

OVER THE PASS



"I grew up in a predominantly black school in Pittsburgh and I recently read a string of books about African Americans. I re-read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, then I read *The Mockingbird Next Door* and that led me to *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston."

– Joan Logghe, poet-educator (Raton)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What was the last book you read?"

By **Tim Keller**
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"I just read *The Tao of Inner Peace*. It teaches a better way to deal with life without being angry at the world. You need that here in Trinidad, believe me."

– Melanie Hansen, waitress, The Corner Shop Cafe (Trinidad)



"Dean Koontz is probably my favorite author right now. He writes suspense novels. I read his book *Relentless* a few months ago. It's one of those books that keeps you reading."

– Matthew Mendez, artist (Trinidad)



"Barbara Kingsolver's *The Lacuna* follows a young writer in Mexico and then to the U.S. during the McCarthy era. I read it last summer. When I read fiction, I just fall in and the rest of my life goes by the wayside—so I mostly read poetry."

– Esmé Rodriguez Vaandrager, poet-educator (Raton)



"I read *Rain of Gold* by Victor Villaseñor last summer. It's the story of how the writer's parents grew up in Mexico but met in the U.S. It tells the adventures they had in getting here and it's full of magical realism. You couldn't stop at the end of any chapter. I worried about the characters."

– Manuel Gonzalez, poet-educator (Raton)



"I've read *The Shack* six times and shared it with each of my children. I last read it six months ago. The author wrote the book for his children. It's a Christian book about relationships with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, woven into a story."

– Gary Elsberry, dentist (Trinidad)



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2015 Peacock Ball fundraiser huge success

Above, Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association Board President Karen Griego (left) and Executive Director Kim Riddle receive a donation of \$1,500 from the Animal Assistance Foundation with Program Director Katie Parker (center) making the presentation Saturday night at the annual Peacock Ball fundraiser, hosted at Brix on Main St. in Trinidad (above, right).

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