner: Cari Cohen

"DHZY LQLIH, BY ZDEY RD RGY GDTISLN FYLFDH, L SYYVTN PYTIQIDWF RIEY RGLR YLZG DX
WF DAFYPUYF, IH GIF DBH BLN, AN QDIHQ RD RGY ELTT DX GIF ZGDIZY." ~SLUY ALPPN

Last issue's answer: "NO HONEST POET CAN EVER FEEL QUITE SURE OF THE PERMANENT VALUE OF WHAT HE HAS WRITTEN: HE MAY HAVE WASTED HIS TIME AND MESSED UP HIS LIFE FOR NOTHING." ~T.S. ELIOT

SUDOKU

LEVEL: The week in school before winter break


Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.

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NOTE: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



WHAT THE DOCTOR
PRESCRIBED FOR
THE GINGERBREAD
MAN'S BROKEN LEG

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Last issue's answers: WINCE, REALTY, ABOUT, SOURCE
How the farmer counted the herd of cows: COWCULATOR

The Flipside is always looking for new writers, puzzle makers, and distributors.
E-mail us if you're interested. Really, we want your help.